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Goodyear OKs 15-mile Sonoran Valley Parkway

By Joshua Bowling for The Arizona Republic

Goodyear just cleared a hurdle to build the Sonoran Valley Parkway, a more direct route to a community that currently is home to fewer than 100 residents.

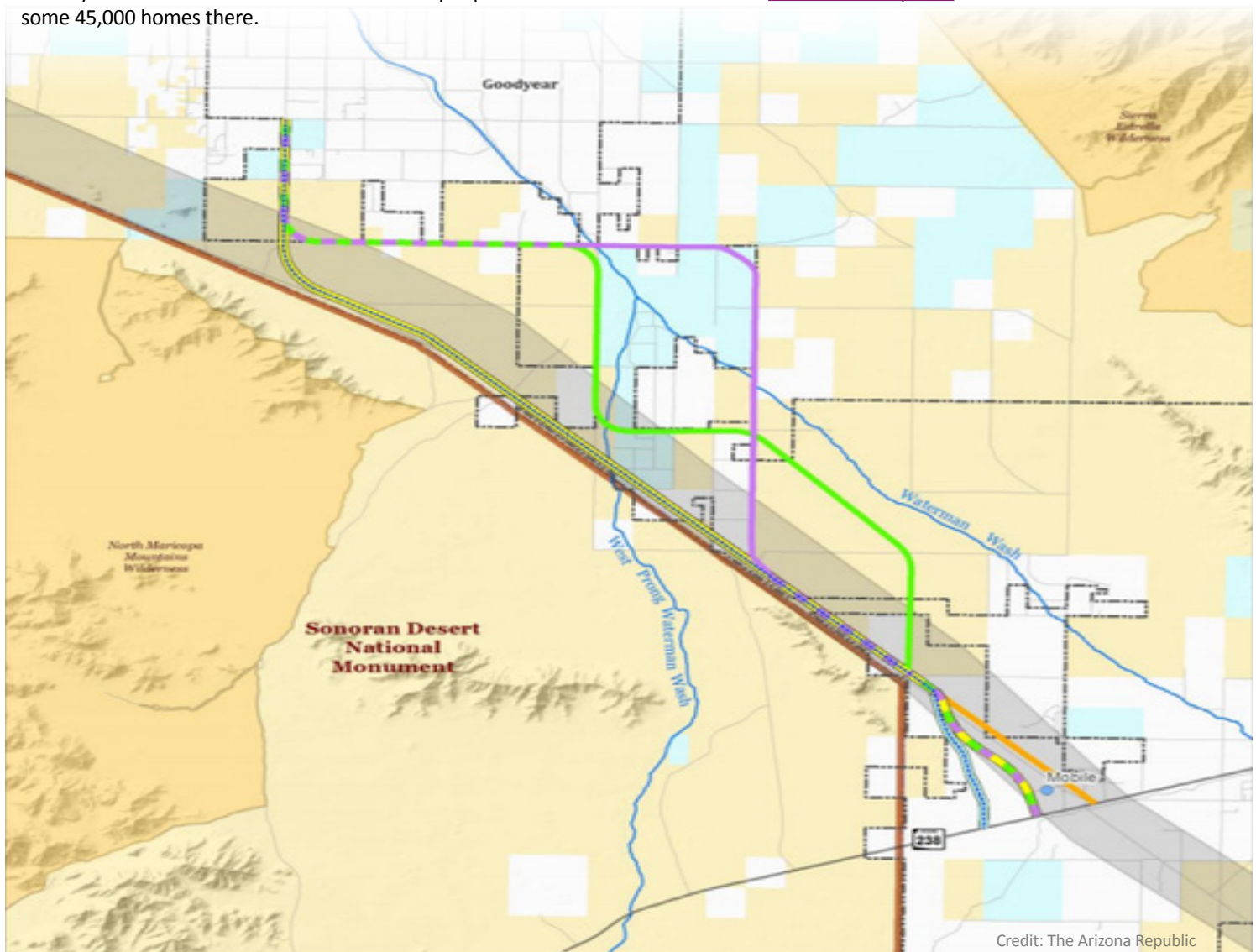
The feds approved allowing the proposed 15-mile parkway to travel across federal lands.

But city officials have no firm timeline for the road first proposed 11 years ago to connect Goodyear and the tiny community of Mobile. The city annexed Mobile in 2007 when a developer planned to build some 45,000 homes there.

The housing developer was originally going to foot the \$45M bill for the two-lane parkway. City officials are holding off on construction until they find another developer that would agree to a similar deal, city spokeswoman Corinne Holliday said.

