

STREETS DIRECTOR'S UPDATE YEAR-IN-REVIEW

December 2025

A Message from Director Briiana Velez



Hello Streets Team!

What another amazing year of change and accomplishments. As we wrap up 2025, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you. Your dedication, hard work, and commitment to serving the residents of Phoenix make all the difference. Together, we've achieved so much, and it's because of your passion and teamwork. Let's take this time to reflect, recharge, and celebrate the connections that matter most. Thank you for everything you do to make Phoenix stronger and safer every day. Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a bright, successful New Year!

Thank you for your outstanding contributions. I wish you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a prosperous new year.



Happy
New Year

TRAFFIC SERVICES DIVISION



15 Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs) installed

14 new HAWK (High Intensity Activated Crosswalks) pedestrian signals were activated

110 total HAWKs

41

Signalized intersection activations

1,234

Current total # of traffic signals Citywide

6,625 Existing signs were replaced

10,234 New signs were installed

45,281 Raised pavement markers were installed

1,375

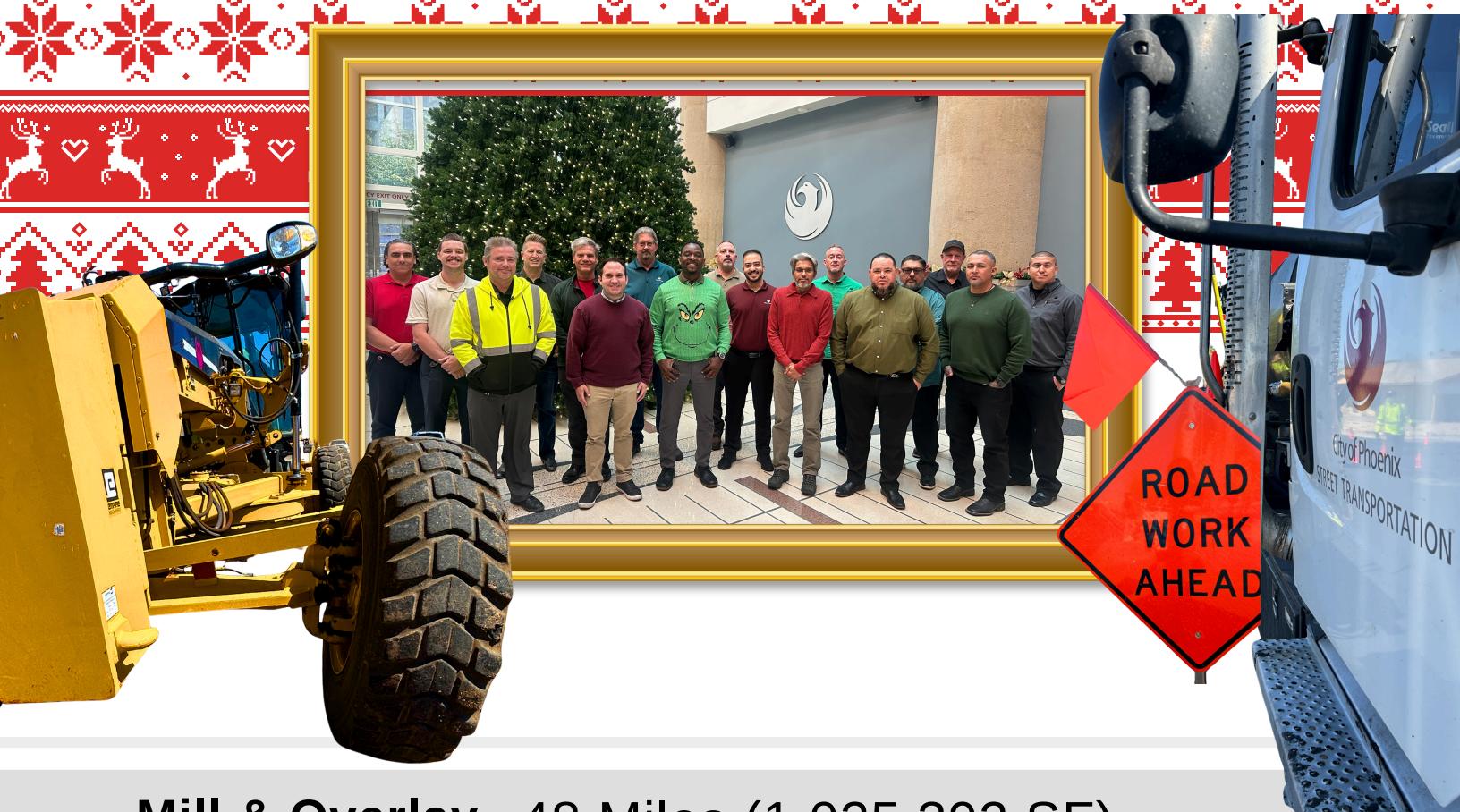
Crosswalks were painted

1,578

Miles painted



STREET MAINTENANCE DIVISION



Mill & Overlay 48 Miles (1,025,392 SF)

Resurfacing 79.5 Miles (1,770,830 SF)

(FAST, Slurry and Microseal Treatments)

Seal Coats 64 miles (1,655,513 SF)

Fog Seals, Liquid Road and Polymer Modified Master Seals)

10.8

miles of washes and
conveyance channels
maintained

18,041

tons of asphalt used

1,351

Trees were planted for
Cool Corridors Program



136,180

lane miles swept

**Cool Pavement
Reaches 170 Miles!**

MANAGEMENT SERVICES



