



City Council Weekly Information Packet

Friday, April 21, 2023

Includes the following documents/information:

- 1) City Council Events Schedule
- 2) State and Federal Updates & Grant Opportunities
- 3) Tax Revenue Statistical Report – March 2023
- 4) Engineering & Transportation Department Update
- 5) Community Services Department Update



City Council Events Schedule

April 21, 2023 thru November 11, 2023

The Mayor and City Council have been invited to attend various community meetings and public and private events at which a quorum of the City Council may be present. The Council will not be conducting city business, nor will any legal action be taken. This is an event only and not a public meeting. A list of the community meetings and public and private events along with the schedules, dates, times, and locations is attached. Organizers may require a rsvp or fee.

Fri	Apr 21	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	The Future of Sustainability Location: Arizona Science Center 600 W. Washington Street Phoenix, AZ
Sat	Apr 22	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Fabric Grand Opening Location: FABRIC 132 E. 7 th Street Tempe, AZ
Mon	Apr 24	12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Making Space: An Equity Study for Parks and Recreation Virtual Meetings Zoom Link: tempe.gov/MakingSpace
Tues	Apr 25	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks: Spring Celebrations (Selleh Park) Location: Selleh Park 2425 S. Los Feliz Drive Tempe, AZ
Tues	Apr 25	4:00 p.m.	TCC & DRC Joint Meeting Location: Don Cassano Room 200 E. 5 th Street Tempe, AZ
Wed	Apr 26	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks: Spring Celebrations (Scudder Park) Location: Scudder Park 5805 S. Lakeshore Drive Tempe, AZ
Wed	Apr 26	6:00 p.m.	Escalante Neighborhood Meeting Location: Escalante Senior Center 2150 E. Orange Street Tempe, AZ
Wed	Apr 26	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Tempe Family YMCA Friend Raiser

			Location: Tempe Family YMCA 7070 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Wed	Apr 27	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Omni Grand Opening Location: Omni Tempe 7 E. University Drive Tempe, AZ
Fri	Apr 28	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	2023 TIE Foundation Joseph P. Spracale Education Awards Event Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Fri	Apr 28	7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Music Under the Stars - 14th Annual Performance Location: Tempe Diablo Stadium 2200 W Alameda Dr. Tempe, AZ
Sat	Apr 29	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Mayor's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event Location: Pyle Adult Recreation Center 655 E. Southern Ave. Tempe, AZ
Mon	May 1	11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Ralph Hoffman Plaque Dedication Location: Hayden House Front Porch/Patio 1 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Mon	May 1	6:00 p.m.	Alegre Neighborhood Association Meeting Location: Escalante Multi-Generational Center 2150 E. Orange Street Tempe, AZ
Tues	May 2	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks: Spring Celebrations (Hollis Park) Location: Hollis Park 3421 S. Kenneth Place Tempe, AZ
Tues	May 2	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	9 th Annual Tempe Community Salutes Location: Tempe Center for the Arts 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ

Wed	May 3	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Ars in the Parks: Spring Celebrations (Harelson Park) Location: Harelson Park 9325 W. Warner Ranch Drive Tempe, AZ
Tues	May 9	7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.	Excellence in Education Location: Showroom at Wild Horse Pass 5040 Wild Horse Pass Boulevard Chandler, AZ
Tues	May 9	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Spring Celebrations (Optimist Park) Location: Optimist Park 2000 E. Sesame Street Tempe, AZ
Wed	May 10	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Making Space an Equity Study for Parks and Recreation Festival: Building Community Through Food and Play Location: Escalante Multi-Generational Center 2150 E. Orange Street Tempe, AZ
Tues	May 16	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	AARP Experience Corps End-of Year Tutor Appreciation Luncheon Location: Tempe Public Library 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Wed	May 17	12:00 p.m.	Tempe Tomorrow: General Plan 2050 Draft Release Virtual Meeting Zoom Link: tempe.gov/2050
Wed	May 17	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Tempe Tomorrow: General Plan 2050 Draft Release Open House Location: Tempe History Museum Community Room 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Fri	May 19	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Boards and Commission Appreciation Event Location: Omni Hotel 7 E. University Drive Tempe, AZ
Sat	June 17	11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	10 th Annual Juneteenth Celebration Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ

Fri	June 23	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Arizona Theatre Company: Partnership Stakeholder Dinner Location: Tempe Center for the Arts 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Sat	Nov 11	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Diwali and Veterans Day Assembly Location: Kyrene Del Norte Dual Language Academy 1331 E. Redfield Drive Tempe, AZ

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MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Andrew Ching, City Manager
FROM: Marge Zylla, Government Relations Officer
DATE: April 21, 2023
SUBJECT: State and Federal Update & Grant Opportunities

Below are summaries of recent actions and announcements at the state and federal level:

- State Legislative Update
- Grant Opportunities

Please let me know if there are follow-up questions for Tempe's federal lobbyist. Also, please let me know if Tempe staff members are pursuing federal grants so we can arrange for letters of support from our Congressional delegation.

State Legislative Update

Today is the 103rd day of the 2023 state legislative session and 1,632 bills have been introduced. Of the 156 bills that have passed, 93 have been signed into law, and 63 have been vetoed. Both the House and Senate have adjourned until 4/25/23. This decision followed the House vote on the expulsion of a member of the House of Representatives. With the membership of the House now at 30 Republicans and 29 Democrats, and with 31 members needed to pass legislation out of the House, the House will reconvene after the replacement has begun, which should be when the House reconvenes.

The bills of interest to Tempe will be added to lists (described below). Bills of significant interest will be highlighted in memo summaries as the proposals are amended in the legislative process.

Bill Lists

Staff is analyzing legislative proposals as they become available. The lists will be adjusted to reflect the latest available information. Bills that have failed to meet deadlines or have not received sufficient votes will be noted as “Dead”.

To note, based on lack of bill action this week, the tracking lists are identical to last week’s lists and can be found at [this link](#) in the 4/14/23 Weekly Memo.

The tracking list that follows these memos includes the summaries of bills that may be of interest to Tempe. These lists are not exhaustive, and as more analysis is done, comments will be included. Readers can use the search/find tool (keyboard shortcut: press “Ctrl” and the “F” key) to search for terms of interest, like “fireworks”, “rentals”, “zoning”, “safety”, etc. Readers can also search the list by department to quickly be brought to the header under which there is a sublist of bills that may impact a specific area of city operations, for example: “Community Development” or “FMR”.

