

August 14, 2020

CITY EVENTS

UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS

- Strategies to Address Homelessness Plan 5:30 p.m. Monday, August 17. Please click the <u>Virtual Public Meeting</u> link to register.
- Strategies to Address Homelessness Plan 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 19. Please click the <u>Virtual Public Meeting</u> link to register.
- Zoning Adjustment Hearing 9:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Thursday, August 20. Please click on the Notice of Public Meeting link for meeting participation information.
- Review and Implementation Ad Hoc Committee 4:00 p.m. Thursday, August 20. Please click on the Notice of Public Meeting link for meeting participation information.

City Council meetings are live on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed live on https://www.phoenix.gov/phxtv and facebook.com/cityofphoenix. To view written or video instructions for meeting participation, please visit https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/city-council-meetings
Past City Council meetings are posted to YouTube at http://www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz.

DISTRICT 1 EVENTS:

DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

There will not be an August Community Breakfast Meeting. Please continue to check here for updates on future District 1 community events.

AUGUST 14 STATEMENT FROM COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS ON 2020 CENSUS

Time is Running Out – Get Counted!

We are running out of time to get counted in the 2020 Census. With about 45 days left before the U.S. Census Bureau will stop collecting data, Phoenix's self-response rate is lagging at 61.4%.

Census workers are now conducting door-to-door visits to follow up with those who have not yet responded. In most cases, census workers will make up to six attempts at each housing unit address to count possible residents. This includes leaving notification of the attempted visit on the door.



The notification will include reminder information on how to respond online, by paper or by phone. In addition, census workers may try to reach the household by phone to conduct the interview. Census takers will go to great lengths to ensure that no one is missed in the census. After exhausting their efforts to do an in-person interview with a resident of an occupied housing unit, they will seek out proxy sources — a neighbor, a rental agent, a building manager or some other knowledgeable person familiar with the housing unit — to obtain as much basic information about the occupants as they can.

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure and protected by federal law. By law, your information is confidential and cannot be used against you by any government agency or court. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics and no other purpose. The Census Bureau uses IT systems that are designed to defend against and contain cyberthreats and security for their system is a top priority.

It just takes 10 minutes to respond and you can still do so online, by phone or by mail. Simply visit <u>iCount2020.info</u>; or call 1-844- 330-2020 English, 1-844-468-2020 Spanish; or respond by mail. If you have any questions, call my office at 602-262-7444.



CITY NEWS & EVENTS:

PHOENIX COVID-19 TESTING BLITZ: AUGUST 15



- Drive through testing
- Face covering required
- Bring your own pen
- Appointments are necessary
- If you have insurance, please have card ready.
- To register visit <u>Family Tree Healthcare</u>.
- Use the name of the person being tested both for registration and the lab form.
- We cannot accept anyone not in line by 10:45 a.m.

- Drive-thru testing. No walk-ups accepted.
- Appointment is required.
- Onsite registration is available if no access to internet is available.
- Children as young as 2 years welcome.
- Please wear a mask if possible. Free cloth face masks will be provided.
- Register online at equalityhealthfoundation.org/phx.
- Get tested if you have any of the following symptoms: Fever or chills; cough; shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea.



PHOENIX HOMELESSNESS PLAN

Phoenix wants feedback on strategic plan for homelessness



The public is invited to attend an upcoming virtual community meeting to discuss the proposed Strategies to Address Homelessness Plan (English PDF) (Spanish PDF) that focuses on service priorities and sustainable solutions for both those experiencing homelessness and the community impacted by encampments.

Registration is required for all virtual meetings. If you have comments or questions, please leave those in the comments section of the registration form. To register for the meetings, visit Phoenix.gov/homelesshelp.

During the actual WebEx meeting, we will try to address these comments/questions. If time allows, and after the written comments/questions have been addressed, you can request to speak by using the chat function during the live WebEx event.

Schedule of virtual meetings:

- Monday, August 17, 5:30 p.m. <u>Virtual Meeting</u>, <u>Event Link</u>.
- Wednesday, August 19, 12:00 p.m. <u>Virtual Meeting, Event Link.</u>

PHOENIX POLICE DEPARTMENT

At 4:00 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, the Review and Implementation Ad Hoc Committee will hold a virtual public meeting to present their recommendations.

The draft recommendations are available for public review and comment. You may watch the meeting online or via Cox on Phoenix Channel 11. You must register to speak prior to 3:00 p.m. Aug. 20.

- To download and view the recommendations please click here.
- To review recommendations and submit comments click here.
- To register to speak at the virtual public meeting visit the <u>Police Transparency</u> webpage for instructions.



