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CITIES AND TOWNS MEET TRANSIT, TRANSPORTATION NEEDS
Spearhead Innovative, Cost-Effective Ways to Keep Communities Moving Efficiently

PHOENIX (May 28, 2013) – Cities and towns across the state are moving forward on critical projects designed to meet the transportation needs of their communities, as well as spearheading programs to promote cost-effective transit opportunities.

From GPS-enabled mobile apps that allow motorists to easily report potholes to sustainable transit centers and large-scale road projects, municipalities are doing their part to keep motorists and transit riders moving efficiently.

“Transportation and transit programs are a crucial service that cities and towns provide,” said Clarkdale Mayor Doug Von Gausig, president of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns. “We are always looking for cost-effective, innovative ways to serve our communities while keeping people moving efficiently and safely.”

Here is a sampling of cities’ and towns’ transportation and transit programs:

- **Tempe:** Earlier this month, Tempe began issuing new passes for the Tempe Youth Free Transit Pass program, which serves youth, ages 6 to 18, who live in the city and seek to ride Valley Metro bus routes and METRO light rail. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/tim](http://www.tempe.gov/tim)

- **Mesa:** The city launched the MyMesa smart phone app that allows users to report a variety of issues that need attention, from street sweeping and repair to graffiti. The app prompts users to take a picture and uses the phone’s GPS to pinpoint the exact location. More information about the app can be found at [http://www.mesaaz.gov/services/mymesa.aspx](http://www.mesaaz.gov/services/mymesa.aspx)

- **Surprise:** The city started its $2 million pavement preservation program that identifies streets in need of repairs and treatments. The idea is to lengthen the lifetime of the street surface. More than 80 lane miles will be treated through June 30. By spending a little money now, the city is able to ward off expensive major reconstruction, saving taxpayer dollars.

- **Sierra Vista:** The 2,450-square-foot Vista Transit Center is certified to meet stringent environmental and energy-saving design standards, known as LEED-certified. The $1.6 million center provides many amenities to transit

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riders, including restrooms and a lounge area. It was funded by a federal grant through the Arizona Department of Transportation.

- **Glendale**: The city recently installed 10 signs designed to alert drivers to “share the road” with motorcycles. The signs say “Look Twice” and were donated by the Modified Motorcycle Association of Arizona.

- **Tucson**: Major construction continues on Tucson’s Sun Link streetcar project, the fixed-guideway electric rail system that will have stops at 18 points along the route. More information can be found at [TucsonStreetcar.info](http://TucsonStreetcar.info)

- **Gilbert**: Gilbert is in the process of creating a Transportation Master Plan to identify short- and long-term transportation needs. The 12-month process will examine all modes of transportation within the growing town.

- **Buckeye**: The town of Buckeye earned a spot on the Top 100 list of Fleet Management Divisions in North America. It was the town’s fifth consecutive year of making the list. There are about 38,000 public fleets in North America, of which about 5,000 are invited to apply for the Top 100 competition. Phoenix, Glendale, Mesa, Tempe and Tucson also made the list. Judges use a set of 12 criteria to rank the cities, including accountability, creativity, quick/efficient turnaround and use of technology and information.

- **Goodyear**: The city is looking forward to the completion of the Loop 303 expansion, which is now past the halfway point. The completion, estimated for the fall of 2014, will provide quicker travel and more access to the city.

- **Peoria**: Westbrook Parkway between Union Hills Drive and 91st Avenue will be completely replaced this summer, along with smaller neighborhood streets in four areas within the Westbrook Village age-restricted community.

**About the League:**

The League of Arizona Cities and Towns is a voluntary association of all the 91 incorporated cities and towns in the state of Arizona. It provides policy and legislative advocacy, information and inquiry services, along with publications and educational programs to strengthen the quality and efficiency of municipal government. It was founded in 1937 to serve the interests of cities and towns and to preserve the principles of home rule and local determination. For more information, visit [www.azleague.org](http://www.azleague.org)

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