The parkway would run from the intersection of Riggs and Rainbow Valley roads in Goodyear to Mobile, which is just southeast of the Sonoran Desert National Monument.

Read more at [The Arizona Republic](#).



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Road Improvements Part of Proposed Coolidge Aquatic Center

By Rofida Khairalla for Coolidge Examiner

In the past five years, a series of road improvements have made travel around Coolidge smoother and, in some cases, even safer. Projects have run the gamut, from chip seal surface treatment on neighborhood streets to repaving of major thoroughfares such as Central Avenue and Main Street.

There is, however, one highly traveled roadway that could benefit from similar attention but until now has not received it.

Although parts of Northern Avenue were reconstructed back in 2015, and road bumps subsequently installed, other sections of the avenue were not included in the improvements.

The reason, said City Manager Rick Miller, revolves around a disagreement between the City of Coolidge and San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District.

Beneath the surface of Northern lies a lateral irrigation canal managed by SCIDD. The line runs about three-quarters of a mile along Northern and is one of two major laterals in the Coolidge area belonging to the district.

“We’ve been having a lot of debate over who is responsible,” Miller said. “They (SCIDD) believe the city is responsible because we built a road over the top of their (pipe).”

In recent years, the subject of who is responsible to fix the leaky line — the city or the district — has become a point of contention.

As a result of the leaking, certain areas of the road’s surface have eroded.

With no agreement in sight on the issue of responsibility, and the potential for a new aquatic center to be constructed at the high school, the city has decided to take a different approach. City officials are now asking the district to share in the cost of assessing the problem and finding a fix.

The cost of road improvements along the strip of Northern Avenue adjacent to the proposed aquatic center are included in the \$5M in bonds that Coolidge voters will have an opportunity to address on the November ballot. The improvements would take place along the avenue between Ninth Street and Arizona Boulevard.

Read more at [Coolidge Examiner](#).

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Maricopa's Big CIP Plans

Source: [inMaricopa](#)

The City of Maricopa included more than 50 potential capital improvement projects in its 2020-24 fiscal planning, some with higher priority than others. City Manager Rick Horst unveiled the tentative budget in May, showing it is filled with \$33.95M in capital projects. Many of those have been on the city's "wish list" for years. Here are some of the projects:

- The construction of a new library south of City Hall is in FY2020, funded by current bond from 2008. It would share the City Hall parking lot and have additional access from the south funded with impact fees. Cost \$10.8M.
- Maricopa-Casa Grande Highway improvements in FY2020 would widen the roadway to four lanes from Porter Road to White and Parker Road and create turn lanes at the White and Parker intersection. Funded by county road tax. Cost \$4.997M.
- Beginning construction on the East-West Corridor, an important element of the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority, includes improving Farrell Road from SR 347 to Porter Road and a five-lane bridge on Porter Road across the Santa Rosa Wash, funded by Direct Industrial Fund in FY2020, FY2021, FY2022 and FY2023. Cost \$21.6M
- The installation of a 20KSF shell building in the Estrella Gin Business Park is in FY2020. The property was purchased and the roadway completed in hopes of luring industry. The new building is expected to spur development and would be funded by HURF. Cost \$1.1M.
- Adding lanes to SR 347 from the south junction of Cobblestone Farms Drive to the north city limits is in FY2020 and FY2022. The plan is to add a third northbound lane from South Cobblestone to Lakeview Drive and then add a northbound acceleration lane off Lakeview Drive onto SR 347. Funded by HURF. Cost \$3M.

Read more at [inMaricopa](#).



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Demographics of Successful DBEs: Result of a National Study

By Keen Independent Research

What makes a firm successful in the highway construction and engineering industry? How many “successful” minority- and women-owned firms are there across the country? Do firms graduate from the Federal DBE Program – and what happens to them when they do?

Keen Independent Research sought to answer those questions by identifying the most successful minority- and women-owned firms working with state departments of transportation and then

learning as much as possible about them. The Transportation Research Board of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (TRB) commissioned the study. The full report will be published by TRB in the coming months (look for Compendium of Successful Practices, Strategies and Resources in the FHWA Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program). This research provides the first national examination of DBEs that have been successful working with state DOTs, including program graduates.

Following identification of successful DBEs in nearly every state, Keen Independent Research compared the companies’ characteristics to a random sample of all DBEs. The study team then conducted an online survey and indepth interviews with state DOTs and successful firms.

Read more [here](#).