PHOENIX PUBLIC TRANSIT

U. S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao announced this week that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is awarding the Phoenix Public Transit Department over \$6.9 million in funding for new buses. This important news means there will be additional funding

to improve the reliability of Phoenix's existing bus system.

"Improving transportation infrastructure is vital to our residents who rely on our transit system, and it is key to building and strengthening an economy. I appreciate U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao's commitment to provide grants that will improve the safety and reliability of bus service at this critical time," says Councilwoman Thelda Williams, who chairs the City Council's

Transportation, Infrastructure and Innovation Subcommittee.

The Public Transit team worked hard to meet all the criteria needed for this funding opportunity. The application process was highly competitive (the FTA received 282 applications) as demand for grants for buses and bus facilities far exceeded available funds.

The voter-approved Phoenix Transportation 2050 plan, or <u>T2050</u>, identifies the need to continue to purchase new buses to modernize and expand the city's local bus fleet. Many riders depend on the bus system to get where they need to go and upgraded buses provide customers with even more reliable service. Phoenix has been actively purchasing new buses since 2014, replacing an average of 40 a year. To get the latest updates on public transit visit <u>Phoenix Public Transit</u> or follow <u>@PhoenixMetroBus</u>.



PHOENIX PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Northwest Extension Phase II – Online Public Meeting

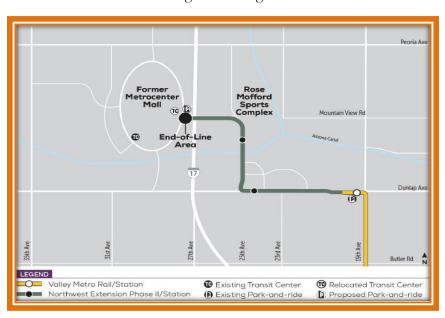
Attend the online meeting anytime from August Wednesday, 19 Friday, September 4, 2020, at Northwest Phase II meeting Extension. The will information about the project's final design, construction phasing and timing, public art, assistance workforce business and development.

Light Rail Construction Begins late August 2020

- Traffic lanes maintained in each direction on Dunlap and 25th avenues and on Mountain View Road.
- Business and pedestrian access maintained.

The Northwest Extension Phase II light rail project includes:

- Upgraded utilities
- Dedicated bicycle lanes
- Rebuilt sidewalks
- 6 new bus pullouts
- Repaved streets along Dunlap and 25th avenues, and on Mountain View Road
- An estimated 240 new trees along the new light rail corridor







PHOENIX LAUNCHES CORONA VIRUS RELIEF FUND SPENDING WEBPAGE



In March, the city of Phoenix received \$239 million dollars from the federal government to financially assist residents and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

On May 5, 2020, the <u>Phoenix City Council</u> approved a strategic plan allocating \$150 million of \$293 million in available Federal CARES Act funding received by the city of Phoenix for important programs created specifically to assist those in need.

This week, Phoenix launched a public information page that contains information and updates on the allocation and expenditure of these city funds.

The webpage is dedicated to providing residents and businesses with the latest information on the city's Coronavirus Relief Fund Strategic Plan. The <u>webpage</u> outlines the manner in which the city of Phoenix allocated \$293 million in Federal CARES Act funding. More importantly, it provides the resources our residents and businesses need to apply for and receive these funds.

On the webpage, residents and businesses will find guidance on available help such as <u>utility</u>, <u>rent</u>, <u>and mortgage assistance</u>, <u>business relief grants</u>, and <u>restaurant restart grants</u>.

PHOENIX ARTS AND CULTURE

The City of Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture continues to host free online workshops for artists wanting to learn how to apply for and create City of Phoenix public art projects. Geared toward artists who have never done a city public art project, the sessions will offer step-by-step overviews of the application, contracting, design and fabrication processes.

Each 50-minute online workshop includes a 20-minute presentation and 30 minutes for questions and answers. Public Art 101 is open to all on a first-come, first serve basis, but you must <u>register</u>.

- Thursday, August 20: Design Phase
- Thursday, August 27: Fabrication/Construction



All workshops are at 10:00 a.m. and the LIVE lessons will be recorded and posted permanently for continued viewing on the Office of Arts and Culture's website.



PHOENIX PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Department is now offering adults aged 18 and up weekly live event activities that can be done from the safety and comfort of home. The themed activities are structured and are scheduled weekly from August through October 2020. To participate, please register at PHXPlays. Activities for August are listed below and to view future courses, visit www.phoenix.gov/parks.

