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Arizona Transportation Safety Plan

Executive Summary

The Governor of Arizona, through Executive Order 2004-18, established a Traffic Safety Advisory Council and charged the Council with bold responsibilities “to develop more effective strategies to reduce the number of lives lost, the human suffering, and the economic costs associated with motor vehicle crashes in Arizona.” In fact, motor vehicle crashes cause numerous fatalities and personal injuries, as well as extensive economic costs to the State.

Transportation safety trends “nationally” have been rising in recent years, claiming nearly 43,000 lives (1129 in Arizona) and over 3.0 million injuries in 2003. In Arizona, from 1998 to 2002, there has been an annual average of 128,710 reported traffic crashes, 73,862 injuries and 1,042 fatalities. According to National Safety Council estimates, the economic loss to Arizona due to traffic crashes was nearly \$3 billion in 2002.

Although Arizona’s fatality rate has been slightly declining for the past several years, the rate of 2.09 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled in 2002 is still above the national average rate of 1.51. It is predicted, using the crash and traffic data trends of the past five years, Arizona’s fatality rate will fall slightly by 2010 to an estimated 1.98 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles. However, the fatalities in 2010 are estimated to be about 1300 assuming the same trends. Because deaths and injuries due to traffic crashes are a serious public health concern and are not conducive to the high quality of life expected by Arizonans, the trend of losing over 1,000 lives every year in motor vehicle crashes is unacceptable. The human and economic costs are too great.

To counteract these trends, the Executive Transportation Safety Committee (of the Governor’s Traffic Safety Advisory Council) has taken aggressive steps to improve safety in Arizona by drafting a strategic Transportation Safety Plan for the State. This plan is comprehensive and includes focused emphasis areas and coordinated strategies based on the safety concept of the 4Es (Engineering, Enforcement, Education and Emergency Response).

ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PLAN (CONT. FROM COVER)

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The goal of the Plan is simple—to reduce the total number of fatalities and injuries resulting from motor vehicle crashes. To achieve this goal, broad data-driven emphasis areas have been identified. The emphasis areas are:

- ♣ Modify driver behavior
- ♣ Modify motorcycle behavior
- ♣ Improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety
- ♣ Keep vehicles in the proper lane and minimize the effect of leaving the travel lane
- ♣ Improve intersection safety
- ♣ Improve decision making process and information systems
- ♣ Continue successful safety initiatives

The Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Council will be responsible for implementing the Plan by identifying/outlining specific initiatives (or action plan) and relying on the collective skills and interests of Council member agencies to accept lead responsibilities. The Executive Transportation Safety Committee will monitor progress and provide periodic reports to the Council and the Governor.

Providing efficient, effective and safe transportation facilities is of vital importance. The primary "measuring stick" for safe transportation is how many lives we save. We can save lives by reducing the number and severity of motor vehicle crashes resulting in fatalities and injuries across Arizona each year.

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY EVENT

Transportation safety event held at the State Capitol, February 4, 2005

The 2005 Legislative Session opened January 10th and it is important to raise awareness of transportation safety issues with the State Legislators. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, nearly 43,000 people are killed in traffic accidents each year and almost three million are injured. Because of these startling statistics, U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary, Norman Y. Mineta, has stated that nationally, "Safety is our highest priority."

Arizona is one of the fastest growing states in the Nation. With growth come additional drivers of all ages and experience levels traveling on our streets, roads, highways, and freeways. The Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Council is working on improving transportation safety with its partners from the public and private sector, the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, the Arizona Department of Public Safety, the Federal Motor Carriers Administration and the Federal Highway Administration. All of us are dedicated to improving transportation safety in Arizona but we cannot do it alone.