TABLE 1 Race, ethnicity and gender of successful DBEs and graduated firms

Race/ethnicity	Number of Successful DBEs	Percentage of Successful DBEs	Number of Graduated DBEs	Percentage of Graduated Firms
African American	122	16.3	20	19.8
Asian-Pacific American	35	4.7	7	6.9
Hispanic American	125	16.7	18	17.8
Native American	54	7.2	3	3.0
Subcontinent Asian American	44	5.9	13	12.9
MBE - unknown	5	0.7	1	1.0
White female	352	47.0	35	34.7
Majority	12	1.6	4	4.0
Total	749	100.0	101	100.0

Source: DOTs and trade associations survey responses. Excludes duplicate DBEs, ACDBEs, SBEs.

5 of Arizona's biggest construction projects in 2019

Source: AZ Big Media

2019 looks to be a packed year for Arizona developers and construction crews, as well as the residents and visitors who get to enjoy the fruits of their labor. With plenty of new and exciting developments to look forward to, you're probably curious about the biggest construction projects that are ongoing or soon to break ground. Here are a few major developments you should know about:

1. Desert Diamond West Valley Casino

Glendale's Desert Diamond West Valley Casino is a \$400 million project that should be finished by the end of 2019. Though it only broke ground in December 2017, this drastic overhaul will double the size of the casino and has been over nine years in the making!

This new casino is being constructed adjacent to the existing temporary casino that opened its doors in 2015. The goal is to transform the full 135-acre property into a full-fledged casino, spa, and resort. Vacationers and [Arizona staycationers](#) alike are sure to enjoy this luxurious addition to the West Valley's leisure offerings.

So what can you expect if you decide to hit Desert Diamond in 2020? In addition to classic table games like [poker](#) and blackjack, slots, and live bingo; and guests will be able to enjoy the sprawling 75,000-square-foot casino's five brand new unique restaurants and two new parking garages. Spa and resort components will come in a future phase of construction.

2. Ritz-Carlton Paradise Valley Resort

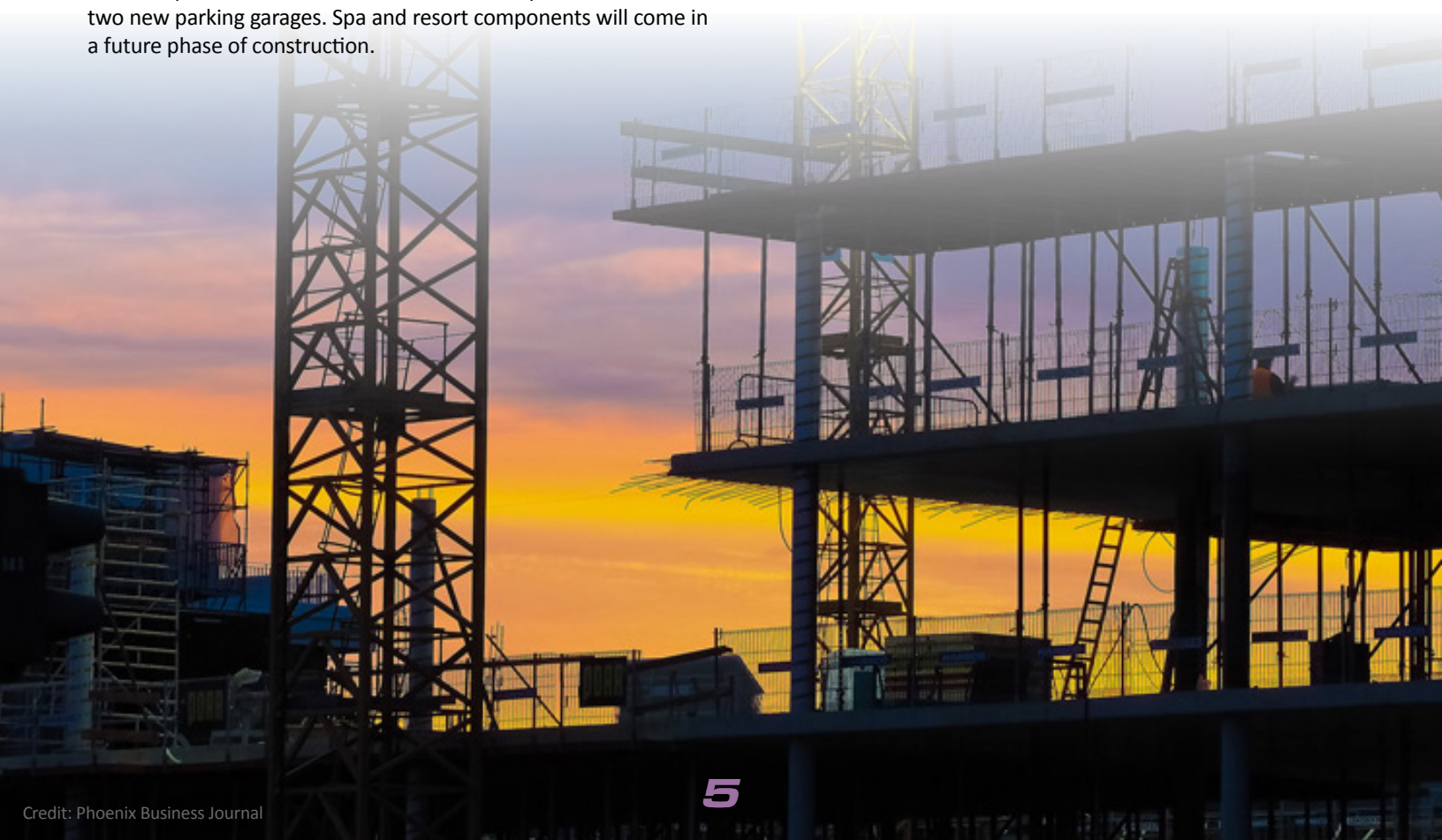
Another haven-in-the-making for tourists, local staycationers, and even residents looking to upgrade their permanent housing is the Ritz-Carlton Paradise Valley Resort in Scottsdale.