In addition to the bills on the tracking lists, the city will also be monitoring for proposals in areas including the following:

- Affordable Housing
 - As noted in earlier Weekly Information Packet memos, Mayor Woods submitted a list of legislative solutions for consideration in his role as a member of the statewide legislative housing supply study committee. The city will be monitoring and analyzing housing proposals throughout the session and aim to see the solutions shared by Mayor Woods become bill proposals. Unfortunately, of the bills that include these provisions, none have been scheduled for a hearing as of this writing.
 - The city is collaborating with other cities to develop language that could be used as a strike-everything amend that would include affordable housing components that could be deployed locally.
- Fireworks
- Liability Issues
- Local Governance
 - Efforts to preempt city charters, the authority for local governance, can be found in SCR 1023 and SCR 1027. The city opposes these anti-charter efforts.
 - Tempe voters have voted on charter provisions for the city of Tempe, and these types of proposals seek to put that into question with voters across the state.
 - A summary page prepared by the League of AZ Cities and Towns is highlights the types of voter-approved restrictions that this type of resolution, if passed, would remove. The page is attached.
 - The bills may be subject to amendments with a population threshold, but the city retains opposition to the concept of the legislature attempting to undermine local voters and the charter authority granted in the Arizona Constitution.
- Local Zoning Issues
 - The city opposes the strike-everything amendment on SB 1117, which includes preemption language that would upend the city’s voter-approved General Plan and aim to

- remove transparency and public access from planning activities. The bill also does not include any language that advances policies for guaranteed affordable housing.
- Mayor Woods testified against the bill in the committee (video at [this link](#)), noting that this proposal would have the result of blocking affordable housing developers from building needed guaranteed affordable housing in the city.
 - An earlier memo included a one-page visual of the average lot size in every US state. It provides an illustration that Arizona is one of the smallest average lot sizes—the 48th smallest.
 - SB 1117 bill failed on the Senate floor. However, many of the components of SB 1117 have been included in the strike-everything amendment that has been added to HB 2536.
 - The HB 2536 strike language also fails to contain guaranteed affordability policy and it circumvents public outreach processes for development and standards for how development interacts with public transit and bike and pedestrian infrastructure.
 - Some components of SB 1117 are also found in strike-everything amendments to SB 1161 and SB 1163.
 - The city continues to advocate for policy that advances guaranteed affordable housing without undermine transparency in local decision-making. The city is actively working to advance favorable policies through amending language and/or strike-everything amendments.
 - The Governor has vetoed SB 1162, which would have added additional governmental layers and confusion regarding home-based businesses, which are an important part of the economic landscape in the city. The city opposed the bill and appreciate the veto of this unnecessary legislation.
- Proposition 400 Extension Authorization
 - As of this writing, there are a number of proposals that have been introduced on the topic of the extension of the Proposition 400 regional half-cent tax that supports transportation projects and programs in Maricopa County.
 - The city currently opposes the strike-everything amendment on HB 1102, which has funding allocations and non-germane language that does not reflect the unanimously approved regional transportation plan. This bill could be favorable with future amending language that brings the statutory language in line with the regionally approved transportation plan. This bill was advanced out of its House committee and the city looks forward to continuing the conversation to adjust the allocation language in the bill.
 - The city currently opposes the strike-everything amendment on HB 1246, which has funding allocations that do not reflect the unanimously approved regional plan. However, the other components of the bill mirror the needed language, so this bill could be favorable if the allocation proportions are updated. This bill was advanced out of its House committee and the city looks forward to continuing the conversation to adjust the allocation language in the bill.
 - The city supports HB 2527, which reflects the regional transportation plan which was unanimously approved by the elected representatives serving on the Maricopa Association of Governments, including Mayor Woods. This bill is dead.
 - The city currently opposes the strike-everything amendment on HB 2031, which has funding allocations that do not reflect the unanimously approved regional plan. However, the other components of the bill mirror the needed language, so this bill could be favorable if the allocation proportions are updated. This bill was not ultimately voted on in committee. This bill is dead.
 - The city opposed SB 1122, which does not reflect the unanimously approved regional transportation plan. A previous memo included a summary of the bill from Valley Metro, the region's transit agency of which the City of Tempe is a member. Vice Mayor Jennifer Adams represents Tempe on the Valley Metro Boards. This bill failed.

- SB 1505 has favorable language but has not met the deadline to be heard in its chamber of origin.
- Short Term Rentals
 - There are a number of introduced bills and referenda regarding short-term rentals this session. Some of these proposals would remove the state preemption on local regulations of short-term rentals, which the city would support. To date, these proposals have not been scheduled for hearings will not move forwarded this session, except potentially in the form of strike-everything amendments onto other bills.
- Taxation Proposals
 - The city opposes the tax break proposals for entities that are in the businesses of residential rentals and for businesses that sell food for home consumption, which have been introduced as HB 2067/SB 1184 and HB 2061/HB 1063/HB 1089, respectively.
 - This would result in a combined revenue loss to the city of over \$26 million annually, and would give a tax break to specific interests that would exclude them from contributing to the transaction privilege taxes that are remitted by other companies doing business in the city. These revenues fund programs, capital investments, infrastructure projects, public safety, and services including affordable housing construction and rental assistance.
 - HB 2067, SB 1184, HB 2061, and SB 1063 passed out of their respective initial committees on party line votes.
 - SB 1184 passed out of the Legislature and the cities and other organizations urged a veto. The Governor vetoed SB 1184 on 2/23/23. Governor's Office press release is at [this link](#) and the veto letter is linked [here](#).
 - SB 1131 now has a strike-everything amendment that revives the tax break for those in the business of residential rental. The city is opposed.
 - SB 1063 passed out of the Legislature and the cities and other organizations urged a veto. The Governor vetoed SB 1063 on 3/28/23. The Governor's veto letter is linked [here](#).
 - Fiscal notes are available (and linked) on the following: [HB 2067](#), [SB 1184](#), [HB 2061](#), [SB 1063](#).
 - The League of AZ Cities and Towns has distributed materials noting the issues with these bills and those documents were attached to earlier memos.
 - Tweet with the video illustrating the important revenue streams is at [this link](#).
- Tobacco/Vaping
- Water Policy
 - The city opposes SB 1660, which is similar to a problematic proposal that was defeated in last year's session, that attempts to undermine the regional mechanism for water supply. There is the potential for some industrial water users to be incentivized to extract fossil groundwater, would expand those companies' access to pumping in an unprecedented way, and would threaten the aquifers relied upon by municipal water users. Recent news articles on the bill are at [this link](#) and [this link](#).
 - The city opposed HB 2535, which had concerning language regarding water management of wells in newly incorporated areas. This bill passed out of the legislature and was vetoed by the Governor. The Governor's veto letter is available here. The Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA) authored one of the letters urging a veto. Councilmember Arlene Chin is the city's representative on the AMWUA Board.