The event is planned so that booths from the members of the Traffic Safety Advisory Council are in the Capitol Lobby. At lunchtime, a boxed lunch for the Legislators will be served and speakers will provide remarks during lunch. Invited speakers include the Honorable Governor Janet Napolitano, Dr. Jeff Runge, Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Mary Peters, Administrator of the US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADER JOINS ADOT TEAM AS STATE ENGINEER

In July of 2004, Michael Ortega joined the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) team as the State Engineer where he oversees the agency's highway development, construction and maintenance programs, including approximately 6,800 miles of highways across Arizona.

"Michael Ortega is an excellent choice for this job, especially because of its significance within state government," said Governor Janet Napolitano in a July news release. "Michael has the skills and the experience for the job and we welcome him to ADOT."



Ortega had been serving as City Manager in Douglas since 1995. He was responsible for the administration of the city's operations and programs, including the preparation and control of a \$40 million budget.

Ortega is a registered professional engineer in Arizona with an extensive engineering background. He formerly served as City of Douglas Public Works Director and City Engineer and managed the Pima County Department of Transportation and Flood Control District's, Engineering Division.

In the July news release, ADOT Director Victor Mendez said, "I am extremely happy that Michael Ortega will be bringing his skills as both a civil engineer and administrator to the agency. He will guide efforts to provide mobility for Arizona residents and visitors, promote economic prosperity and links to the global economy, while demonstrating respect for Arizona's environment and quality of life."

In an interview on January 25, 2005, Ortega was asked if and how he anticipates local governments assisting in such an awesome goal. Ortega stressed the importance of ADOT working with locals, as much as possible, primarily through the ongoing commitment and development of relationships with locals and other partners and stakeholders.

"I am looking forward to working with local communities and providing opportunities for all to participate in the development of a safe, efficient transportation system for our growing state," said Ortega. One of his approaches to accomplishing this goal is to visit ADOT Districts statewide as well as meet with the local ADOT jurisdictions. His goal is to obtain a good understanding of the existing structure and relationships at ADOT. His plans include spending two days each week out of the office to visit, both formally and informally, with transportation agencies (internal and external) throughout Arizona.

During this interview, Ortega also discussed other issues Arizona is facing with the future of our transportation system. "Of those issues, both nationally and within Arizona, is the volume of dollars for maintenance for the infrastructure. This is our most significant need." Ortega continues that the problem is not an allocation issue as much as a generation of revenues issue. Another issue he addressed was Arizona's tremendous growth: How does growth fuel potential revenues and needs for expansion?

Mr. Ortega was asked about his perspective of ADOT while in leadership with the City of Douglas. "I had a tremendous relationship with ADOT, primarily, because if I had a question or a need, I would not wait for ADOT to come to me. I would go to ADOT. They were very responsive and we would work together toward our common goals."

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ADOT STATE ENGINEER (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4)

His perspective when first moving to ADOT was one of NOT having any preconceived notions how or what ADOT should or should NOT do. Rather, it was, and is, service motivated... are our stakeholders benefiting from our processes and services? Ortega's message to our local audience is to contact ADOT. If there is a way ADOT can improve their services, please contact them. Get engaged... get involved.

His focus is not only on the relationships between local governments and Districts, but also in the building of positive relationships between the State Engineer's Office (SEO) and local agencies. To Ortega, **RELATIONSHIPS are**

PRIMARY, business is secondary. Relationships are about trust and drive accountability; once you have developed trust in a relationship, both parties hold each other accountable.

As a former Board Member of the Arizona LTAP Board of Directors from 1996- 2003, and Chairman for 3 years, Mike states, "I saw a tremendous value with LTAP being within ADOT, because it provides additional resources locals were able to utilize." LTAP, since 1996 being housed at ADOT, focuses on the needs of local government with an additional pool of resources. His focus for AZ LTAP is to continue to ensure that ADOT is able to provide a quality technology transfer program and potential to develop additional programs to meet the local needs.

If you are interested in improved collaboration and communication; building of positive relationships; striving for joint decision-making and collective leadership; and trust, the Arizona Department of Transportation, State Engineer, Mike Ortega looks forward to working with you. If your agency has a regional meeting or event, or would like to invite Mike Ortega to discuss local issues, please contact the State Engineer's Office at 602-712-7391.

