



## **City Council Weekly Information Packet**

Friday, November 6, 2020

Includes the following documents/information:

- 1) City Council Events Schedule
- 2) State and Federal Update & Grant Opportunities
- 3) Flu Vaccination Clinics in Partnership with Passport Health
- 4) Tempe Coalition for Affordable Housing, Inc (the Affiliate)
- 5) Community Services Department Update
- 6) Municipal Utilities Department Update
- 7) Engineering & Transportation Department Updates

# City Council Events Schedule

November 06, 2020 thru December 14, 2020



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.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Fri	Nov 6	6:15-8:15 p.m.	<p>Tempe Union High School District - Tempe High School Field Dedication</p> <p>Location: Tempe High School 1730 S. Mill Avenue, Tempe, AZ</p>
Sat	Nov 7	9:00-10:00 a.m.	<p>Hudson Manor NA – 10-Year Anniversary of Faithful City Church Hudson Park Cleanups</p> <p>Location: Hudson Park North Ramada 1430 S. Cedar St., Tempe, AZ</p>
Tue	Nov 10	Noon – 1:00 p.m.	<p>Clark Park and Aquatic Center Virtual Public Meeting</p> <p><a href="http://tempe.webex.com">tempe.webex.com</a> Event number: 146 952 7496 Event password: Clark Audio conference: To receive a call back, provide your phone number when you join the event, or call the number below and enter the access code. U.S. Toll +1-408-418-9388 Access code: 146 952 7496</p>
Tue	Nov 10	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	<p>Clark Park and Aquatic Center Virtual Public Meeting</p> <p><a href="http://tempe.webex.com">tempe.webex.com</a> Event number: 146 106 3537 Event password: Clark Audio conference: To receive a call back, provide your phone number when you join the event, or call the number below and enter the access code. U.S. Toll +1-408-418-9388 Access code: 146 106 3537</p>
Mon	Nov 16	6:30-5:30 p.m.	<p>Corona del Sol Estates Neighborhood Association Virtual Meeting</p> <p><a href="https://zoom.us/join">zoom.us/join</a> Meeting id: 936 5831 4055 Password: Corona Or dial-in: 669-900-6833, press # and enter Meeting ID Password: 480233</p>

Tue	Nov 17	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	<p>Tempe Community Center Complex Virtual Public Meeting  <a href="http://tempe.webex.com">tempe.webex.com</a></p> <p>Event number: 146 402 1856    Event password: Tempe          Audio conference: To receive a call back, provide your phone number when you join the event, or call the number below and enter the access code.          U.S. Toll +1-408-418-9388    Access code: 146 402 1856</p>
Thu	Nov 26	7:00-8:00 p.m.	<p>Facebook Live Downtown Tempe Holiday Special          Centerpoint Plaza in Downtown Tempe          730 S Mill Ave, Tempe, AZ</p> <p>This live-streamed event invites viewers to tune into Facebook and Instagram Live on Thanksgiving night at 7:00 p.m. to enjoy.  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/1560312710825680/">https://www.facebook.com/events/1560312710825680/</a></p>
Mon	Dec 14	1:00-1:30 p.m.	<p>Ribbon Cutting for United Dairymen of Arizona</p> <p>Join us in a virtual celebration as we celebrate United Dairymen of Arizona's 60th Anniversary! We invite our members and Ambassadors to attend this unique, online event! During this event, attendees will have the opportunity to hear from United Dairymen of Arizona and introduce themselves through a 30-second commercial.</p> <p>Please register here:  <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register</a></p>

# MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and City Council  
THROUGH: Andrew Ching, City Manager  
FROM: Marge Zylla, Government Relations Officer  
DATE: November 6, 2020  
SUBJECT: State and Federal Update & Grant Opportunities

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

- USCM Federal Update
- NLC Elections Update
- Congressional Activity Outlook, Lame Duck Session
- Arizona State Legislative Elections
- State Expenditures of COVID Relief Update
- Governor Executive Orders
- Cox Business Update

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.