- August 18: Family Feud Course #35847
- August 25: Virtual Museum Tour, The Louvre Course #35848



PHOENIX STREET TRANSPORTATION



Public Input Wanted

7th Street, Peoria Avenue to Thunderbird Road
Proposed Lane Changes

The city of Phoenix Street Transportation Department is seeking your input virtually on proposed changes to the travel lane striping on 7th Street from Peoria Avenue to Thunderbird Road. This location is scheduled to receive pavement maintenance (new asphalt) in the coming months, creating an opportunity to change the current striping pattern.

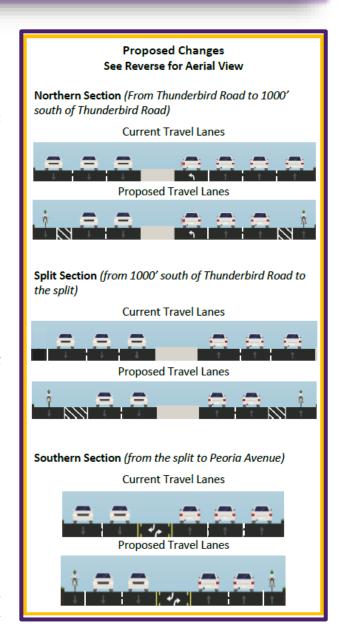
Proposed Striping Changes

After receiving pavement maintenance (new asphalt), the proposed lane changes would remove one vehicle travel lane in some sections and add bicycle lanes or buffered bicycle lanes.

Proposed Striping Changes Expectations

- Balance the number of vehicle driving
 lanes
- Provide people driving cars with visual cues to reinforce safer speeds
- Allow for increased safety for people riding bicycles by providing a designated bicycle lane, and buffered bike lanes where there is enough room
- Connect bicycle lanes through intersections

Now through Monday, August 31, 2020, please visit Phoenix.gov/Streets/LaneChanges at your convenience to view the Virtual Public Meeting video and complete the survey.



ADOT

Specialty plates for a good cause



Even during an unprecedented public health emergency, Arizonans have proven to be firmly committed to supporting charitable and other worthy causes through the sale of Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division specialty license plates.

Among the largest beneficiaries are Arizona's military veterans. The Arizona Legislature has designated four plates to support programs provided by the Arizona Department of Veterans Services. To see these designs and more click here.

Five new specialty license plates now available

Arizonans now have more options to show their support for charitable and other worthy causes with five new specialty license plates. The money raised goes to charitable Arizona causes.

<u>Alzheimer's Awareness</u> -- Available to everyone. \$17 of the fee supports research to promote the scientific understanding and early detection of Alzheimer's disease and to educate Arizona residents about disease management.

<u>Distinguished Flying Cross</u> – Must be a recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross medal (proof required) with \$17 of the fee going to a special fund to benefit veterans in Arizona.

<u>Fiesta Bowl</u> -- Available to everyone with \$17 of the fee supporting charities and programs across the state of Arizona designed to promote youth, sports, and education.

<u>Habitat for Humanity</u> – Available to everyone with \$17 of the fee supporting Arizona families in need of decent, affordable housing.

<u>Share the Road</u> – Available to everyone with \$17 of the fee going to both the Rob Dollar Foundation and the Uphill Into the Wind organization to promote road safety and awareness for cyclists and runners.

In addition to these new plates, the Arizona Historical Society, Northern Arizona University, and Phoenix International Raceway plates sport new designs that have been available since July. Specialty Plates are authorized by the Arizona legislature and have been offered since 1989. Authorized plate designs complete a review by law enforcement and the Arizona Department of Transportation. To view the available designs and or order plate visit <u>Service Arizona</u>.



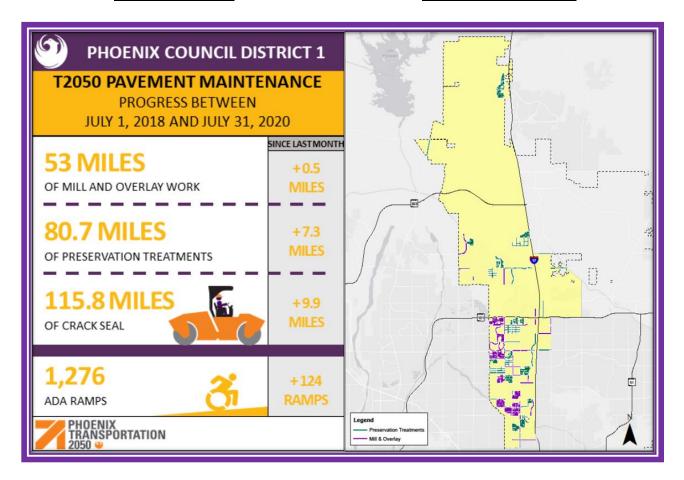
COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 NEWS AND INITIATIVES

PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM: JULY 2020



PROGRESS REPORT

PAVEMENT COMPLETED



Upcoming Pavement Maintenance

In August, the following streets are scheduled for either a pavement maintenance treatment or work such as crack seal or concrete ramps in preparation for pavement maintenance that will take place later this year. *Note: Planned street repair locations and work schedules are subject to change.*

TREATMENT TYPE	LOCATION
Mill and Overlay	 STETSON HILLS LOOP, HAPPY VALLEY RD to HAPPY VALLEY RD DEER VALLEY RD / WILLIAMS DR to 31 AVE / 27 AVE ROSE GARDEN LN, W/O 27 AVE to E/O 19 AVE DUNLAP AVE. W/O 35 AVE to BLACK CANYON FRWY
Preservation Treatment	THUNDERBIRD RD / ACOMA DR to 47 AVE / 43 AVE BELL RD, E/O 51 AVE to W/O 43 AVE YORKSHIRE DR, W/O 39 AVE to E/O 31 AVE PRICKLY PEAR TRL / PYRAMID PEAK PKWY to PYRAMID PEAK PKWY / MOUNTAIN PRESERVE
Crack Seal Prep Miles for Future Work	 GREENWAY RD, W/O 51 AVE to E/O 43 AVE
ADA Ramp Installations	• (n/a)

EXAMPLE OF A RECENT PROJECT







PHOENIX INTERACTIVE STREET CLOSURE & RESTRICTIONS MAP – UPDATED AUGUST 14.

To view a listing of current or planned street restrictions please visit this link: https://www.phoenix.gov/streets/street-closures.

For updated street closure alerts, follow the Phoenix Street Transportation Department on Twitter at <u>@StreetsPHX</u>.

HELP HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS BY GIVING YOUR CHANGE TO SHELTERS

To end panhandling, we must stop giving directly to individuals that panhandle.

Phoenix is full of compassionate and charitable citizens. They want to help those in need. However, giving money to people panhandling doesn't fix problems. To truly help those in need, stop giving money to panhandlers and instead support organizations and services that provide long-lasting care. https://www.givesmartaz.org/



NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT:

DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Remote Learning Meal Service

Two types of meal service will begin in Deer Valley Unified School District on Monday, August 3. Meals will be available for purchase, as well as free and reduced-priced meals for qualified, enrolled students only.



Effective now through the time we return to on campus learning, DVUSD will waive the \$0.30 and \$0.40 meal fees for eligible reduced-price students. The Food & Nutrition Department is pleased to be able to continue assisting families that depend on school meals through the federal National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs.

For more details and the distribution schedule, visit www.dvusd.org/Food

Free and reduced-price meal applications are online at www.EZMealApp.com or at www.dvusd.org/mealassistance



WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Welcome back students!

Although the school year is beginning virtually, we are united by the values we hold. We are the <u>#WESDFamily</u> and we are ready to support your family. The WESD offers engaging and meaningful online lessons taught by WESD's exceptional teachers in real time. Chromebooks are provided and hotspots are available.

Social/emotional supports and art, music and PE are included, and meals are provided to all students. Schools will open for face-to-face instruction when it's safe to do so. Now enrolling online: bit.lv/WESDenrollonline. Please call 602-347-2600 for more information about WESD.





GREAT CHARITIES TO DONATE TO:

ARIZONA HUMANE SOCIETY

http://www.azhumane.org/get-involved/give-now/

CHILDHELP: 2120 N. Central Ave #130, Phoenix, AZ 85004

https://www.childhelp.org/ 602- 271-4500

PHOENIX CENTER FOR THE ARTS Love the arts? Want to help ensure that the programming we offer here at the center continues for generations to come? Please visit: https://phoenixcenterforthearts.org/support/

ANTHEM PETS Animal Rescue: A Voice for the Voiceless http://anthempets.org/ 480-287-3542

ARIZONA PAWS & CLAWS www.azpawsandclaws.com

FETCH FOUNDATION: please go to the following site: www.fetchfoundation.com/Newsflash/the-fido-bag-program

M.A.I.N. What We Do - M.A.I.N. - Medical Animals in Need, Dog Rescue in Phoenix Arizona Kelly Ferreira 480-245-9203 President / Medical Animals In Need www.medicalanimalsinneed.com Together we save lives!

MINI MIGHTY MUTTS for more information, contact Angie Crouse at 480-304-5654 or info@minimightymutts.com Also check out our website at www.minimightymutts.com Mini Mighty Mutts is a 501(c) 3 organization. We rescue the underdog!

OPERATION CARE FOOD BANK located in North Phoenix, a non-profit Christian organization committed to helping those in need with food and clothing. For additional information, please call 602-866-0135, or visit: info@operationcarefoodbank.org.



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