GOVERNOR'S TRANSPORTATION POLICY

The Arizona Department of Transportation is working to provide products and services for a safe, efficient, cost-effective transportation system that links Arizona to the global economy, promotes economic prosperity and demonstrates respect for Arizona's environment and quality of life.

Creating and Enhancing a Multi-Modal Transportation Program

Multi-Modal Policy and Programming

The Arizona Department of Transportation, historically, has been heavily focused on planning, designing, building and maintaining the more than 6,000 miles of state and interstate highways in Arizona. While highways remain a critical element of Arizona's transportation system, ADOT is implementing a balanced, multi-modal transportation policy and program that invests resources in alternative transportation modes (i.e., public transportation) and pursues additional Federal and State resources to fund multi-modal transportation projects.

Under Governor Napolitano's leadership, ADOT recently created a new Public Transportation Division to support public transportation (transit) planning around the State by working with urban and rural partners to facilitate the development of transit programs across jurisdictions and regions. In particular, ADOT provides technical transit expertise to State and local decision makers and distributes planning, operating and capital funding for local transit programs in Arizona's rural areas. In addition, ADOT administers federal grants for transit planning in metropolitan areas and serves as the primary regulatory Agency responsible for the safety oversight of the Valley's light rail project.

One of the most notable new transit initiatives is the Governor's Arizona Rides program that the Governor's Office is spearheading with ADOT, DES, AHCCCS, the Area Agency on Aging, Maricopa Association of Governments, Pima Association of Government, Central Association of Government and other human service coordinating entities to work with

the Federal United We Ride program. The Arizona Rides initiative includes applying for and receiving grant funding to conduct a statewide needs assessment of Arizona's human service transportation needs and service gaps and to implement a comprehensive, coordinated human service transportation pilot program within one of Arizona's rural counties.

Multi-Modal Planning

ADOT's long-range transportation plan will be completed this fall to provide strategic direction for the statewide investment in multi-modal transportation projects over the next 20 years. Through this long-range planning process and strategic document, the State Transportation Board and ADOT have highlighted and reinforced policies that support investment in multi-modal transportation solutions in Arizona. In addition, Maricopa County's Regional Transportation Plan, fully endorsed by ADOT and the State Transportation Board, also provides a multi-modal transportation approach by funding a balance of highway, arterial street and public transportation projects (57% freeways, 10% arterial streets, 33% transit) to address the Valley of the Sun's growing transportation needs.

Multi-Modal Funding Options

To fund these projects, ADOT is working with Arizona's Congressional Delegation to support the Federal reauthorization of TEA-21 (SAFETEA) and provide the necessary Federal funding commitment for all modes of transportation infrastructure. To this end, ADOT supports the Federal reauthorization package that includes an increase in transit funding and that provides greater spending flexibility for State highway funds. In addition, ADOT is applying for public transportation grant funding and exploring other internal funding opportunities.

Developing a Partnership Approach to Transportation Planning, Design, Construction and Customer Service

Under the leadership of Governor Napolitano, ADOT recently created a new executive organizational arm of ADOT, entitled Communication and Community Partnerships. This newly created division is working to facilitate current and future partnerships with local communities, government agencies, industry associations and transportation partners. One of the many high-level partnering initiatives started under this new Division, is a strategic partnership between ADOT, the Maricopa Association of Governments, Valley Metro and Valley Metro Rail. This regional partnership will provide the critical alliance needed to successfully implement the Regional Transportation Plan recently approved by Maricopa County voters. In particular, this partnership allows these governmental entities to effectively work together to manage over \$15.7 Billion in transportation programs, coordinate project implementation, develop finance strategies, and create critical communication and public involvement linkages to facilitate the coordination and collaboration of all efforts.