The city's framework for responses to legislative proposals is the Council supported Tempe State Legislative Principles, which are available at [this link](#).

Grant Opportunities

Via the League of AZ Cities and Towns

Monday, April 17, 2023

Contact: pressoffice@dot.gov

Biden-Harris Administration Announces More Than \$1 Billion for Local Communities to Improve Roadway Safety

More than 500 communities received funding for planning and projects from first round of grants [announced](#) in February; second round of funding encourages applicants to submit proposals that include demonstration projects that can be built quickly from temporary materials

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is announcing that it has opened the process for cities, towns, counties, Tribal governments and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) to apply directly for a total of \$1.177 billion to fund local projects that improve roadway safety.

The funds are from the competitive grant program, Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A), which was created in President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help communities both plan and carry out projects that help reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on our highways, streets, and roads. Funding can be targeted toward known high-crash areas, which are easier than ever to identify thanks to an [interactive tool](#) created by DOT. Locally driven solutions can include everything from improving sidewalks and adding high-visibility crosswalks, to reconfiguring intersections.

“The crisis of traffic deaths on our nation’s roadways demands urgent and sustained action by us all,” said **U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg**. “With our Safe Streets and Roads for All program, we are helping communities across the country save lives by making their roads safer.”

Launching and administering the SS4A grant program is a major element to DOT’s National Roadway Safety Strategy, launched in 2022 to address the high number of traffic deaths happening across the country.

In February, DOT announced 473 communities received Action Planning grants and 37 communities received Implementation grants from the first round of SS4A funding. With similar funding available this year, the Department encourages all interested communities to apply. The application process for SS4A is designed to be as easy as possible and increase accessibility to this program, particularly for smaller communities, Tribal governments and recipients new to Federal funding. Applicants for this cycle are encouraged to submit proposals that include the use of demonstration activities, sometime also known as “quick build” projects, as part of their Action Plans, as well as undertaking more traditional action planning and implementation activities. DOT anticipates awarding at least \$250 million in demonstration activities this funding round.

Applications may come from individual communities or groups of communities and may include MPOs, counties, cities, towns, other special districts that are subdivisions of a state, certain transit agencies, federally recognized Tribal governments, and multijurisdictional groups of eligible applicants.

The Safe Streets and Roads for All Notice of Funding Opportunity can be found at <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>. Applications are due on or before July 10 at 5pm Eastern.

MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Lauri Vickers, Municipal Budget & Finance Analyst
THROUGH: Mark Day, Municipal Budget Director
DATE: April 21, 2023
SUBJECT: Tax Revenue Statistical Report – March 2023

Introduction

The Municipal Budget Office (MBO) reviews the City's privilege (sales) tax collections for the General Fund (1.2%), Transit Fund (0.5%) and Arts & Cultural Fund (0.1%) and the General Fund bed tax (5.0%) in order to monitor the financial performance of the City's largest revenue source. This monthly analysis also provides the opportunity to determine if adjustments need to be made for any significant variances to ensure continuity of programs and service delivery. The March 2023 report summarizes our analysis of the February sales activity reported to the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR).

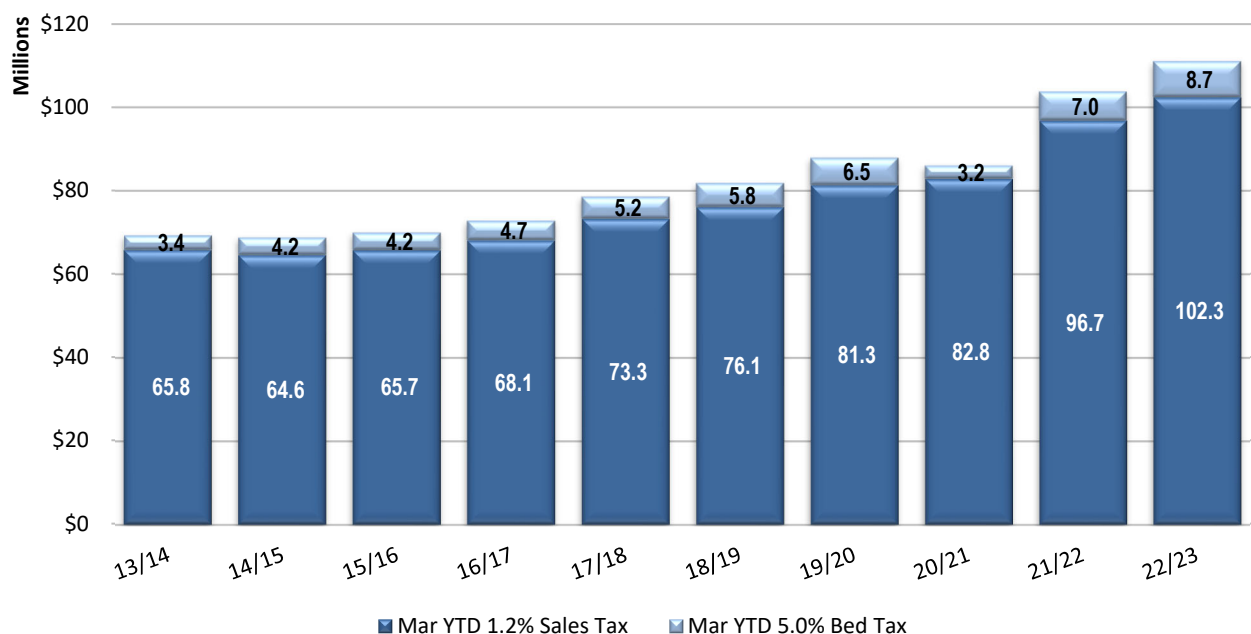
Overall Highlights

Total fiscal year to date taxable sales increased by 4.6% over the same year to date period in the prior fiscal year. Total sales tax revenue is up 5.2% or \$8.0 million, due to growth in rentals (\$3.7 million), non-recurring business activities (\$2.8 million), and combined hotel/motel and bed tax (\$2.4 million) activity. The attached Executive Summary provides a summary of historical and current fiscal year taxable sales, sales tax collections by fund, tax revenues by business activity, and an analysis of retail tax revenues by activity.