IT and GIS Teams



More than 130 Streets applications were updated

18 IT & GIS projects across the five Streets divisions, and created **10** new dashboards to provide real-time visual metrics

IT support tickets resolved



These projects help create faster reporting and quick access to important data!

Procurement, Fiscal and Administrative Teams

The Procurement Team updated the 2024-2026 Procurement Plan in the new OpenGov procurement system. The plan includes over 80 items which is **double** the amount submitted for previous plans!



The Procurement Team successfully attained more than **\$150,000** in cost savings across multiple vendor contracts

The Admin Team led the relocation and reconfiguration of workspaces for 72 employees across the Traffic Services, Development Coordination, Management Services, and Street Maintenance Divisions between the 5th and 6th floor at City Hall. The team coordinated multiple office moves, managed surplus items, and optimized storage across several facilities, ensuring a smooth transition with minimal disruption!



DEVELOPMENT & UTILITY SERVICES



Utility Inspections



57,900 Estimated number of inspections

Utility Coordination

Service drops: **2,762**

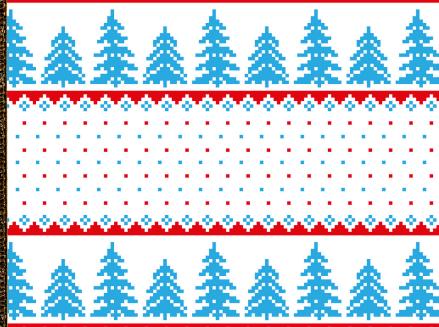
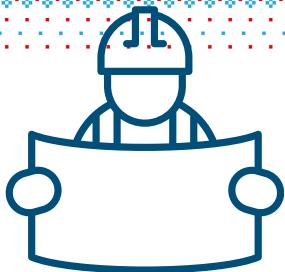
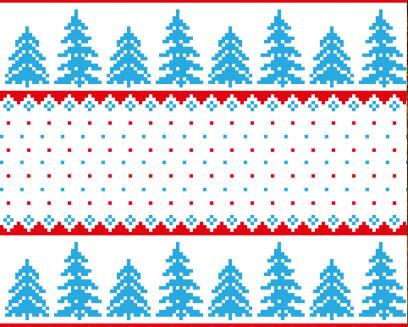
15-day permits: **4,676**

Total: **7,438**



CIP Projects: **295 open projects**

DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT



Number of projects: **42**
(Design/procurement phase)

Advancing Federally Funded Capital Improvement Projects through Citywide Design, Authorization, and Construction

From March through December 2025, project managers submitted **nine** project obligation packages for federal funding authorization to proceed to the construction phase.