In addition, ADOT is working statewide to develop partnerships with local cities and towns, county governments and tribal governments as well as all of their elected representatives to coordinate transportation plans and projects, identify and resolve issues, provide for comprehensive public involvement opportunities. ADOT is continuing to build its relationships with partners in the construction industry, engineering consulting industry and regional transportation planning organizations to support the development of transportation programs in Arizona. Also, ADOT is forming public-private partnerships with law enforcement agencies, third-party providers, the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA), government agencies and key stakeholders to implement award-winning motor vehicle customer service programs. These innovative programs provide options for customers to conduct business beyond visiting Motor Vehicle Division offices.

Enhanced Public Involvement – A Commitment to Quality of Life

Under Governor Napolitano's leadership, ADOT is developing and implementing extensive public involvement efforts to work with neighborhoods, local cities and towns, county governments and tribal agencies and their members to better integrate

transportation projects with community interests. ADOT is developing an extensive public involvement program to gather input and communicate with the public and affected parties throughout the entire transportation development and construction process. All Divisions of ADOT, the Motor Vehicle Division, the Intermodal Transportation Division, the Transportation Planning Division, the Aeronautics Division and the Public Transportation Division are working with the Communication and Community Partnerships Division to establish policies and develop procedures to improve communication and coordination with the public, local cities and towns, county governments, tribal governments, elected officials, state and federal agencies, media organizations, industry associations and transportation partners.

Innovative Training Programs

E-learning – online training – for Motor Vehicle Division staff and third party providers has converted traditional classroom training into workplace training. This recently implemented program will result in significant cost savings and enables fast delivery of updated information.

Technology Solutions

ADOT's Motor Vehicle Division continually researches programs and technology to provide accurate, cost-effective, timely services to the residents of Arizona. The Motor Vehicle Division continues as a leader in providing – then expanding online services for both public and commercial customers. During this past fiscal year, there were more than 3.2 million online activities.

ADOT's Aeronautics Division also is utilizing technology and web-based applications to improve customer service in the areas of aircraft registration, airport development, aviation education and outreach.

Safety and Security

Protecting Arizona's borders through partnerships with federal, state and local governments, as well as private sector partners, has resulted in rapid processing of international cargo without compromising safety and security. A bi-national U.S. and Mexico *Free and Secure Trade* (FAST) electronic clearance project at the Nogales, Arizona International Port of Entry will bolster Homeland Security objectives, improve commercial vehicle safety, protect our environment and strengthen U.S.-Mexico trade. Concurrently, a similar project is being constructed in Nogales, Sonora.

The Office of Special Investigations (OSI) receives more than 2,000 fraud cases per year. These cases involve Identity Theft, authorized presence, homeland security issues, and underage drinking – all of which impact highway safety. Newly implemented technology will allow MVD to electronically scan and store important documents such as vehicle titles and driver license applications.

In addition, the Governor has created by Executive Order an Inspector General for ADOT. The Inspector General will ensure that adequate anti-fraud measures are in place throughout the agency, and that there is an appropriate balancing between timely customer service and the public's desire for security and fiscal accountability.

Grand Canyon Airport

A number of enhancements to the Grand Canyon Airport will improve experiences for thousands of American and International tourists. The facility serves as a gateway to Arizona and we are working to make sure that they have a great experience and leave with the best thoughts of their time in our state.

Arizona Airport Improvements

Arizona already has a great system of airports. By using 100 percent of the Flight Property Taxes collected, we will be able to fund much needed improvements throughout the state through grants and providing low interest loans for revenue generating projects at airports.

CHARTER

GOVERNOR, STATE OF ARIZONA
Honorable Janet Napolitano

**Executive Transportation
Safety Committee**

- Arizona Department of Transportation
- Arizona Department of Public Safety
- Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety
- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

**Governor's Traffic Safety
Advisory Council**

- AAA of Arizona
- Arizona Driver and Safety Education Association
- Arizona County Sheriffs Association
- Arizona Police Chiefs Association
- Arizona Safe Kids Coalition
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- Students Against Destructive Decisions
- Inter Tribal Council of Arizona
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- National Safety Council
- Professional Fire Fighters of Arizona
- Maricopa Association of Governments
- Pima Association of Governments

Arizona Executive Transportation Safety Committee

Mission Under direction of the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Council, develop, promote, and implement cost-effective traffic safety strategies to improve safety within the state transportation system.

