Northern Parkway Project, Part 2, Begins Next Year

By Cecilia Chan for Independent Newsmedia

The second segment of a 12.5-mile roadway through the Northwest Valley, which will carry more vehicles and allow for faster speeds, kicks off next year.

Glendale City Council heard an update last week on the Northern Parkway project, which will connect the central and western portions of the city, reducing congestion and facilitating traffic flow from new developments in the western area.

The parkway will have limited access with overpasses at major intersections. The project is on track for completion by 2025 when the bulk of the funding expires.

The first four miles between Loop 303 and Dysart Road opened for traffic in 2013.

Work will begin in 2017 on the transformation of a 2.5 mile stretch from Dysart Road to 111th Avenue into a four-lane road with two lanes in each direction. Maricopa County Department of Transportation is the lead agency.

The construction is expected to be completed in 2019.

Future sections include six thru lanes with turn lanes and six intersection improvements from 99th to 91st avenues, six-lane limited access arterial with turn lanes at major intersections from 99th to 111th avenues and additional turn lanes at major intersections from 91st to Grand avenues.

The $328.6M project is funded 70 percent by regional funds from Proposition 400, a countywide half-cent sales tax approved by voters in 2004 that expires in 2025. The remaining tab is split among the project partners, Glendale 40 percent; the county, 30 percent; Peoria, 20 percent and El Mirage 10 percent. To date, $126.9M has been paid.

Glendale’s share of the cost is $34.8M, of which the city has already paid $31M.

Read more at Independent Newsmedia.
In the News

Stantec Awarded Tempe Streetcar Design

Source: City of Tempe

Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., has been named to provide design services for the $177M Tempe Streetcar project, according to a joint announcement last week from Valley Metro and the City of Tempe. The Valley Metro Board of Directors approved the contract Dec. 15.

“Stantec brings tremendous experience and talent to our project, designing streetcar projects across the country,” said Tempe Mayor and Valley Metro Rail Board Chair Mark Mitchell.

“Stantec also understands our region, having worked on the design of Valley Metro Rail. I’m confident they will ensure that the Tempe Streetcar serves the community’s needs, and we will work together with them to get input from our community throughout the design process.”

The three-mile Tempe Streetcar design should be complete in 2017 with construction beginning later in the year. Opening of Tempe Streetcar is anticipated in 2020.

Stantec was involved in the design of the first 20 miles of Valley Metro Rail that opened in 2008, as well as design of the extensions in downtown Mesa and northwest Phoenix.

Tempe Streetcar will travel on Rio Salado Parkway from the Marina Heights development west to Mill Avenue. It will make a downtown loop on Mill and Ash avenues and continue south to Apache Boulevard. It will then turn east to Dorsey Lane, connecting with the Apache/Dorsey light rail station. The $177M project has been programmed using a mix of federal, regional and local funds.

Read more at City of Tempe

Arizonans face steep costs for transportation needs

By Howard Fischer for Capitol Media Services

Financing the state’s freeway needs could mean Arizona motorists will pay higher gasoline taxes, an entirely new sales tax on fuel on top of that and find it’s even more expensive to register their vehicles.

And owners of all-electric cars likely would feel a hit, too.

At a meeting this month, members of the Surface Transportation Funding Task Force agreed it will take $20B in new dollars to meet the state’s growing needs. That doesn’t count another $40B that economist Alan Maguire, a member of the committee, said is needed for other road projects.

The panel will complete its recommendations for raising that much later this month. That includes not just likely higher costs for motorists at the pump but figuring out the best way to ensure that the increasing number of Arizonans who are buying all-electric vehicles pay their fair share of road construction and maintenance.

Once the committee finishes its work, it then will fall to Sen. Bob Worsley, R-Mesa, who chairs the Senate Transportation Committee, to sell the proposal — and the likely tax hikes it will take — to his colleagues.

Central to the issue is that tax revenues have not kept pace with construction needs.

Since 1996 the amount collected in gasoline taxes has increased by just 36 percent. Yet the state Department of Transportation reports the number of vehicle miles traveled has increased by 55 percent in the same period.

At this point, Worsley said the likely package will include an absolute hike in the gas tax. Maguire figures a dime a gallon on top of that 18 cents would raise anywhere from $1.9-$2.3B over 20 years.

Alternate fuel vehicles pose a different problem. All-electric cars pay no gasoline tax. And hybrids generally get much better fuel mileage.

On top of that, the state gives a VLT break. So a $30,000 alternate fuel vehicle pays a first-year VLT of $12, with a 15 percent reduction annually.

Worsley said that special rate has to go. He also said the simplest thing would be to impose a surcharge of between $120 and $150 a year on registration fees.

Read more at Arizona Capitol Times.
Business & Industry Events

January

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- How to prepare your business for 2017
  Location: Tempe Public Library 3500 S Rural Rd
  Time: 5:30pm - 8:00pm

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- Business Lending 101: How to Get Bank Financing
  Location: Skysong 1365 N Scottsdale Rd, Suite 135
  Time: 8:00am - 9:30pm

7
- ABCs of Starting a New Business
  Location: Burton Barr Library, 1221 North Central Ave
  Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm

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- How To Invest In Private Companies
  Location: 20860 N Tatum Blvd. Suite 240, Phoenix
  Time: 8:00am - 9:30pm

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- It’s SKYTime Business Matchmaking
  Location: TBD, Phoenix
  Time: 8:00am - 4:00pm

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- Lunch and Learn: Writing a Winning Proposal
  Location: 1801 W. Jefferson St. Ste. 101 Phoenix
  Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm

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- Joint DBE Task Force Meeting
  Location: 206 S. 17th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85009
  Time: 9:00am - 11:00am

25
- The Top 10 Legal Issues That Can Destroy Your Business
  Location: 275 N. GateWay Drive Phoenix, AZ 85034
  Time: 5:00pm

February

26
- AMCA 20th Annual Member Meeting & Business EXPO
  Location: 302 North First Avenue, 6th Floor, Phoenix
  Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm

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- How To Raise Capital…Legally
  Location: 20860 N Tatum Blvd. Suite 240, Phoenix
  Time: 8:00am - 9:30pm

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- How To Crowdfund
  Location: 3500 South Rural Road Tempe, AZ 85282
  Time: 5:30pm - 7:50pm

20-23
- WASHTO Civil Rights Training Symposium
  Location: San Diego, California
  Time: All Day

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Featured Federal-Aid Projects

Bid openings after January 1st, 2017 will require prime contractors to submit DBE affidavits within 5 calendar days from bid opening. This is two days less than the current requirement. For example, if bid opens on Friday, the DBE Affidavits will be due to BECO, from the prime contractor, by Wednesday before 4:00 PM. Therefore, this is reducing the time DBEs and prime contractors have to prepare, sign and submit the DBE Affidavits to BECO. DBEs are urged to consider this new time restriction when working with prime contractors to complete and sign the DBE Affidavits in order for them to be submitted to BECO by the 5th calendar day from bid opening.

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ADOT BECO is the place for DBEs and SBCs to gain important business and technical assistance to help you compete effectively for work on federal-aid contracts and other opportunities. These easy to attend luncheon meetings give you a quick way to improve your knowledge and skills to help your business succeed.
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<td>Accounting and Taxes: It’s Coming Up on That Time of Year!</td>
<td>Presented by: G. Ross Dietrich, CPA, CIT, CCIFP of Price, Kong &amp; Co.</td>
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<td><strong>DECEMBER 1, 2016</strong></td>
<td>Marketing What Matters</td>
<td>Presented by: Maureen Varela, CPSM, Marketing, Pulice Construction, and Brandi Barr, Business Development Manager for TY Lin.</td>
<td>We will cover: Getting on a Team, Relationship Building, Competitive Intelligence, Branding / Marketing</td>
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<td>Writing a Winning a Proposal</td>
<td>Presented by: Siokey Gastelum, Marketing Director, Fortis</td>
<td>We will cover: Read the proposal requirements (RFP), Establish an outline, Content – Tell the truth, what are your core competences, Project Experience – Do you really have the experience, and Know your audience – Show them you understand their problems and offer solutions</td>
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<td>Presented by: Giselle Aguilar, Social Media Marketing Specialist</td>
<td>We will cover: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google+, YouTube, Instagram, SnapChat, Pinterest, Blogging, and Search Engines</td>
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<td>Estimating and Bidding: Tips for Success</td>
<td>Presented by: Jose Diaz, Project Manager, Hensel Phelps</td>
<td>We will cover: Understanding the Market, Understanding your Costs, Understanding the Project Scope, Finding your Competitive Edge, Meeting the General Contractor</td>
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<td>P3 Public-Private Partnerships</td>
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<td>We will cover: History and Potential Future of P3s in Arizona, Challenges and Opportunities for P3s, and Challenges and Opportunities for DBEs and SBCs in P3s</td>
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Launching July 2016, Arizona’s Transportation Business Portal features:

- **Easy Access: One Portal / Multiple Applications** - The new AZ UTRACS Web Portal is a “one-stop” shop providing quick access to the ADOT DBE System, the AZ UTRACS Registration & Bidders/Proposers List, the Certified Payroll system and more.

- **3 ways to navigate:** The site has traditional menus, a picture slider with links for the most common tasks, and specialized “Who are you?” tabs, which provide information on all of the relevant content on the site based on the type of user, such as a DBE, an SBC, a Subcontractor, a Prime, an LPA and/or by an ADOT employee. Application “Landing” Pages have information about the processes and the Home Page will have “Quick Log in” links to allow users who know which system they want to get into, quickly log in.

- **A new look for the ADOT DBE System:** ADOT’s DBE System has a new look to match the new portal. Once you log in, you will see the same Dashboard you are accustomed to.

- **Robust Search Engine:** Now you can easily search for both AZ UTRACS and DBE Firms in one search engine. Search for firms (DBE’s, brokers, suppliers, goods and services firms) by work categories, NAICS codes, business descriptions, work territory, and more!
  - The specialized search feature also helps Primes verify the type of work a DBE can do for DBE credit based on the NAICS code(s) the DBE is certified for, which keeps everyone compliant.

- **Contractors now have a streamlined Registration process:** Now that AZ UTRACS Registration is required for all firms, it will be simpler to create and maintain a firm's AZ UTRACS Registration. The registration process takes only minutes; and contractors can update the registration easily at any time, and it’s extended for another 3 years. Plus, Small Businesses can complete an SBC Registration by answering a few additional questions. Note: All existing AZ UTRACS Registrations are being transferred, so remind firms to update their registration in the new system. **LOOK FOR A NEW 5 DIGIT AZUTRACS NUMBER!!**

- **A new Bidders/Proposers List Application:** Primes now use an easy online application to confirm the AZ UTRACS registration status for their subs and add each firm to a Bidders/Proposers list with just one click. Remind every firm you come into to contact with to get AZ UTRACS Registered; it’s easy and it will help Primes meet contract requirements more efficiently.