

Facilitators Chat Sheet

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Workshop Reminders/News

Public Partnership Update

Bonnie continues to work on public partnerships with the ADOT, Tonto National Forest, FHWA Partnership and the ADOT, BLM, USFS, FHWA Partnership. Both partnerships have Executive Teams and several subgroups. The partnerships remain strong and the subgroups are making headway on some valuable agreements between the agencies.

She is also facilitated several internal ADOT groups including the Maintenance & Equipment Service Partnership and its three subgroups as well as the Signal & Lighting Tech's Process Improvement Team.

The Transportation Board meeting met on Friday, December 19. Three projects were awarded. The minutes will be posted next week. <http://www.azdot.gov/Highways/cns/index.asp>. Click on link: State Transportation Board Projects: choose Agendas, 2008, from left side menu to view the November construction contracts.

Please be sure to keep the Partnering Office apprised of construction workshops that you agree to facilitate. Though the transition has been almost without issue, there have been a few instances where the Partnering Office was not notified in advance of the workshop occurring. While the Partnering Office does have mechanisms in place to ensure all projects partner, we need the communication from the orgs and facilitators in advance to effectively monitor and maintain quality control of the process. Additionally, the Partnering Office has the responsibility of notifying other internal departments of upcoming workshops, and is itself, striving to have more of a presence at the workshops as well. For your part, we ask that you remember to copy the Partnering Office with estimates (NFS), invoices and Workshop Reports. We will communicate with the orgs as well to ensure an effective and consistent notification process.

2008 ADOT/AGC/ACEC Annual Partnering Event

The ADOT, AGC and ACEC third annual Partnering Event and Transportation Partnering Excellence Awards were a huge success at the Glendale Civic Center. We celebrated 17 years of Partnering in Arizona with 280 of our closest friends and partners. The event theme was "Arizona Collaboration for Future Growth" an important ingredient in the upcoming years of economic challenges. The event was condensed to 3 hours so that attendees from rural districts could drive in that morning and return home the same day. This eliminated the expense of overnight hotel stays and per diem expenses. The participants were eager to network with leaders from agencies, industry, city, county and state government representatives to develop and enhance collaborative working relationships. Your commitment to Partnering will positively affect the quality of all aspects of future transportation efforts statewide.

The seated luncheon made it easy to network, see old friends and build new working relationships. Mike Ladino, the guest speaker presented a timely presentation on Metro Rail, which will go into operation on December 27. The keynote speech was followed by motivational and educational speeches on collaboration from Janice L. Burnett, ACEC Executive Director, David Martin, AGC President and Floyd Roehrich, ADOT, State Engineer.

There were seven recipients for the Transportation Partnering Excellence Awards this year. Congratulations to the following teams:

ROADWAY UNDER \$5M

Austin / ADOT: Virgin River Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Royden / ADOT: SR87 Embankment & Slope Repair

ROADWAY \$5M-\$25M

FNF / ADOT: I-8, Adonde Road to Mohawk Canal

Pima County DOT / Granite Construction: Valencia Road (Mark Road to Camino de la Tierra)

ROADWAY OVER \$25M

Pulice / ADOT / City of Mesa: Red Mountain Freeway (Power to University)

Sundt / Pinal County: Ironwood-Gantzel Roadway Improvements

OTHER TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE UNDER \$5M

DBM / ADOT / USFS: Banjo Bill Rock Fall Containment

The Partnering web page link to view the presentations and the photos of the event is located at:

Save the Date for the next Annual Partnering Event on **December 2, 2009**, location yet to be determined.

Facilitator Information

We have a new Partnering Services Coordinator starting on December 1, 2008.

As of December 1st 2008, the Partnering Office has filled one of the two vacant positions of Partnering Workshop Coordinator hereafter the title is changed to: Partnering Quality Services Coordinator. Jason D. Carlson will be taking the responsibility of representing the Partnering Office at many of the construction and public workshops that you will be facilitating. Be assured he is not there to police the fine work that you have been doing for our partnerships, but to evaluate the partnering process as a whole. He has many other responsibilities, but he is there for you, as well as all the Districts and Orgs. throughout the state. The consultant profiles will be shared with those that coordinate the workshops. If you have not submitted your profile, please do so as soon as possible. Jason's direct phone number is **602-712-8957**.

