

Business Engagement and Compliance

Federal officials sign grant agreement for Northwest Extension II

Federal and local dignitaries gathered Friday to celebrate the signing of a \$158 million full funding grant agreement for the Northwest Light Rail Extension Phase II (NWEII). The extension adds 1.6 miles of track, three stations and a multimodal transit center to the existing 28-mile light rail system. The event culminated an exciting week for transportation with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act signed into law on Monday.

"This extension is going to enable more people to enjoy safe, fast, frequent and reliable public transportation, and it's an environmentally-friendly project," said FTA Administrator Nuria Fernandez. "This connection will tie people to downtown, to Arizona State University and Sky Harbor International Airport—high-activity areas where there is job generation."

Connecting from the existing end-of-line at 19th Avenue and Dunlap, the extension will provide greater transit access to Phoenix residents west of the I-17 thanks to a new rail-only bridge that will be built over the freeway and the first elevated station. It is expected to serve 5,700 riders each day.

"With the Northwest Extension Phase II, we see a community identifying transportation needs, developing smart solutions, standing up for its values and investing local dollars in these projects," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "Thanks to this project, communities will now have better and more affordable access to jobs, healthcare, services, downtown and everywhere that Valley Metro reaches."

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What's the most powerful tool in your toolbox? Words



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"The construction of this light rail connection will serve thousands of daily riders, opening up opportunities for folks to access education and good-paying jobs," said U.S. Senator Mark Kelly. "That's how we continue to make the Valley a great place to live and to work. Like the other infrastructure projects we will see in our state, it's going to put folks back to work."

"One of the things I'm most proud of from my time as mayor is asking voters to grow our economy with an expansion of light rail into new neighborhoods throughout the city," said U.S. Representative Greg Stanton. "But even with voter approval, it cannot happen without federal investment. Making this extension a reality is a catalyst for economic and social transformation, connecting the Northwest Valley to economic opportunities, jobs, education, health care, social services and more—in this region and beyond."

"This extension will power our economy, connecting new parts of the city to educational institutions, employment centers, and a vibrant offering of arts, culture, and sports," said Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego. "Combined with support coming from President Biden's new infrastructure plan, we will strengthen our multi-modal transit system, reduce greenhouse gasses, and speed towards our climate goals."

"Transit plays a major role in serving our diverse community and the fastest-growing county in the United States," said Valley Metro Board Chair and Mesa Councilmember Francisco Heredia. "We will need all transit and transportation solutions on the table as we expect over a million more people to be coming to the Phoenix area in the next 10 years."

"Our system is relatively young—only 13 years old—but in that time, has changed our communities for the better," said Valley Metro CEO Scott Smith. "We have seen unprecedented mobility, development and change for the good. Northwest Extension Phase II has a huge impact because of where it is, crossing a boundary between central and west Phoenix, and ending at one of the most exciting and unique redevelopment efforts in the entire country."

The project's total cost is \$401 million, paid for by the federal Capital Investment Grant, announced today, Proposition 400 regional funds and city of Phoenix T2050 funds. Construction began in September 2020 and the extension is scheduled to begin operating in 2024. (Source)

Tempe Investing \$70M in Park Improvements

The **City of Tempe's Capital Improvement Program** calls for investing nearly \$70M into local parks.

Tempe has completed more than 90 projects of various sizes for parks and community spaces in the last six years and has nearly that many planned over the next five.

Recent resident surveys showed 77% of residents used at least one local park in the last year, making them Tempe's most-used municipal amenity.

A pool and amenities project at **Clark Park**, valued at \$10.5M, is one of the larger parks projects currently in the planning and design stages.

The park was built in 1949, with the pool being added in 1974. The pool closed in 2008, and earlier renovation plans for the pool and park were shelved in 2010 due to the Great Recession.

Public input on aquatic amenities in 2018 resurrected Clark Park improvement plans. Construction is now scheduled to begin this winter. Features will include a pool, recreation center, playground and landscaping upgrades, among others. ([Source](#))



What's the most powerful tool in your toolbox?

Words

Did you know:

- The longest English word is nearly 190,000 letters? (It is the chemical name of Titin, the largest known protein.)
- There are two 15-letter words that don't repeat any letters? (Uncopyrightable and dermatoglyphics).
- The English word with the most meanings is "set?"*

Maybe you are not a word nerd, but using them wisely is one of the best ways you can build your business's reputation. Consider how often you send written messages to customers, prospects, employees, and teaming partners. Your words are powerful, and can build confidence or destroy your brand.

Here are three tips to improve your writing:

1. **Write like you speak.** Use common words that anyone can understand. Avoid jargon and acronyms that may confuse your reader. Be natural in your writing style. "How we write and how we talk is how we define ourselves," writes William Zinsser in *On Writing Well*.
2. **Write with clarity, simplicity, brevity, and humanity.** Choose simpler words over the complex. For example, use words with only a few syllables. Use one word instead of several. For example, use "when" instead of "in the event of." People want to do business with other people, not institutions; use "I" and "we" instead of your company's name. "Any

organization that won't take the trouble to be both clear and personal in its writing will lose friends, customers and money," says Zinsser.

3. **Give yourself time to write well.** "The only kind of writing is rewriting," said Ernest Hemingway. While we are talking business and not novels, it is true that a simple style is the result of hard work and hard thinking, says Zinsser. Many business owners do not take the time to distill their ideas into a simple and organized flow of thought. "Remember that what you write is often the only chance you will get to present yourself to someone whose business or money or good will you need," says Zinsser. Think about what you need to write, then put the words on paper. Then read it out loud

to make sure it is as clear as what you imagined. Keep cutting out extraneous ideas until your words are straightforward and on target.