The result: Four major projects were funded through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), a federal program that aims to significantly reduce traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads by improving infrastructure for all road users.



Grand Canalscape Phase III from 75th to 47th Avenues

The latest phase of the Grand Canal pedestrian and bicycle pathway, extending from 75th to 47th Avenues was successfully completed earlier this year. This important multi-modal corridor included pathway installation, enhanced lighting, landscaping, and six High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) signals to improve safety at street crossings. A Grand Opening celebration was held at the end of March 2025 to mark the project's completion.



Improving Citywide Safety and Mobility

13 engineering designs projects were successfully completed!

The projects ranged in scope and included:

- roadway safety improvements
- roadway widening
- streetlighting enhancements



- bike lane additions
- traffic signal installations
- High-Intensity Activated Crosswalks (HAWKS)
- fiber optic infrastructure

Notable accomplishment:

83rd Ave to 91st Ave,
McDowell Rd
to Lower Buckeye Rd



In this area, a new fiber path now serves the Cities of Phoenix and Tolleson, the Arizona and Maricopa County Departments of Transportation.

This project created more reliable network routes for all traffic signals and Intelligent Traffic System devices to support real-time network operations.



COMMUNITY PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT TEAM



15 in-person and virtual public meetings

More than **5,000** project survey responses were collected and used to inform on the planning, design and construction of projects.

Hosted and/or supported **12** special events

200+ Webpage edits and updates

28 New webpages created

120+ Media inquiries



Across Facebook, Instagram and X, there were **782** posts, netting **316,259** impressions and **18,500** engagements.



Staying Social

Street Transportation Department audience grew **25.7%** with majority of activity on Instagram, with current follower count at **3,510**!

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Nextdoor

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KUDOS FROM THE COMMUNITY

“ —

I'm sending you this email to let you know what a great employee you have in Steven Purvis. There is a walking/bike path behind my home that the homeless are trying to turn into their campgrounds. I have had to call the police to have them removed almost every day this year (sometimes twice a day).

On October 29th I was put in touch with Steven Purvis and Carlos Contreras. I have text him 16 times since October 29th and every time his response is the same, "I'm on my way or I'll be there within the hour." He has never not done what he said he was going to do. He has addressed things that he was not even asked to do, such as having lights repaired on the bike path, trees trimmed up, and having signs installed under the overpass at Thomas and the SR51 to [help address safety concerns].

Steven has been so helpful, and his customer service is off the charts. Since Steven got involved, he has improved our neighborhood and community like no other city department has.

Our neighborhood is so grateful the city has employees like him.

Respectfully,
Marco A.

— ”

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Congratulations

Sasha Perez Named Deputy Director of Management Services Division



Congratulations goes to Sasha Perez in accepting her new role as Deputy Director of Management Services!

Sasha began her career with the City of Phoenix in 2005 in the Water Services Department. Nearly eight years ago, she joined the Streets team, where she most recently led both the Communications and Public Engagement Team and the Universal Inspection Group.

Her diverse experience also includes serving as a Management Assistant in the Parks & Recreation Department, where she managed operating agreements with several nonprofit partners and supported the Parks Board. Sasha also spent seven years in the Mayor's Office, where she coordinated community outreach, managed special events, and oversaw the mayor's event schedule. Earlier in her career, she supported the City Manager's Office, managing lobbyist contracts and processing tribal gaming grants.

In this role, Sasha will oversee a broad portfolio including fiscal service, continuous innovation, procurement, information technology, GIS, and administrative services. Her leadership and deep institutional knowledge make her exceptionally well-suited for this position.

Sasha holds certificates in Organizational Management from Rio Salado College and Public Engagement for Local Government from Pepperdine University.

Outside of work, Sasha enjoys exploring different cultures through travel, attending concerts, and spending quality time with her two daughters, ages 26 and 21.