## USCM Federal Update

*Via US Conference of Mayors Staff, 11/5/20*

### Senator McConnell: Senate Will Return with Stimulus Top Priority, State and Local Aid

The day after his reelection for a seventh term as Senator from Kentucky, the Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said at a news conference that, "We will need another rescue package. The Senate goes back into session next Monday. Hopefully, the partisan passions that prevented us from doing another rescue package will subside with the election. And I think we need to do it and I think we need to do it before the end of the year. It's a possibility we will do more for state and local governments."

The Senator's comments could reopen the relief negotiations that were shut down right before the election. During those negotiations, Senator McConnell seemingly hung back and was not involved, leaving it to Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin to have the largest role in the relief talks with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Senator McConnell was the one, too, that advised the White House to stop the negotiations until after the election was over.

Congress hasn't provided economic aid since last spring.

He says we have to "kill" the virus, and there's no way to get back to normal until we meet the virus with what's needed.

"Other sectors need help too," said McConnell, adding further, "But I don't get to make the final decision. We have to deal with the Democrats." And now that the election is over, he said yesterday that, "State and local could end up being a part of it."

So as we continue to look for some glimmer of hope for emergency fiscal assistance to our cities, Senator McConnell's remarks yesterday are welcomed and we are advocating that the sooner economic virus relief is passed is better for cities throughout the nation hit hard economically by the pandemic.

## NLC Elections Update

*Via National League of Cities Staff, 11/5/20*

### Reporting Delays

*Although reporting delays continue to occur, the count is proceeding smoothly and on pace in most locations.*

**Key Takeaways:** As anticipated, a large volume of mail-in ballots, some lawsuits, late returning mail-in ballots, some military and overseas ballots, and careful counting are causing reporting to take several days in key swing states.

**Georgia:** Originally hoping to have ballots counted by noon today, Georgia elections officials reported over [60,000 ballots to count as of 10:30 AM](#). They believe the count will be complete within the day. Here is the [breakdown as of 11 AM](#). As of 3 PM, there were 47,277 ballots still to count in Georgia.

**Arizona:** While Arizona was called by several media outlets on November 3, the official count is not yet in. Arizona Secretary of State Katie Hobbs has stated [all votes will be counted](#), and said there are approximately 450,000 ballots left for the state to count – about 300,000 of those coming from Maricopa County, where Phoenix is located.

**Pennsylvania:** With 369,000 ballots still to be counted as of November 5 at 3 PM, Pennsylvania Secretary of State says a bulk of the count will likely be reported by the [end of Thursday](#). Meanwhile, [Allegheny County](#) did not count ballots Thursday. The county paused counting 35,000 ballots due to a

pool of 29,000 ballots caught in a legal challenge. All parties agreed those 29,000 votes will not be dealt with until the deadline for all mail-in ballots on Friday at 5 PM. Another 6,000 ballots could not be scanned and will be manually counted.

**USPS Update:** According to data from federal court filings today, USPS just processed thousands of ballots in key battleground states including over 9,037 in Nevada, nearly 6,000 that may affect North Carolina, and 6,877 across Pennsylvania. If properly postmarked, these could be counted per state laws and may result in additional delays in delivering the final count for these key states. Meanwhile, USPS must sweep [processing facilities twice daily](#) in states that allow properly postmarked ballots to be counted after election day.

### Integrity of the Electoral Process

*In the days after the election, there are remaining challenges with disinformation circulating on social media even with support from Facebook and Twitter, and unprocessed ballots at USPS facilities.*

**Key Takeaways:** While there were challenges, election officials in Georgia and other states are responding with examples of how secure the process is and providing reasons for the delays in reporting.

**At [US Postal Service sorting facilities](#) on election day**, about 7%, or 300,000 ballots, of ballots that arrived on election day were not processed in time to be counted and could not be traced.

**In DeKalb County, Georgia**, widespread disinformation about 40,000 rejected vote-by-mail ballots was found to be false, according to the [DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections](#). Currently, only 200 ballots are being cured, allowing voters to reconcile issues with their ballot, and voters are being contacted by phone or overnight mail.

**In [Philadelphia, PA](#)**, the District Attorney's Office and Election Task Force investigated a claim of banning Republican poll watchers at poll sites in Philadelphia. It turned out to be an isolated incident around poll site assignment, which was swiftly corrected soon after.

