

# DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

## A Message from Director Briiana Velez

March 2026



As we kick off the spring season in March and enjoy the return of warmer temperatures, our teams across our department are gearing up for a vibrant and productive season.

Paving season has officially begun, and our crews are already hard at work improving roadways to keep Phoenix safe, efficient, and moving smoothly. This month also marks the kickoff of several major GO Bond projects—critical investments that will enhance our streets, sidewalks, and bike infrastructure for years to come. From planning to construction, we remain committed to delivering high-quality infrastructure that strengthens mobility and supports our growing community

March also gives us the opportunity to celebrate Women's History Month. We are proud to honor the women across our department and City whose leadership, expertise, and dedication help shape the future of Phoenix's transportation network.

Plus with the NCAA Women's Final Four coming to Phoenix, our streets will be bustling with energy! Our department is working behind the scenes to support safe travel and ensure residents and visitors alike can enjoy everything a major event bring to our city.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication as we move into this busy time of year.

*Briiana*

## Celebrating Women's History Month

In celebration of Women's History Month, we proudly recognize the women whose leadership, expertise, and innovation strengthen our City transportation network.

While women make up about half of the U.S. workforce, they represent only around 19% of infrastructure careers and just 15% of engineering roles. Their presence in these fields is vital, and we are grateful for the women in our department who continue to break barriers, inspire future generations, and help drive Phoenix forward.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Required Training Due March 31

As part of our commitment to fostering a respectful and inclusive workplace, and to ensure we all contribute to the City's Equal Opportunity Plan, Street Transportation Department employees are **required** to complete the following trainings by March 31:

- **Course Name: Discrimination/Retaliation Training (EOD102)**
- **Course Name: Autism Training (EOD132)**

To access the trainings, visit PHXYOU [HERE](#)

**LAST CALL**

For field staff: Supervisors are responsible for arranging a presentation of these trainings during one of your regularly scheduled staff meetings. **After the training, please submit a roster to [Sasha.Perez@Phoenix.gov](mailto:Sasha.Perez@Phoenix.gov)**

- Total Time Required: Approximately 49 minutes (four sections)
- *This course does not need to be retaken if you took it between July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.* Please review your transcript in PHXYOU to verify.

## Departmentwide St. Patty's Day fun!



## Celebrating National Procurement Month



March is National Procurement Month! Let's take a moment to recognize the vital role of public procurement professionals in ensuring ethical, transparent, and efficient spending of taxpayer dollars.



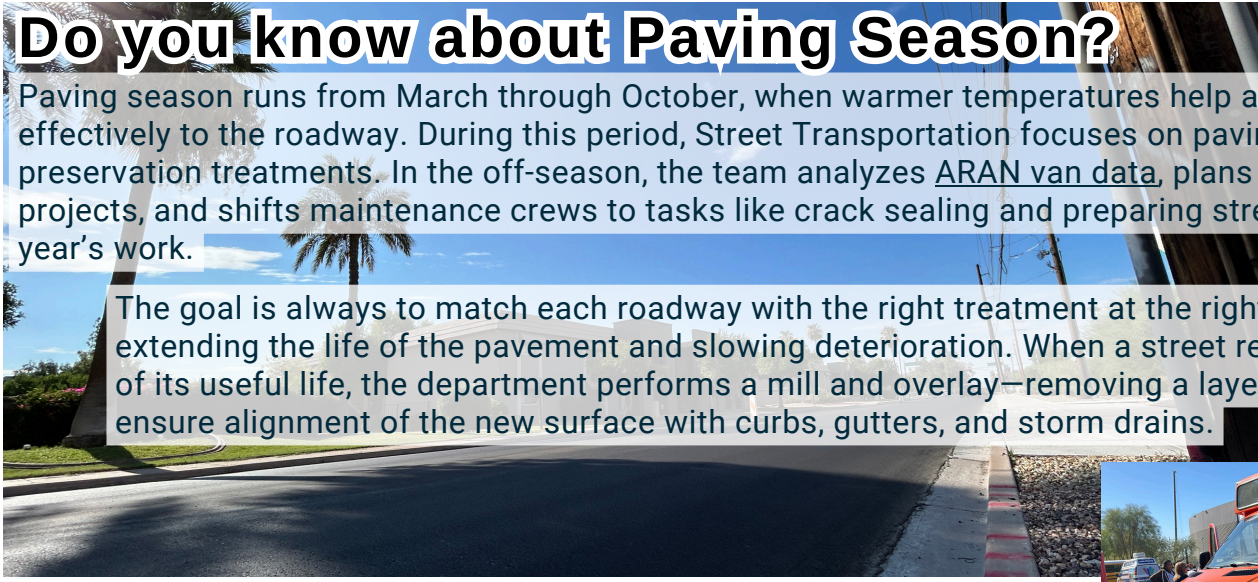


# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Do you know about Paving Season?

Paving season runs from March through October, when warmer temperatures help asphalt bond more effectively to the roadway. During this period, Street Transportation focuses on paving and applying preservation treatments. In the off-season, the team analyzes ARAN van data, plans upcoming projects, and shifts maintenance crews to tasks like crack sealing and preparing streets for the next year's work.

The goal is always to match each roadway with the right treatment at the right time, extending the life of the pavement and slowing deterioration. When a street reaches the end of its useful life, the department performs a mill and overlay—removing a layer of asphalt to ensure alignment of the new surface with curbs, gutters, and storm drains.



Find out more at [Phoenix.gov/Paving](https://phoenix.gov/Paving)



## Photo Safety Program

Photo safety camera citations are now LIVE!

A total of 17 speed-monitoring cameras have been placed at various locations throughout the City aimed at changing driver behavior, supplementing traffic enforcement efforts by Phoenix Police and complementing the City's other Vision Zero strategies.

The Photo Safety Program includes nine camera locations that will rotate through corridors with histories of speed-involved crashes.

Camera locations can rotate after a six-month period. Eight additional cameras are placed in 15-mph school zones, rotating weekly throughout the school year.

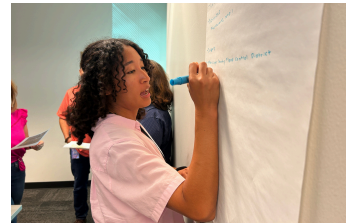
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## INTRO TO CPET & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Create allies and supporters for your projects by engaging residents, businesses and area stakeholders in the planning, design and construction processes. This course is for anyone in the Street Transportation Department who wants to minimize friction and employ best practices to ensure projects run smoothly.



**Tuesday, April 7**  
**2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall, 5th Floor**  
**Training Room**

For those without a City-issued cell, please contact CPET via email (do not scan the QR code)

[STREETSCONNECT@PHOENIX.GOV](mailto:STREETSCONNECT@PHOENIX.GOV)

## SHOWCASE YOUR TEAM!

Did your team achieve training or awards?  
Did you or one of your team members go above and beyond and do something amazing?  
Do you have a special event coming up?  
Feature your team here in the Director's Newsletter!  
Send submissions to:  
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# HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS

## Years of Service

### 5 Years

Luis Cueto

### 30 Years

Robert Bishop  
Roger Fyffe

### 10 Years

Joseph Lugo  
Lewis Marshall  
Martin Rodriguez

### 20 Years

Anthony Urias  
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Keep updated on  
career opportunities!

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