Congratulations Sasha, on this well-deserved promotion!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Trent Lowry, ITS-Electronic Systems Specialist, Signal Shop

After serving more than a decade in the U.S. Army as a Combat Engineer and earning his degree, Trent joined the City of Phoenix in 2023 as a Fleet Equipment Service Worker II in the Public Works Department. After a year, he transitioned to the Street Transportation Department as a Traffic Signal Technician.

While in that role, he worked closely with the ITS team to help install equipment. In this role he gained valuable hands-on experience, that exposure sparked his interest in the field.

In his new role, Trent oversees the communications network for Phoenix's traffic signals, working with technologies like Wi-Fi, fiber optics, and Cat5.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

Nick Klimek, Principal Planner, Active Transportation Design & Construction Management

Nick brings more than 15 years of planning and leadership experience to this role, spanning both public-sector service and private-sector consulting. Since joining the City of Phoenix's Planning and Development Department in 2018, Nick has served as a Village Planner and, most recently, as a Planner III leading the City's Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) initiatives. In that capacity, he guided interdisciplinary teams and community partners to shape growth and private investment along high-capacity transit corridors, with a focus on aligning urban development to long-term community goals.

Originally from Green Bay, Wisconsin, Nick moved to Arizona after one memorable winter vacation convinced him and his wife, Jacqueline, that Phoenix should be home. He remains a loyal Packers fan and enjoys bicycling, backpacking, and exploring Phoenix with his wife and daughter.



Nash Allen, Management Assistant II Design & Construction Management

Since August 2020, Nash has been working for the City of Phoenix.

His career began as an AmeriCorps VISTA with the Phoenix Housing Department's ConnectHome program, where he assisted in distributing laptops to low-income residents living in the City's public housing sites.

Following the year of service with AmeriCorps, from September 2021 through November 2025, he worked in the Housing Supportive Services Division.



WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

Marcella Saenz, Human Resources Aide

A proud Phoenician, Marcella brings over a decade of experience in the school system, including four years in human resources. She is also a certified veterinary technician. Outside of work, Marcella enjoys gardening, baking, and practicing archery. She is passionate about personal and professional growth, with goals that include advancing in her role with the city, completing her cookbook, and continuing her education.



Virginia Navarro, Human Resources Analyst

Virginia has been with the City for seven years. Her responsibilities include overseeing HR transactions, PMG's, leave and payroll. Virginia enjoys spending time with family/friends. She enjoys going to the movies and watching sports.



FAREWELL (AND CONGRATULATIONS)!

Viviana Madrigal, Recruiter

Viviana started with Street Transportation in February 2023 as a Senior HR Analyst assisting with recruitments. In January 2025, she moved to the STR Dedicated Recruiter position operating out of main HR. She has been a valued member of our team, and we extend our best wishes for success in her future endeavors. Viviana will continue to assist with STR recruitments until the STR dedicated recruiter position is filled.



Rita McClinton, HR Analyst

Congratulations to Rita who accepted a promotion to HR Officer with Main HR in late November. Rita started with the City of Phoenix, Street Transportation in June of 2023 as a Senior HR Analyst assisting with employee relations and recruitments throughout the department. In the last several months, Rita had been assisting the HR Transactions team while we fill vacancies. We are grateful for her dedication and wish her continued success in the next chapter of her career.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Years of Service

20 Years

Heather Roye
Clarissa Van Dorn
Jesus Villalpando

Keep updated
on career
opportunities!
Phoenix.gov/Jobs



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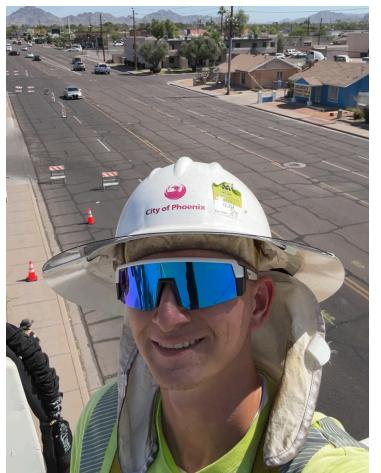
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38th Annual Electric Light Parade