**In the contentious race for Georgia**, [Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger](#) provided more information about the numerous security measures, including surveillance cameras, ballot counting rooms including State monitor, and locked absentee ballot drop-off by 7 PM on Election Day implemented in Georgia.

**In recent days**, [Twitter and Facebook](#) have stepped up and taken action with social media banners, flagging misinformation and issuing warnings on premature victory claims.

**Additional Resources:** [Check your ballot status](#); **In some states you can see if it was accepted.**

### Contested Results and Demonstrations

*Protests throughout the country were largely peaceful, with isolated incidents of clashes with police.*

**Key Takeaways:** Whether to halt the counting process or "count every vote" is the foremost concern of protesters: Trump supporters demand an end to the count, while opponents of the President insist that every vote must be counted. Both Trump and Biden have reinforced the messages favored by their respective supporters.

After a day of peaceful protests in **New York City**, NYPD halted protesters as they entered Union Square, and [confrontations](#) between demonstrators and police ensued. Aside from [several small trash can fires](#), there was no property damage as some had feared. Nearby, an interfaith group [sang and prayed](#) in a post-election ritual that brought together both in-person and remote participants.

Supporters of the President [converged](#) on vote centers in **Phoenix** and **Detroit** to demand a halt to ballot counting. Meanwhile, anti-Trump protesters marched and rallied in support of counting every vote in cities nationwide, including [Boston](#), [Denver](#), [Minneapolis](#), and [Portland](#). While most of the protests remained peaceful, [a small group of protesters in Portland smashed store windows](#), prompting Gov. Kate Brown to

call in the National Guard and a joint law enforcement command authorized by Brown to declare that gathering a riot.

### **Additional Resources:**

“Explainer: Have election-related protests materialized?” ([Associated Press](#))

“In photos: Demonstrations continue as the vote count drags on” ([The New York Times](#))

### **In the Courts**

*Lawsuits in a variety of states continue and may determine official election results, but the election is unlikely to be decided by the Supreme Court.*

**Key Takeaways:** Court challenges continue to unfold across the country, and there is no easy way to predict outcomes. An appeal to the Supreme Court cannot be made without first making its way through the courts.

A **Michigan** judge has dismissed a lawsuit by President Donald Trump’s campaign in a dispute over whether Republican challengers had access to the handling of absentee ballots. ([source](#))

The Trump campaign and the Nevada Republican Party plan to file a lawsuit claiming as many as 10,000 voters in **Nevada** cast a ballot despite no longer living there. ([source](#))

In **Pennsylvania**, the Trump campaign won a state appellate ruling to allow party and campaign observers closer to election workers who are processing mail-in ballots in Philadelphia, but the order did not halt the counting of ballots that is proceeding in Pennsylvania. ([source](#))

A Superior Court judge dismissed a lawsuit on Thursday filed by the Trump campaign that accused elections officials in **Chatham County, Georgia**, of mishandling absentee ballots. ([source](#))

### **Additional Resources:**

Election challenges live updates ([USA Today](#))

EXPLAINER: What effect could lawsuits have on the election? ([Associated Press](#))

If Trump Tries to Sue His Way to Election Victory, Here’s What Happens ([ProPublica](#))

### **Media Roundup**

As we enter day two of post-election coverage, the media is continuing to pay close attention to the counting of outstanding ballots in battleground states, as well as the numerous legal challenges that have arisen regarding the tabulation of votes. By Wednesday afternoon, federal judges had [dismissed two lawsuits](#) filed by President Trump’s campaign in the battleground states of Michigan and Georgia. Meanwhile, demonstrations regarding the impending final results of the election have [remained largely peaceful](#), with some arrests in [Portland](#), [Minneapolis](#) and [New York City](#) receiving local and national media attention. Public officials are continuing to urge calm and patience, and the *Wall Street Journal* editorial board [echoed this message](#): “The task for this year is to finish the job by the book: Ignore overheated rhetoric, let state and local officials complete the count, and trust in the rule of law.”