This 122-acre Paradise Valley development is poised to make a major splash with its 400-foot-long swimming pool featuring gorgeous views of Camelback Mountain, upscale shopping options, luxury residences, and much more.

Hundreds of construction workers have been working on the \$2 billion resort project for nearly two years. If you're interested in tracking Five Star Development's progress, you can check [the company's blog](#) for drone footage updates.

Don't be fooled if the progress looks sparse from an outside point of view — a significant amount of construction is happening underground, including parking garages. In fact, [according to The Arizona Republic](#) in January of 2019, CEO Jerry Ayoub of Five Star Development said, "It's like an underground city and now we've finally got a couple levels on top of it."

Read more [here](#).



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Nonprofit Helping Underserved Small Businesses Receives \$1.6 Million to Advance Online Services

Source: Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

JPMorgan Chase recently announced a new \$1.6 million investment in the nonprofit Accion, a Community Development Financial Institution, to develop a state-of-the-art online system that streamlines lending to help reach and assist more underserved entrepreneurs and small businesses to create jobs and increase revenue.

The June 11 announcement was made at an Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (AZHCC)

Business Bootcamp. Vice President Monica Villalobos spoke about the importance of supporting women, minority and veteran-owned small businesses to help them scale and contribute to Arizona's economy.

In Arizona, minority-owned businesses make an average annual revenue of about \$100,000 while non-minority-owned businesses make about \$500,000 average annual revenue, Villalobos said.

"That gap represents about \$36 billion into Arizona's economy that we are not benefitting from because these businesses are not scaling," she added.

The new lending platform has the potential to assist thousands more small businesses and entrepreneurs in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Texas, with the expectation of serving as a model that can be shared with the sector. The enhanced system will have a transformational effect on Accion's

clients with 250 new features to better serve them. It will allow customers to choose loan size, pledge collateral, take digital signatures and perform other tasks.

Accion is an award-winning CDFI, increases access to business credit, makes loans and provides training to assist underserved entrepreneurs to advance their businesses and catalyze positive economic and social change.

Read more [here](#).



Business & Industry Events

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July

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AAED Phoenix Luncheon: The Boeing Story in AZ
 Location: 2901 N 7th Street, Phoenix
 Time: 11:30am - 1:15pm
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CJE - Southwest Chapter Summer Meeting
 Location: 2901 W Durango St., Phoenix
 Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm
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Federal Taxes & Your Business
 Location: 1221 N Central Ave., Phoenix,
 Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm
- 17

APWA Anti-Light Rail Initiative - Get the Facts
 Location: 2901 W Durango St., Phoenix
 Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm
- 26

2019 Workforce & Supplier Diversity Business Summit
 Location: 4760 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA
 Time: 9:30am - 4:30pm
- 27

Small Business Matchmaker
 Location: 9300 Wilbur May Pkwy., Reno, NV
 Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

August

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Running a Business Out of Your Home
 Location: 1221 N Central Ave., Phoenix
 Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm
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REIAC Southwest's 20th Anniversary Celebration
 Location: The Gladly, 2201 E Camelback Rd, Phoenix
 Time: 3:00pm - 6:00pm

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"Managing People"
June 28 - Prevailing Wages

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 Visit [the website](#) and "Select Events" today!