Vision A role model in leadership for creating the safest transportation system in the country.

Arizona's Transportation Safety Plan has been developed under the oversight of the Arizona Executive Transportation Safety Committee to reduce the number of lives lost, human suffering and the economic costs associated with motor vehicle crashes in Arizona. By signing this document the signatories agree to support the committee's mission and the Transportation Safety Plan for the State of Arizona.

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UPCOMING LTAP EVENTS!

National Work Zone Memorial

AZ LTAP in partnership with FHWA, ADOT & AGC will host the National Work Zone Memorial, March 15–18, 2005, at the State Capitol 1700 W. Washington, Phoenix . There will be a ceremony dedicating the Memorial on March 16, 10:00am - 1:00pm. We would like to invite you to make the experience more memorable by stopping by and joining us in paying tribute to the memory of the men, women and children who have lost their lives in work zone accidents. Please visit our web site (www.azltap.org) for updated information regarding this event

Preventative Pavement Maintenance Fair, March 21, 2005

Weather Kills Roads - Surviving Arizona's first Winter in 10 years

2004 brought the first significant weather challenges to Pavement maintenance in Arizona in a long time. The results of this is becoming evident. The AZ LTAP and AGC have brought together local agencies and Vendors to provide case examples and suggestions to pavement maintenance challenges. This Fair will begin to address how best to stretch your pavement dollars.

Please submit registration to AGC at 1825 West Adams, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Registration forms will be posted to the LTAP website at www.azltap.org by Tuesday Feb 22, 05

Registration: \$20. Includes breakfast and lunch

Agenda includes presentations from Arizona Locals and Vendors.

Field Demonstrations will include

- Sunland (Nova chip demo)
- Southwest Slurry (Micro Surfacing)
- Craftco
- ISS (chip seal)
- Ergon

Work Zone Packages

The Arizona LTAP is pleased to announce the second year of its Work Zone Signing Package program. The goal of the program is to help local governments improve the quality of their work zone traffic control and ultimately, improve traffic safety in the state.

To apply for one of the packages, local governments must complete and submit application form. An application form can be downloaded from our website (www.azltap.org) Also agree that, if awarded one of the packages, road and street department employees will participate in a one-half day training course on work zone traffic control to be conducted by the AZ LTAP.

Awards will be based on: (1) demonstrated community need as determined from the quantitative data on the application form and by the narrative justification, and (2) statewide balance of distribution in terms of local government characteristics (size of jurisdiction, location in state, special features, etc.),

Applications are due March 4, 2005. Winners will be notified by March 14, 2005 and announced in the Spring 2005 LTAP Milepost. If you have any questions or need addition information, please contact Erika Martinez at 602-712-4252 or email at emartinez@azdot.gov.



National Work Zone Memorial will be on display at the Preventative Pavement Maintenance Fair

ADOT NAMES PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION DIVISION DIRECTOR

Jim Dickey, Valley Metro's Deputy Executive Director of Operations and Planning, has been hired to serve as Public Transportation Division Director at the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) where he will support public transit planning around the state.

"Jim Dickey is an excellent choice for this position, especially given his public transportation experience in the Valley and understanding of public transit needs in Greater Arizona," said Governor Janet Napolitano. "Public transit plays an integral role in ensuring responsible, sustainable growth in Arizona."

"I'm excited by the challenge of leading ADOT's Public Transportation Division, an organization with a strong tradition of good work and great relationship-building," said Jim Dickey, who has served the last 10 years at Valley Metro and the Regional Public Transportation Authority. "Identifying new mobility options for Arizonans, both rural and urban, are critical to sustaining the growth of our state."