General Fund Highlights

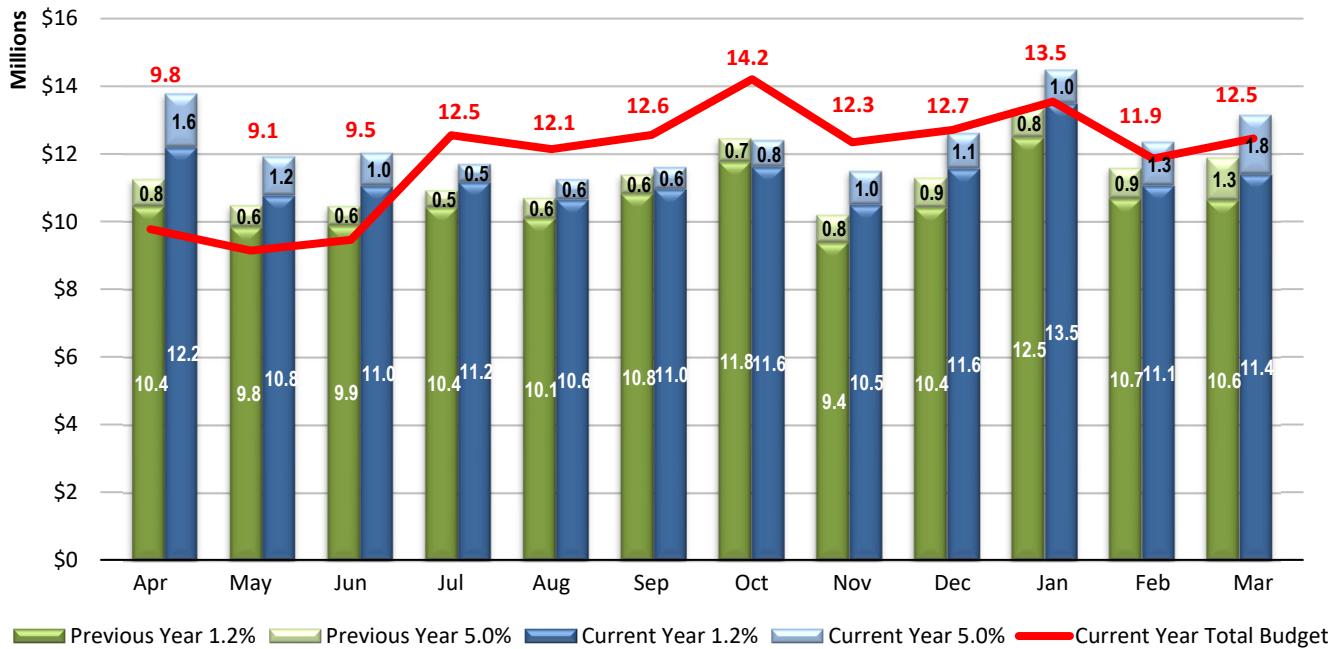
As the General Fund portion of the City's sales and bed tax revenue collections represents the General Fund's largest revenue source, further analysis is performed on these specific tax collections. The graph below depicts year to date General Fund historical sales and bed tax revenue from FY 2013/14 through FY 2022/23. General Fund sales and bed tax revenue for FY 2022/23 is up 7.0% or \$7.3 million over the prior year to date period.

General Fund Year to Date Sales and Bed Tax Collections through March



In addition to the 10-year historical comparison, we also review 12 months of General Fund monthly sales and bed tax collections compared to the previous year and to the FY 2022/23 adopted budget for the combined sales and bed tax, as noted in the graph below.

General Fund Monthly Sales and Bed Tax Collection vs. Previous Year



Finally, the MBO prepares the attached Actual to Budget Comparison report that provides a summary of FY 2022/23 General Fund sales tax, bed tax, and a combined total sales and bed tax collections compared to a projected budget amount for the month. Although sales and bed tax are not actually budgeted on a monthly basis, this type of analysis of actual collections compared to projections provides insight into sales and bed tax performance. Using this approach, fiscal year to date General Fund sales tax is \$3.9 million below revenue projections, General Fund bed tax is \$481 thousand above projections, and the combined General Fund sales and bed tax collections for the General Fund are \$3.4 million below the revenue projection.

The Municipal Budget Office is closely monitoring the above noted fiscal year to date variance of sales and bed tax collections compared to the projected amount. At this time, the City is not planning to make any budget adjustments due to the variance in sales and bed tax collections as the City’s overall revenue collections are meeting current projections.

Sales and bed tax collections continue to experience variances from projections based on historical trends as the economy experiences volatility due to a variety of factors, including inflation, supply and labor shortages and movement towards a post COVID pandemic economy. In the future, if sales and bed tax collections experience negative variances from projections and overall revenue collections are not meeting projections, the City will make necessary budget adjustments to ensure continuity of programs and service delivery.