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Project Opportunities

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ADOT’s mobile media platforms keep drivers safe and informed about road conditions on Arizona highways. Whether on Twitter (@ArizonaDOT) or calling 511, the ADOT PIO team makes sure you know about closures, reroutes, or accidents that can affect your travel plans.

Stay safe on the roads this summer.



ADOT 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.

Featured Federal-Aid Projects

General/Sub Contractors Opportunities						
Due Date	Project Valuation	DBE Goal	Solicitation / Project Number	Type	Project Owner and Description	Contact
7/11/19 2pm MST	\$900K- \$950K	12.07%	IFB-PO-1900057; STP PPM-0(262D); T013901C	IFB	Pima County - Tanque Verde Rd at Tanque Verde Loop Rd Intersection Improvements. The work consists of converting the existing 3-legged stop-controlled intersection to a four-legged signalized intersection.	Contact: Matthew Sage, Procurement Officer, at Matthew.Sage@pima.gov.
8/2/19 11am MST	\$3M	8.25%	HRRRP-GGH-0(204T); SS99101C	IFB	ADOT - Intersection Improvements: 8th Ave, Airport Rd & Safford-Bryce Rd, Graham County. The work consists of constructing a roundabout, drainage improvements, signing, marking roadway lighting, erosion control & utility adjustments.	Contact: Ghalib Mahdi, Engineering Specialist, at GMahdi@azdot.gov or Brian Jevas, Construction Supervisor, at BJevas@azdot.gov.
8/2/19 11am MST	\$10.9M	6.62%	NHPP-060-D(219T); F016501C	IFB	ADOT - Pavement Rehabilitation: Phoenix-Globe Hwy (US 60) - Superior to Gila County Line. The work consists of pavement rehabilitation, including milling & repaving, bridge deck rehabilitation, guardrails, signing, pavement marking, rumble strips, shoulder build-up & seeding.	Contact: Vian Rashid, Engineering Specialist, at VRashid@azdot.gov or Chris Olson, Construction Supervisor, at COlson.Consultant@azdot.gov.
8/23/19 11am MST	\$1M	6.51%	STBGP-191-C(223T); F005401C	IFB	ADOT - Drainage Improvements - Bowie Jct-Safford Hwy (US191): Cholla St to Ocotilla St. The work consists of reconstructing the roadway, replacing pipe culverts, & installing concrete headwalls & guardrails.	Contact: Monir Zaman, Engineering Specialist, at Mzaman@azdot.gov or Dave Windsor, Construction Supervisor, at DWindsor@azdot.gov.



Don't Miss our June Friday Forums

Managing People

(in-person and online attendance options)

As a part of our popular Friday Forum program, ADOT is pleased to invite you to participate in the 2019 "Managing People" workshop series (attend via webinar or in-person).

Finding and keeping the right people is increasingly harder in today's competitive environment. It is also hard to do all this within the rules and regulations faced by small businesses. This series includes presentations by human resource and legal experts, as well as, an ADOT expert. Whether you currently have employees or independent contractors or expect to in the future, this is a don't miss series!

Don't Miss

June 14: *Recruiting and Hiring the Right Talent* - Hiring and training a new employee involves a significant investment of time and money. A bad hire wastes these resources, sending you back to square one. Companies need solid strategies and tactics that can help them identify their needs and find the right person. Speaker: Tyler Kinnie, Tuft & Needle

June 21: *Employee vs Independent Contractor* - What difference does it make? When the IRS and/or the U.S. Department of Labor determine that workers have been treated (misclassified) as Independent Contractors and are instead Employees, the consequence(s) to the employer can include back wages, back taxes, fines/penalties, class-action lawsuits, and/or prison. Do you know the rules and guidelines? Speakers: Ben Nucci, Snell & Wilmer and John Perkins, HR-Help

June 28: *Prevailing Wages* - In government contracting, a prevailing wage is defined as the hourly wage, usual benefits and overtime, paid to the majority of workers, laborers, and mechanics within a particular area. There are also 32 states including Arizona that have state prevailing wage laws, also known as "little Davis-Bacon Acts". Learn more about how to stay in compliance with this critical requirement. Speaker: Estella Robinson, ADOT

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