ADOT provides technical expertise to state and local decision makers about transit programs. The agency distributes planning, operations and capital funding for local transit programs in rural areas and special needs transit programs statewide. It also administers federal grants for transit planning in metropolitan areas and will perform state regulatory safety oversight for the Valley light rail system.

"I am very pleased that Jim Dickey will be bringing his extensive skills as a public transportation administrator to ADOT," said ADOT Director Victor Mendez. "He will work with urban and rural regional partners to facilitate the development of transit programs across jurisdictions and regions in our state."

"We will help find solutions to current public transportation issues and identify and address long-term needs for everyone," added Dickey, who has managed public transportation services in rural and urban areas. "Developing a multi-modal approach, strengthening training and mentoring, identifying new funding options, and developing partnering opportunities will be some of our first steps."

Dickey has an extensive background in public transportation with more than 20 years experience in the private and public sectors. He is a past-President of the Arizona Transit Association. Dickey also is the current President of the East Valley Institute of Technology school board and has served on the Fountain Hills Unified School District school board.

Dickey, a Missouri native, earned Masters of Science and Bachelor of Science degrees from Central Missouri State University. He has been an Arizona resident for more than 12 years and currently lives with his wife, Ginny, in Fountain Hills.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

It's nearing time to register for the Arizona Equipment Safety Partnering Rodeo! Last year's event was held at the State Fairgrounds. The event was quite a success, with over 220 competitors and a total attendance of over 560

This year the Rodeo will be held on March 23rd and 24th, 2005 at the State Fairground Facility in Phoenix, AZ. Day one begins at 7:00 am for registration. CDL, Written, Diagnostic and Safety Training classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. Registration fees for Competitors and Non-Competitors include some meals. Lunch will be served on the twenty-third. Lunch and the Awards Dinner Banquet will be served on the twenty-fourth. Registration fees will be \$90.00 for Competitors, \$90.00 for Non-Competitors, \$15.00 for Walk-in observers. (You must complete a registration form for each child). The fee to attend the Awards Banquet will be \$20.00. Awards will be given for the first, second, and third place in all Competitive Events.

For additional information/questions, please contact John Trojanovich or Diane Navarro at 520-838-2874 or 520-628-



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5848. Fax number is 520-838-2876. Mailing address: ADOT Equipment Services Attention John T. PO Box 5585 Tucson AZ 85703-0585.

National Work Zone Awareness Week *Written by John R. McCarthy, Alabama Technology Transfer Center*

The sixth annual National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) will be held from April 3 to April 9. A national media event is scheduled for 10 am, April 5, 2005, on the Maryland side of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge.

Activities for the week will kickoff with this media/community awareness event near the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project. Law enforcement organizations from several states have expressed an interest in this event. They have been encouraged to bring the various devices that individual states use to combat work zone violators such as speeders. These items include “drones,” special outfitted cruisers, speed cameras/devices, and more.

The Woodrow Wilson Bridge project is a 7.5-mile arterial project along Interstate 95 and 495. The corridor is also known as the Capital Beltway and the project extends from the Maryland 210 Interchange to the Telegraph Rd Interchange in Virginia. The bridge crosses the Potomac River. More information about the project can be obtained at the website:

< <http://www.wilsonbridge.com> >

The NWZAW Task Force is leading the activities for the media event. They are seeking a heavy police presence. Members of the law enforcement community who are interested in attending should contact Jim Baron of American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA), which is located in Fredericksburg, VA. Jim can be reached at ATSSA at (800) 272-8772, ext. 113. The theme for National Work Zone Awareness Week 2005 is “SLOW DOWN OR PAY UP,” in keeping with the theme of “enforcement.” Posters will be available soon for NWZAW 2005.