- Attachments: Executive Summary
Actual Compared to Budget Projection

Executive Summary

Current Month - March

Fiscal Year to Date - March

	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change	Amount	Change	Amount	Change	Amount	Change	Amount	Change	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Taxable Sales																
Total Taxable Sales	733,504,000	0.0%	775,599,000	5.7%	935,037,000	20.6%	983,715,000	5.2%	7,098,370,000	6.8%	7,111,288,000	0.2%	8,392,351,000	18.0%	8,780,760,000	4.6%
Retail Taxable Sales	397,226,000	11.2%	472,824,000	19.0%	522,479,000	10.5%	531,146,000	1.7%	3,838,223,000	6.6%	4,182,112,000	9.0%	4,838,384,000	15.7%	4,735,646,000	-2.1%
Tax Revenues by Fund																
General Fund																
Privilege Tax (1.2%)	8,359,000	0.8%	8,990,000	7.5%	10,631,000	18.3%	11,383,000	7.1%	81,322,000	6.9%	82,788,000	1.8%	96,700,000	16.8%	102,320,000	5.8%
Bed Tax (5.0%)	982,000	-16.2%	529,000	-46.1%	1,251,000	136.5%	1,758,000	40.5%	6,531,000	13.4%	3,192,000	-51.1%	7,019,000	119.9%	8,657,000	23.3%
Privilege Tax Rebates	207,000	-10.8%	190,000	-8.2%	289,000	52.1%	-	-100.0%	2,291,000	-2.3%	1,782,000	-22.2%	2,324,000	30.4%	971,000	-58.2%
Total General Fund	9,548,000	-1.5%	9,709,000	1.7%	12,171,000	25.4%	13,141,000	8.0%	90,144,000	7.1%	87,762,000	-2.6%	106,043,000	20.8%	111,948,000	5.6%
Transit Fund																
Privilege Tax (0.5%)	3,483,000	0.8%	3,746,000	7.6%	4,430,000	18.3%	4,743,000	7.1%	33,906,000	6.9%	34,496,000	1.7%	40,293,000	16.8%	42,634,000	5.8%
Privilege Tax Rebates	86,000	-8.5%	79,000	-8.1%	120,000	51.9%	-	-100.0%	933,000	-2.0%	741,000	-20.6%	967,000	30.5%	404,000	-58.2%
Total Transit Fund	3,569,000	0.5%	3,825,000	7.2%	4,550,000	19.0%	4,743,000	4.2%	34,839,000	6.6%	35,237,000	1.1%	41,260,000	17.1%	43,038,000	4.3%
Arts & Culture Fund																
Privilege Tax (0.1%)	714,000	0.6%	765,000	7.1%	910,000	19.0%	949,000	4.3%	6,968,000	6.6%	7,047,000	1.1%	8,252,000	17.1%	8,608,000	4.3%
Total Arts & Culture Fund	714,000	0.6%	765,000	7.1%	910,000	19.0%	949,000	4.3%	6,968,000	6.6%	7,047,000	1.1%	8,252,000	17.1%	8,608,000	4.3%
Totals	13,831,000	-0.9%	14,299,000	3.4%	17,631,000	23.3%	18,833,000	6.8%	131,951,000	-46.5%	130,046,000	-1.4%	155,555,000	19.6%	163,594,000	5.2%
Tax Revenues by Business Activities																
Retail	7,150,000	11.2%	8,375,000	17.1%	9,405,000	12.3%	9,561,000	1.7%	69,088,000	6.6%	75,041,000	8.6%	87,091,000	16.1%	84,003,000	-3.5%
Rentals	2,469,000	-3.9%	2,624,000	6.3%	3,299,000	25.7%	3,403,000	3.2%	23,715,000	6.6%	24,447,000	3.1%	27,732,000	13.4%	31,475,000	13.5%
Utilities/Communication	507,000	-3.1%	471,000	-7.1%	517,000	9.8%	578,000	11.8%	6,103,000	-2.8%	5,989,000	-1.9%	6,093,000	1.7%	6,477,000	6.3%
Restaurants	1,014,000	-11.7%	1,059,000	4.4%	1,395,000	31.7%	1,585,000	13.6%	9,998,000	2.9%	8,268,000	-17.3%	11,773,000	42.4%	12,923,000	9.8%
Contracting	1,178,000	4.8%	707,000	-40.0%	1,001,000	41.6%	852,000	-14.9%	10,203,000	12.0%	8,817,000	-13.6%	8,640,000	-2.0%	8,709,000	0.8%
Hotel/Motel	368,000	-14.8%	205,000	-44.3%	470,000	129.3%	686,000	46.0%	2,403,000	10.6%	1,238,000	-48.5%	2,666,000	115.3%	3,457,000	29.7%
Transient (Bed Tax)	982,000	-16.2%	529,000	-46.1%	1,251,000	136.5%	1,758,000	40.5%	6,531,000	13.4%	3,192,000	-51.1%	7,019,000	119.9%	8,657,000	23.3%
Non-Recurring Business Activities	(9,000)	-102.3%	145,000	-1711.1%	61,000	-57.9%	6,000	-90.2%	2,026,000	51.6%	1,881,000	-7.2%	2,457,000	30.6%	5,248,000	113.6%
Amusements	101,000	-9.8%	82,000	-18.8%	126,000	53.7%	189,000	50.0%	1,139,000	8.2%	546,000	-52.1%	1,165,000	113.4%	1,585,000	36.1%
All Other	72,000	28.6%	102,000	41.7%	107,000	4.9%	213,000	99.1%	744,000	-99.4%	627,000	-15.7%	919,000	46.6%	1,061,000	15.5%
Totals	13,831,000	-0.9%	14,299,000	3.4%	17,631,000	23.3%	18,833,000	6.8%	131,951,000	-46.5%	130,046,000	-1.4%	155,555,000	19.6%	163,594,000	5.2%
Retail Tax Revenues by Activities																
Automotive	1,119,000	10.1%	1,249,000	11.6%	1,295,000	3.7%	1,269,000	-2.0%	10,481,000	5.2%	10,620,000	1.3%	11,863,000	11.7%	12,091,000	1.9%
Building Supply Stores	287,000	12.1%	340,000	18.5%	414,000	21.8%	378,000	-8.7%	2,683,000	7.3%	3,051,000	13.7%	3,546,000	16.2%	3,753,000	5.8%
Department Stores	942,000	2.6%	1,155,000	22.6%	1,097,000	-5.0%	1,094,000	-0.3%	9,365,000	3.5%	9,495,000	1.4%	10,525,000	10.8%	11,049,000	5.0%
Drug/Small Stores	1,061,000	7.3%	1,334,000	25.7%	1,307,000	-2.0%	1,285,000	-1.7%	10,591,000	10.5%	11,872,000	12.1%	12,418,000	4.6%	11,811,000	-4.9%
Furniture/Equipment/Electronics	445,000	2.5%	708,000	59.1%	686,000	-3.1%	577,000	-15.9%	4,961,000	-2.2%	5,949,000	19.9%	6,228,000	4.7%	3,933,000	-36.8%
Grocery Stores	799,000	3.6%	859,000	7.5%	822,000	-4.3%	995,000	21.0%	7,484,000	1.9%	7,850,000	4.9%	8,160,000	3.9%	8,649,000	6.0%
Manufacturing Firms	521,000	1.6%	665,000	27.6%	858,000	29.0%	418,000	-51.3%	5,236,000	-11.5%	5,680,000	8.5%	8,382,000	47.6%	3,959,000	-52.8%
All Other Retail	1,976,000	28.7%	2,065,000	4.5%	2,926,000	41.7%	3,545,000	21.2%	18,287,000	18.8%	20,524,000	12.2%	25,969,000	26.5%	28,758,000	10.7%
Totals	7,150,000	11.2%	8,375,000	17.1%	9,405,000	12.3%	9,561,000	1.7%	69,088,000	6.6%	75,041,000	8.6%	87,091,000	16.1%	84,003,000	-3.5%