Your company's success or failure lies in the written words that are everywhere. They are in emails, meeting minutes, and memos, as well as brochures, websites, social media, and publicity. As a leader, it is your responsibility to make sure that your company's words are easy to understand and build trust with your clients, prospects, and employees.

"If you work for an institution, whatever your job, whatever your level, be yourself when you write," says Zinsser.

Words are definitely one of the greatest tools in your toolbox.

*Taken from <https://bestlifeonline.com/word-facts/>



East-West Corridor Vital to Maricopa's Transportation Future

Construction on the 1.6 initial portion of the **East-West Corridor** between John Wayne Parkway and Porter Road in Maricopa is expected to begin in January, and local officials and development leaders are excited about the roadway's benefits for area growth.

The Corridor will eventually run from I-10 to SR347 and provide residents with significantly improved transportation options.

Officials have long touted the need for the project to accommodate Maricopa's rapidly expanding population. As just one example, the planned **Santa Cruz Ranch**

development on 1,886 acres south of the city will eventually have more than 6,000 homes and 15,000 residents.

Officials also praise the fact that the Corridor is actually about to begin construction, unlike **Interstate 11**, which is also expected to enhance transportation options, but for which no solid timelines have been developed.

Design for the East-West Corridor is completed, and Maricopa is in discussions with asphalt companies for pricing bids. ([Source](#))



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The DBE/SBC Resource Center is available for firms that are looking for instructive guidance for bidding work, technical assistance with prompt payment and certified payroll reporting requirements and most other questions regarding working under the I-10 Broadway Curve Agreement.

THE APPOINTMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONCE WEEKLY FOR 60 MINUTES IN 20-MINUTE INCREMENTS.

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SUBCONTRACTORS MAY SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT BY SENDING THEIR AREAS OF INTEREST TO RMOORE@PFFJV.COM

MONDAY MORNING APPOINTMENTS:

7:20/7:45/8:10 - OCT. 4, 11, 18, 25

MONDAY MORNING APPOINTMENTS:

7:20/7:45/8:10 - NOV. 1, 8, 15

MORNING APPOINTMENTS:

7:20/7:45/8:10 - DEC. 6, 13

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DECEMBER

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ASA: Holiday Party
4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Location: *Octane Raceway*
9119 E. Talking Stick Way,
Scottsdale, AZ 85250
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PMI: Holiday Party and Annual General Meeting
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Location: 1801 N. Stone Ave.,
Tucson, AZ 85705
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REIAC SW Signature Event | Congressman David Schweikert
3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Location: Westin Kierland
6902 E. Greenway Pkwy.,
Scottsdale, AZ 85254
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ABA'S 27th Annual Leadership & Membership Lunch
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Location: 5402 E. Lincoln Dr.,
Scottsdale, AZ
- 16

12th Annual Mancini Classic Holiday Golf Tournament
7:15 a.m.
Location: Arizona Biltmore Golf Club - 2400 E. Missouri Avenue,
Phoenix, AZ
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Valley Partnership: December Friday Morning Breakfast
7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.
Location: *Phoenix Country Club*
2901 N 7th St., Phoenix, AZ 85014
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LAI: Is Density the Answer?
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Location: *Online Only*

JANUARY

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CASHE: January Chapter Meeting
4:15 p.m.
Location: *Redisson Airport North*
427 N. 44th St., Phoenix, AZ 85008
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AZCREW: Align, Redefine and Grow Through Change
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Location: *MEET24 at the Biltmore center*
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BOMA Bowling, Billiards & Bull - New Year Kick Off
2:30 p.m.
Location: *50 W. Jefferson St.*
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Featured Federal-Aid Projects

CURRENT OPEN SOLICITATIONS

Due Date	Project Valuation	DBE Goal	Solicitation / Project Number	Type	Project Owner and Description	Contact
12/10/21 11am MST	\$6.6M	6.59%	040-B(229)T; F016101C	IFB	ADOT - Bridge Deck Rehabilitation, E. Seligman TI OP, EB/WB, Kingman-Ashfork Highway (I-40). The work consists of reconstructing existing bridge decks for both eastbound & westbound East Seligman Traffic Overpass at MP 123.32 along Interstate 40, including earthwork & traffic control.	Iqbal Hossain, Group Manager of Contracts & Specifications, at ihossain@azdot.gov .
12/10/21 11am MST	\$3.8M	9.60%	040-D(241)T; F023001C	IFB	ADOT - Bridge Deck Replacement, Hermosa Drive UP #1368, Flagstaff-Holbrook Highway (I-40). The work consists of removing the existing bridge deck & constructing new reinforced concrete deck, placing asphaltic concrete pavement, replacing pavement markings, & guardrail.	Iqbal Hossain, Group Manager of Contracts & Specifications, at ihossain@azdot.gov .
12/16/21 3pm	\$16.8M- \$19.5M	7.77%	BPM004078; ST1614.401	IFB	City of Chandler - Chandler Heights Road: McQueen Road to Gilbert Road. The work consists of widening to at least 4 thru lanes, turn lanes, bike lanes, raised landscaped median, curb, gutter, sidewalk, ADA upgrades, traffic signals, LED streetlights, storm drainage, irrigation, wet & dry utilities, including extension of fiber.	Paula Brown, Procurement Officer, at paula.brown@chandleraz.gov .

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Wednesday, December 15, 2021
1:30–4 p.m.

Gateway Community College, Copper Room
108 N. 40th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85034

RSVP by Monday, December 13 at:

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Space is limited.