NWZAW began in 1999 with a partnership of ATSSA, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. Since then, other organizations have joined and encouraged local community activities to help educate the nation on work zone related injuries and fatalities. Part of this education effort is informing the public of the hazards and dangers that can be encountered and avoided when driving through a roadway construction zone. More information on NWZAW is available at the ATSSA website at: < <http://www.atssa.com/public/nwzaw.asp> >

The FHWA will also have promotional material available on their website. The FHWA webpage with news and information about work zones is at: < <http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/index.asp> >

ITE/IMSA SPRING CONFERENCE

The Arizona Sections of the Institute of Transportation Engineers and the International Municipal Signal Association announce the 23rd Annual ITE/IMSA Spring Conference “*MAKING CONNECTIONS*” March 8, 9, & 10, 2005, The Black Canyon Conference Center, 9440 No. 25th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ.

This year’s conference offers

- Over 20 technical sessions presenting the full range of transportation topics including design, studies, operations, planning, and safety.
- Five training sessions covering the fields of signing, roundabouts, signal controllers, public relations, and ITE Training modules.
- More than 30 exhibits and vendor booths displaying the latest technology and vendor products
- The opportunity to interview students at the Student / Intern Job Fair
- Dinner dance and the ever-popular Casino Night on Wednesday, March 9.
- Golf and Tennis Tournament on Tuesday, March 8

For more information, please contact Conference Chair, Seth Chalmers, Chalmers Engineering (480)949-0925, swchalemrs@juno.com or Exhibitor Chair, Kim Konte, Phoenix Highways Products, (623)434-0509, Kim@phoenixhighwayproducts.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

February 20-26, 2005 Engineers Week 2005. For more information visit <http://www.eweek.org>

February 23-24, 2005 Southwest Tribal Transportation Planning Symposium, Albuquerque, NM. For more information, contact Tribal Technical Assistance Program at Colorado State University, 800-262-7623, ronald.hall@colostate.edu.

February 25- March 1, 2005 ATSSA Annual Convention and Traffic Expo, Phoenix, AZ. For more information call Lisa Kenney at 800-272-8772 or lisak@atssa.com or visit www.atssa.com

February 27- March 2, 2005 ITE 2005 Technical Conference and Exhibit in Las Vegas, NV. For more information visit <http://www.ite.org/>

March 2-5, 2005 ARRA 29th Annual Meeting Teamwork 2005- Preservation & Rehabilitation in Bal Harbour, FL. For more information visit <http://www.arra.org/2005annual.html>

March 8-10, 2005 23rd Annual ITE/IMSAs Spring Conference in Phoenix, AZ. For more information visit <http://www.arizona.imsasafety.org/index2.php?content=events>

March 15-19, 2005 Conexpo-Con/Agg 2005 in Las Vegas, NV. For more information visit www.conexpocoagg.com

March 16, 2005 National Work Zone Memorial Ceremony. in Phoenix AZ. For more information visit www.azltap.org

March 21, 2005 Preventive Maintenance Fair. For more information visit www.azltap.org.

March 22-24, 2005 3rd Annual Alaska Tribal Transportation Symposium in Anchorage, AK. For more information, contact Alaska Tribal Technical Assistance Program, 800-399-6376, dmoreno@mail.ewu.edu, <http://www.cbpa.ewu.edu/~LTAP/>

March 30- April 1, 2005 13th Annual Roadway Management Conference, Hershey, PA. For more information, contact Pennsylvania Local Roads Program, (717) 214-8685, kferroni@state.pa.us

April 3-5, 2005 Southeastern Local Roads Conference in Savannah, GA. For more information, contact Georgia Department of Transportation LTAP Center, (404) 656-4664, dennis.rice@dot.state.ga.us or visit <http://www.dot.state.ga.us/dot/personnel/training/techtran/conferences.shtml>

April 3-9, 2005 National Work Zone Awareness Week For more information visit www.atssa.com

April 17-20, 2005 APWA North American Snow Conference, Hyatt Regency Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City, MO. For more information visit www.apwa.net

April 17-21, 2005 NACE Conference in Bismarck, ND. For more information visit <http://www.countyengineers.org/>

April 24-28, 2005 Tenth TRB Transportation Planning Applications Conference in Portland, OR. For more information visit <http://www.trb-portland-05.com/index.html>

April 26-29, 2005 12th Annual Northwest Tribal Transportation Symposium, Little Creek Casino & Hotel, Shelton, WA. For more information contact David Frey at 888-399-6376 or email: dfrey@mail.ewu.edu



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ROAD SCHOLAR GRADUATES

AZ LTAP would like to take this opportunity to recognize our recent Road Scholar graduates!