Actual Compared to Budget Projection

Privilege Tax Revenue - General Fund (1.2%) 2022-23 Actual Compared to Budget

Monthly Amounts

	2022-23 Budget		2022-23 Actual	Over / (Under)	
	Percent	Amount		Amount	Percent
Jul	8.4%	\$ 11,776,000	\$ 11,159,000	\$ (617,000)	-5.2%
Aug	7.9%	11,161,000	10,641,000	(520,000)	-4.7%
Sep	8.0%	11,286,000	10,951,000	(335,000)	-3.0%
Oct	9.1%	12,834,000	11,608,000	(1,226,000)	-9.6%
Nov	8.1%	11,429,000	10,484,000	(945,000)	-8.3%
Dec	8.4%	11,853,000	11,552,000	(301,000)	-2.5%
Jan	9.2%	12,938,000	13,484,000	546,000	4.2%
Feb	8.0%	11,201,000	11,058,000	(143,000)	-1.3%
Mar	8.3%	11,718,000	11,383,000	(335,000)	-2.9%
Apr	8.5%	11,896,000			
May	7.9%	11,053,000			
Jun	8.1%	11,430,000			
Totals	100.0%	\$ 140,575,000	\$ 102,320,000	\$ (3,876,000)	-2.8%

Cumulative Amounts

	2022-23 Budget		2022-23 Actual	Over / (Under)	
	Percent	Amount		Amount	Percent
Jul	8.4%	\$ 11,776,000	\$ 11,159,000	\$ (617,000)	-5.2%
Jul-Aug	16.3%	22,937,000	21,800,000	(1,137,000)	-5.0%
Jul-Sep	24.3%	34,223,000	32,751,000	(1,472,000)	-4.3%
Jul-Oct	33.5%	47,057,000	44,359,000	(2,698,000)	-5.7%
Jul-Nov	41.6%	58,486,000	54,843,000	(3,643,000)	-6.2%
Jul-Dec	50.0%	70,339,000	66,395,000	(3,944,000)	-5.6%
Jul-Jan	59.2%	83,277,000	79,879,000	(3,398,000)	-4.1%
Jul-Feb	67.2%	94,478,000	90,937,000	(3,541,000)	-3.7%
Jul-Mar	75.5%	106,196,000	102,320,000	(3,876,000)	-3.6%
Jul-Apr	84.0%	118,092,000			
Jul-May	91.9%	129,145,000			
Jul-Jun	100.0%	140,575,000			

Tax and License Annual Privilege Tax Revenue Projections

Method	Privilege Tax		Over / (Under)	
	Projected	Budget	Amount	Percent
% of Increase	\$ 138,286,000	\$ 140,575,000	\$ (2,289,000)	-1.6%
% Received	\$ 135,444,000	\$ 140,575,000	\$ (5,131,000)	-3.7%

Bed Tax Revenue - General Fund (5.0%) 2022-23 Actual Compared to Budget

Monthly Amounts

	2022-23 Budget		2022-23 Actual	Over / (Under)	
	Percent	Amount		Amount	Percent
Jul	7.1%	\$ 772,000	\$ 525,000	\$ (247,000)	-32.0%
Aug	9.0%	978,000	602,000	(376,000)	-38.4%
Sep	11.7%	1,276,000	646,000	(630,000)	-49.4%
Oct	12.6%	1,376,000	788,000	(588,000)	-42.7%
Nov	8.4%	915,000	991,000	76,000	8.3%
Dec	7.9%	855,000	1,055,000	200,000	23.4%
Jan	5.6%	605,000	1,001,000	396,000	65.5%
Feb	6.1%	660,000	1,291,000	631,000	95.6%
Mar	6.8%	739,000	1,758,000	1,019,000	137.9%
Apr	7.4%	803,000			
May	8.4%	914,000			
Jun	9.1%	985,000			
Totals	100.0%	\$ 10,878,000	\$ 8,657,000	\$ 481,000	4.4%

Cumulative Amounts

	2022-23 Budget		2022-23 Actual	Over / (Under)	
	Percent	Amount		Amount	Percent
Jul	7.1%	\$ 772,000	\$ 525,000	\$ (247,000)	-32.0%
Jul-Aug	16.1%	1,750,000	1,127,000	(623,000)	-35.6%
Jul-Sep	27.8%	3,026,000	1,773,000	(1,253,000)	-41.4%
Jul-Oct	40.5%	4,402,000	2,561,000	(1,841,000)	-41.8%
Jul-Nov	48.9%	5,317,000	3,552,000	(1,765,000)	-33.2%
Jul-Dec	56.7%	6,172,000	4,607,000	(1,565,000)	-25.4%
Jul-Jan	62.3%	6,777,000	5,608,000	(1,169,000)	-17.2%
Jul-Feb	68.4%	7,437,000	6,899,000	(538,000)	-7.2%
Jul-Mar	75.2%	8,176,000	8,657,000	481,000	5.9%
Jul-Apr	82.5%	8,979,000			
Jul-May	90.9%	9,893,000			
Jul-Jun	100.0%	10,878,000			

Tax and License Annual Privilege Tax Revenue Projections

Method	Bed Tax		Over / (Under)	
	Projected	Budget	Amount	Percent
% of Increase	\$ 13,236,000	\$ 10,878,000	\$ 2,358,000	21.7%
% Received	\$ 11,518,000	\$ 10,878,000	\$ 640,000	5.9%

Total General Fund Tax Revenue 2022-23 Actual Compared to Budget

Monthly Amounts

	2022-23 Budget		2022-23 Actual	Over / (Under)	
	Percent	Amount		Amount	Percent
Jul	8.3%	\$ 12,548,000	\$ 11,684,000	\$ (864,000)	-6.9%
Aug	8.0%	12,139,000	11,243,000	(896,000)	-7.4%
Sep	8.3%	12,562,000	11,597,000	(965,000)	-7.7%
Oct	9.4%	14,210,000	12,396,000	(1,814,000)	-12.8%
Nov	8.2%	12,344,000	11,475,000	(869,000)	-7.0%
Dec	8.4%	12,708,000	12,607,000	(101,000)	-0.8%
Jan	8.9%	13,543,000	14,485,000	942,000	7.0%
Feb	7.8%	11,861,000	12,349,000	488,000	4.1%
Mar	8.2%	12,457,000	13,141,000	684,000	5.5%
Apr	8.4%	12,699,000			
May	7.9%	11,967,000			
Jun	8.2%	12,415,000			
Totals	100.0%	\$ 151,453,000	\$ 110,977,000	\$ (3,395,000)	-2.2%