In addition, when submitting a workshop report, please remember to include the following items for our tracking purposes and maintenance of complete files:

1. Date and time of workshop
2. Duration
3. Workshop Site
4. # of Evaluations
5. # of Attendees

Keep up the good work.

Contracting with a Meeting & Conference Planner (MCP) is only necessary when you are holding a workshop that includes food from an outside source. If you are using a free facility and not having food, you do not need to use the MCP services. When using the services of the MCP for caterers, please provide them a final head count for the meals at least 48 hours in advance, in case you need to adjust your totals. You can accomplish this easily by requesting an RSVP for registration and/or cancelation to the workshop.

PEP

We are happy to announce that our Partnering Evaluation Program (PEP) person, Michael Carter, will be joining the Partnering Office Trainer and Facilitators on several projects during the new-year to discuss and enhance user participation in the PEP program. Scheduled meetings for 2009 include all Introduction to Partnering and How to Make Partnering Work in the Field classes, as well as, the City of Mesa and City of Tempe partnership meetings. When available, Michael will also attend construction workshops on an as needed basis to help with project related PEP matters throughout the state. Please contact Michael Carter at **602-712-7167** if you have any questions related to PEP.

Education

Partnering Classes at HRDC - 1130 N. 22nd Ave, Phx. AZ 85009.

Contact Michelle Fink at 602-712- 8224 for more information and to reserve your seat for classes.

Introduction to Partnering class will be **January 15, 2009** from 8:00 – 12:00 at HRDC.

Conducting a Partnering Workshop will be on **January 28 & 29** from 8:00 - 4:30 at HRDC.

How to Make Partnering Work in the Field class will be **February 5** from 8:00- 12:00 at HRDC.

Leaders Guide to Issue Resolution class will be on February 19 from 8:00 – 4:00 at HRDC.

Additionally, Patty Stansfield will be teaching Introduction to Partnering and How to Make Partnering Work in the Field classes in each district during the coming year.

Introduction to Partnering E-Learning Class

The e-learning Introduction to Partnering class is now available to those outside of ADOT. The Partnering Office will be sharing the link with contractors, engineers and suppliers. We have invited Pulice to be our first test market. We are working with Mark Soyster at Pulice in delivering the Partnering information to their employees and tracking their feedback.

ADOT in the News Displaying license plate incorrectly after Jan. 1 could cost you \$150 DPS announces changes in license plate laws

New license plate laws go into effect in the new year in Arizona that could mean fines for those unaware of the changes.

Roger Vanderpool, director of the Arizona Department of Transportation, said that, as of Jan. 1, rule changes in how Arizona motorists display license plates will affect every motorist and business in the state. Arizona Revised Statute 28-2354 has been amended to state that a person shall maintain each license plate "so it is clearly legible and so that the name of this state at the top of the license plate shall not be obscured."

In other words, if a license plate has a frame that is blocking any part of the plate, be it the name Arizona, the license plate number or registration tags, it could be a violation of the new requirements and might result in a fine.

The requirement to have the state name of '**Arizona**' clearly visible and not obscured provides several benefits," Vanderpool said.

He said the most important benefit is that witnesses to crimes involving a vehicle would be better able to recognize, identify and give an accurate report to law enforcement for things like Amber Alerts or other attempts to locate, thus increasing law enforcement's chances of a successful outcome.

Vanderpool said the new law only applies to vehicles registered in Arizona, not out-of-state or foreign plates.

Fines for non-compliance with the new law range from about \$110 to \$200 statewide, but the average is about \$136 in the Valley.

Vanderpool said that the new law is primary enforcement, meaning that motorists can be pulled over and cited for a license-plate violation alone.

He added that violation of the new law will also be classified as a civil sanction and that pre-existing plate covers will not be exempt.

"On Jan. 1, 2009, when the revision becomes effective, it will apply to all Arizona license plates and their proper display, regardless when the license plate was first attached or whatever frame was placed on it," Vanderpool said.

For more information on the new law, go to: www.azdps.gov, or azdot.gov/mvd/.

Thank you for your continued commitment to and support of the Partnering Principles and to our stakeholders. Partnering Consultant/Facilitators and Champions – Your feedback is important to us. We want to hear your comments! *Feedback related to the Chat Sheet can be emailed to mfink@azdot.gov*

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