LEVEL I GRADUATES

Pinal County

Michael Campbell
Benjamin Navarro

City of Phoenix

Marcos Arango
Johnny Esparza
Frank Mejias
Mike Robinson
Al Velez

Maricopa County

Tom Felcan
Robert Johnson
Henry Perez
Henry Reyes
Robert Sikorski

Town of Payson

Kenny Deschaaf
Carlos Aguirre

City of Peoria

Arturo Avina
Robert Deserano
Bob Eastman
Andrew Padron
Gilbert Romano
Luis Soliz

Yavapai County

Robert Sanders

LEVEL II GRADUATES

Pinal County

Edward Cunningham
Terry Day

Maricopa County

Katherine Baker
Rudy Rios

Congratulations Graduates!

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Effective January 2005, the *AZ Milepost* will be issued in electronic format only. This will not only reduce the overall cost of traditional mail outs but will also eliminate the need for printing additional newsletters and labels. The direct savings will be focused on training/conference/seminar workshops.

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AGING POPULATION INFORMATION

Executive Order 2004-07 - Aging 2020 Plan

March 16, 2004, Governor Janet Napolitan ordered the creation of Aging 2020, a plan to prepare the state of Arizona for the significant changes that will occur with the increase in the state's over-65 population in the next 15 years. For more information visit http://www.governor.state.az.us/eo/2004_07.pdf

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Status of Rulemaking for Minimum Retroreflectivity Guidelines

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has for years worked to develop minimum levels of retroreflectivity for traffic signs and pavement markings that would enhance mobility and increase safety for the driving public. As there have been significant changes in vehicle types, headlights, sign sheeting technology, and the aging driver population, previous research study values, which were based on study parameters for 1985 vehicles and the sign sheeting materials available at the time, have been reconsidered and updated. The Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) is completing its research for FHWA to develop revised minimum retroreflective values for nighttime visibility of signs that will address the current vehicle type, headlights, sign technology, and the aging driver. For more information visit <http://www.ltapt2.org/handbook/article3.htm>

Statistics on the Aging Population

The older population—persons 65 years or older—numbered 35.9 million in 2003 (the latest year for which data is available). They represented 12.3% of the U.S. population, about one in every eight Americans. By 2030, there will be about 71.5 million older persons, more than twice their number in 2000. People 65+ represented 12.4% of the population in the year 2000 but are expected to grow to be 20% of the population by 2030. The information in this section of the AoA web site brings together a wide variety of statistical information about this growing population. For more information visit www.aoa.dhhs.gov/prof/Statistics/statistics.asp

We the People: Aging in the United States

Census 200 Special Report

People aged 65 and over are referred to as the older population in this report. Although the number of people in this age group increased from 31.2 million people in 1990 to 35.0 million in 2000, their proportion of the total population dropped from 12.5 percent in 1990 to 12.4 percent in 2000. For more information visit www.census.gov/prod/2004pubs/censr-19.pdf

America's Future Long Term Care Needs

“Currently, there are 35 million people over 65, some 13% of the population. By 2030, the number will grow to 70 Million, or one-fifth of the population.” *National Academy on an Aging Society January 1999 as quoted in Long-Term Care: Your Financial Planning Guide, Phyllis Shelton 2001*

“There are 72,000 Americans over the age of 100, and that number is expected to triple in 20 years.” *Centenarians in the United States, Census Bureau, July 1999.*

For more information visit www.longtermcaretn.com/Aging_population.htm