Cumulative Amounts

	2022-23 Budget		2022-23 Actual	Over / (Under)	
	Percent	Amount		Amount	Percent
Jul	8.3%	\$ 12,548,000	\$ 11,684,000	\$ (864,000)	-6.9%
Jul-Aug	16.3%	24,687,000	22,927,000	(1,760,000)	-7.1%
Jul-Sep	24.6%	37,249,000	34,524,000	(2,725,000)	-7.3%
Jul-Oct	34.0%	51,459,000	46,920,000	(4,539,000)	-8.8%
Jul-Nov	42.1%	63,803,000	58,395,000	(5,408,000)	-8.5%
Jul-Dec	50.5%	76,511,000	71,002,000	(5,509,000)	-7.2%
Jul-Jan	59.5%	90,054,000	85,487,000	(4,567,000)	-5.1%
Jul-Feb	67.3%	101,915,000	97,836,000	(4,079,000)	-4.0%
Jul-Mar	75.5%	114,372,000	110,977,000	(3,395,000)	-3.0%
Jul-Apr	83.9%	127,071,000			
Jul-May	91.8%	139,038,000			
Jul-Jun	100.0%	151,453,000			

Tax and License Annual Privilege Tax Revenue Projections

Method	Total Tax		Over / (Under)	
	Projected	Budget	Amount	Percent
% of Increase	\$ 151,319,000	\$ 151,453,000	\$ (134,000)	-0.1%
% Received	\$ 146,957,000	\$ 151,453,000	\$ (4,496,000)	-3.0%

Tempe Transit Shelter Design Update

Update

The transportation and engineering team is currently working with three contractors to prepare sites, fabricate and install our new transit shelters.



Medium Transit Shelter

- Entellus – This firm is developing the engineering plans for each of the first 30 locations where shelters will be placed. In addition to the pad for the shelter, improvements are also included for adjacent sidewalk, curb and gutter; bike rack; trash receptacle; signage; and an 8' x 49' sidewalk providing accessible loading at the rear door of the bus.

The priority list for installation, as presented to the City Council and public during design, assesses three major criteria: ridership, heat vulnerability, and transit propensity. Transit propensity indicates the likelihood of using transit within a census tract. Factors include population, employment, zero car households, poverty, BIPOC populations and people with disabilities.

- Caliente Construction Inc. – A proposal for construction of the first 4 shelter pads and improvements is scheduled for the Council Meeting on May 18, 2023. They have been working concurrently with Entellus to track costs, inventory and availability of materials. They are prepared to begin construction once the contract is approved.

- Southwest Fabrication – This company is under contract to fabricate the first 30 shelters. They are prepared to fabricate and install the shelters as soon as pads are available. We expect the first four shelters will be installed this summer, with the balance of shelters installed following completion of the pads.

The new shelters are part of the ReFresh Tempe program. Temporary signage will be in place during construction and installation. We are reviewing options for a permanent ‘ReFresh Tempe’ sign under the ‘bus stop’ sign at each location.



Small Transit Shelter



Small Transit Shelter with additional seating



Micro Shelter at night



Micro Shelter detail

Background

Tempe worked with TY Lin, a local consultant team, guided by a Steering Committee and a public meeting process, to develop 4 new transit shelter designs that encourage increased ridership by improving the waiting environment. The final designs will provide a new iconic Tempe identity for the transit system.

There are currently 777 bus stops citywide in Tempe. Roughly 60% of the stops are without shelters. The new designs provide options for varying site conditions, allowing placement at bus stops with limited right of way.

Extensive public outreach (over 400 comments & survey responses) identified and prioritized key features. Improving shade coverage and increasing seating were at the top of the list. In these designs we are meeting the needs of more transit riders by serving restricted sites with a smaller footprint shelter, at lesser cost than our current shelters.

Modifications

The three completed prototypes were installed at the Tempe Library and were available for viewing and comments for one month. After reviewing the comments received in person and on line, and considering the input by staff, the design team made some changes. We also added variety in the color of the roofs, reflecting the city's established palette.



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Digital Cross Street Banners at Rio Salado & Mill/5th & Mill/University & Mill

DTA is currently exploring the possibility of digital cross street banners at the intersections Rio Salado & Mill/5th & Mill/University & Mill to replace the traditional cross street banner. DTA is under contract with IKE/SmartCity/Orange Barrel Media for all digital wayfinding signage in the downtown district. Exploration discussions are underway between IKE/SmartCity and DTA to determine the feasibility of developing and installing digital cross street banners.

This product does not currently exist, but is within the realm of possibility. Development and installation costs, as well as an advertising model that could possibly fund the project, are still to be determined. Currently, DTA is working with IKE/SmartCity to create conceptual renderings, power, structure and other logistical support for the banners. DTA expects to have this preliminary information within the next 6 weeks.

In terms of timing, we estimate that a project like this would take approximately 16 months. See breakdown below (this is of course, very approximate):

1. **Months 0 – 2:** Receive City Council approval for sign code edit and execute lease agreement with DTA
2. **Months 3 – 5:** Entitlement, Design, and Due Diligence
3. **Months 6 – 8:** Construction Documents (Complete Architectural, Structural, Civil and Electrical Plans)
4. **Months 9 – 12:** Plan Check and Construction Permits
5. **Months 13 – 15:** Construction/Installation
6. **Month 16:** Banners Launch

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AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

Every April people gather to celebrate World Autism Month, beginning with World Autism Awareness Day on April 2nd. This year marked the 16th annual World Autism Awareness Day. In 2021 the Autism Society of America shifted their designation of April as Autism Awareness Month to **Autism Acceptance Month**. The main motive behind this change is to focus on the acceptance, support, and inclusion of autistic people in society without trying to change them or expecting a cure. Many gather throughout the month of April to speak and raise awareness, post on social media about those who have autism and have done powerful things and wear the official color of this month, blue, to signal support for autistic people.



A vast majority of Americans are directly and indirectly impacted by autism. According to a new report released from the Centers for Disease Control last month, autism is the fastest-growing developmental disability in the United States, with one in 36 children receiving a diagnosis.

Tempe Initiatives

To create more inclusive and welcoming spaces for community members and visitors, and supporting several Council Quality of Life Performance Measures, the City of Tempe has engaged with a variety of initiatives including the following:



- ◆ Earned **Certified Autism Center™** designation, awarded by the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards
- ◆ Installed two augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) boards at **Clark Park** and **Meyer Park** to support non-verbal and multimodal communication strategies

ABOVE: Adaptive Recreation and Community Services Leadership Team, City Managers, and Councilmember Doreen Garlid accept a certificate from Meredith Tekin, President of IBCCES

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Each of these initiatives represent and help to further enrich our commitment to providing inclusive play opportunities for children of all-abilities and promoting healthy physical activity, exploration, and learning, ensuring no one is left out.

At the City of Tempe we not only recognize autistic people but also walk next to them in their journey in our city. Under the leadership of **Samantha Mason** and **Joe Steele**, our Adaptive Recreation program provides opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to engage in a myriad of opportunities, from skateboarding to bowling, to kayaking, coordination of a Special Olympics chapter, and various social gatherings.

Whether a fellow employee, a neighbor or a guest who is traveling to see our beautiful city, we want them to feel seen, accepted and a part of our Tempe community. To find out more about how to support and recognize autistic people, you can follow social media platforms to learn more like Arizona Autism United or Autism Speaks, volunteer in your community through organizations like Special Olympics Arizona or be an advocate for the autistic community using your educated voice about their power and abilities.

Whether you have autism, love someone who does or are looking to support a diverse, accepting and kind community – let's stand together and pledge our support to make a world of difference by helping all people with autism know their potential and how their exceptional abilities create diversity and a beautiful place for us all to live in.

Helpful Links:

Center for Disease Controls ASD Information: <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/facts.html>

Arizona Autism United: <https://azaunited.org/>

Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center: <https://www.autismcenter.org/>

Communication boards: <https://researchautism.org/what-are-communication-boards/>

City of Tempe Adaptive Recreation: <https://www.tempe.gov/adaptive>



ABOVE: An AAC board installed at the new Clark Park Playground, providing English on one side and Spanish on the other.

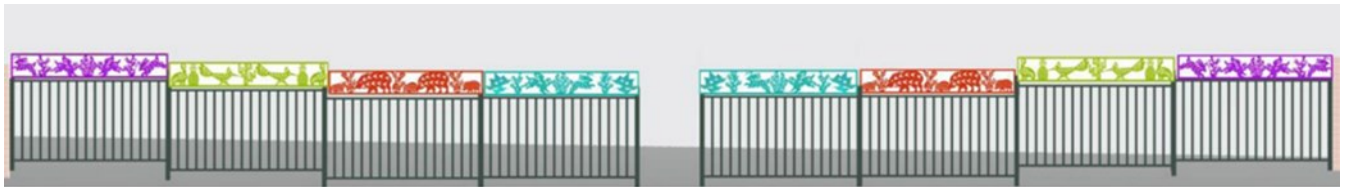
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NEW PUBLIC ART IN NEIGHBORHOODS

Alameda Meadows Neighborhood

In early May, a new artwork will be installed in the Alameda Neighborhood. Alameda Meadows Neighborhood Association received a Mary Anne Corder Grant to commission artists Rachel Slick and Timothy Shirack. Their design is a colorful artwork made from aluminum that will be welded to the top of the fence at South Los Feliz between East Concorda Drive and East Aspen. The art pieces are currently under fabrication. The sample shown here (RIGHT) has not yet been powder coated, but when complete it will be vibrant shades of green, turquoise, copper, and purple.



McClintock Neighborhood

McClintock Neighborhood Association also received a Mary Anne Corder Grant to commission artist Charles Hilton. Hilton created a design for tilework on the standpipe in Selleh Park and has spent the past several months completing the design details and making individual tiles. The artist has worked closely with the community to ensure that all imagery reflects their grant intentions. The artist is currently completing tile creation and will install the final artwork before June of 2023.



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Special Events Update: April 21-May 9

The Special Events Task Force Committee works with event producers up to 12 months in advance to ensure that administrative and operational logistics are addressed before the event receives final approval.



Date	Event	Location	Notation
4/22	Spokes for Scholarships	Spokes on Southern	Charity Fundraiser
4/22	Moving the Needle	FABRIC	Charity Fundraiser
4/25	Arts in the Parks Spring Celebration	Selleh Park	Community Event
4/26	Arts in the Parks Spring Celebration	Scudder Park	Community Event
4/26	Splash & Dash	Tempe Town Lake	Swim & Run
4/27	Society of Behavioral Medicine Conference Run	Kiwanis Park	Private Event
4/28	Saddle Up Auction	Gethsemane Church	Fundraiser
4/28	TIE Foundation Fundraiser	Tempe History Museum	TESD Fundraiser
4/29	Best Buddies Friendship Walk	Tempe Diablo Stadium	Charity Walk
4/29	TCH Craft Fair	215 W. Lodge	Community Event
4/29	Shelter Dog Dash	Kiwanis Park	Charity Walk/Run
4/30	Cactus Man Triathlon	Arts Park	Triathlon
4/30	Peace of Mind	Kiwanis Park	Charity Walk/Run
4/30	Buses, Bugs & Brews	Hop Knot Brewing	Extension of Premises
5/5	Movies in the Park	Kiwanis Park	Family Movie Series
5/5	Bonfire Craft Kitchen	Bonfire Craft Kitchen	Extension of Premises
5/5	Fat Tuesday Cinco de Mayo	Fat Tuesday	Extension of Premises
5/5-5/6	CASA Cinco de Mayo Party	CASA	Extension of Premises
5/5	Arts in the Parks Spring Celebration	Hollis Park	Community Event
5/6	Arts in the Parks Spring Celebration	Harelson Park	Community Event
5/6	Train Your Brain – CARE 7	Kiwanis Park	Awareness Walk
5/6	Fiesta de Taco	Tempe Beach Park	Music Festival
5/9	Arts in the Parks Spring Celebration	Optimist Park	Community Event

For additional information on activities, events, and things to do in and around Tempe, visit:

Tempe Center for the Arts (Tempe.gov/TCA),

Downtown Tempe Authority (Downtowntempe.com/explore),

Tempe Tourism (Tempetourism.com), and

Tempe Public Library (Tempepubliclibrary.org).