### *Notable Coverage:*

[Biden pushes closer to win as Trump presses legal threats](#), *Associated Press*, November 5, 2020

[‘Count Every Vote!’: Large Post-election Protests Seen In Several U.S. Cities](#), *National Public Radio*, November 5, 2020

[Demonstrators gather in cities and outside election offices amid election tensions](#), *CNN*, November 5, 2020

[Riot declared in Portland as rioters smash windows](#), *Associated Press*, November 5, 2020

[Election protests across the US: National Guard activated in Portland; Trump supporters gather in Phoenix, Las Vegas](#), *USA Today*, November 5, 2020

[Philadelphia, Minneapolis among cities seeing post-election unrest](#), *Fox News*, November 5, 2020

[Arizona secretary of state: 'Of course we're going to count all the votes'](#), *NBC/Today Show*, November 5, 2020

[U.S. Cities Confront Unrest That Election Night Spared Them](#), *Bloomberg*, November 4, 2020

[Editorial: Trump and Biden Go to Election Overtime](#), *Wall Street Journal*, November 4, 2020

## **Congressional Activity Outlook, Lame Duck Session**

*Via Van Scoyoc Associates, 11/2/20*

Attached is a document prepared by Tempe's federal lobbying firm that outlines upcoming Congressional dates and potential federal activity in the areas of COVID relief, appropriations, national defense, healthcare, water policies and tax provisions.

## **Arizona State Legislative Elections**

Below is information on the State Legislative races for the districts that overlap the boundaries of the City of Tempe. Attached is an infographic created by the League of Arizona Cities and Towns that includes current vote totals on races throughout the state, with check marks for races that appear to be out of reach, and the overall makeup of the State Legislature.

### *Takeaways for the makeup of the State Legislature:*

If the current status holds, the House may have 31 Republican and 29 Democrat State Representatives and the Senate may have 16 Republican and 14 Democrat State Senators.

- House of Representatives: 31R-29D currently. This overall split would be unchanged from last session, however, it is reflected in different districts—the Democrats appear to have lost one seat (Rep. Peten) and the Republicans appear to have lost one seat (Rep. Kern).
- State Senate: 16R-14D currently. This would be a gain of one seat for the Democrats since last session—Christine Marsh replacing Sen. Brophy McGee. These votes are still being counted.

### *Legislative Districts that Overlap Tempe:*

Counts as of 11/6/20, 1:30pm, of the State Legislative races in districts overlapping Tempe. These are via [Maricopa County Recorder](#) and updated counts will continue to be made available at [this link](#).

#### *DISTRICT 18*

State Senator

**BOWIE, SEAN** DEM 69,849 59%

SHARER, SUZANNE REP 48,711 41%

State Representatives

**JERMAINE, JENNIFER** DEM 65,394 29%

**EPSTEIN, DENISE "MITZI"** DEM 63,366 28%

ROBSON, BOB REP 49,714 22%

HAWKER, DON REP 44,481 20%

#### *DISTRICT 26*

State Senator

**MENDEZ, JUAN** DEM 44,408 68%

CHIN, JAE REP 21,333 32%

State Representatives

**HERNANDEZ, MELODY** DEM 41,398 34%

**SALMAN, ATHENA** DEM 40,363 34%

SIFUENTES, SETH ""MARCUS"" REP 19,441 16%

LOUGHRIGE, BILL REP 19,130 16%

#### *DISTRICT 27*

State Senator



**RIOS, REBECCA** DEM 54,587 77%  
SHREVES, GARLAND REP 16,342 23%

State Representatives

**RODRIGUEZ, DIEGO** DEM 46,016 43%  
**BOLDING, REGINALD** DEM 41,674 39%  
PENA M., TATIANA REP 19,286 18%

### **State Expenditures of COVID Relief Update**

Last week's update included the Governor's Office announcements of additional allocations from the Crisis Contingency and Safety Net Fund, which is appropriated funding in the state budget. The allocations are now reflected in the Joint Legislative Budget Committee staff's Executive Allocation of Discretionary COVID Funding Program Summary at [this link](#).

### **Governor Executive Orders**

The Governor has issued a number of Executive Orders in the past months. They can be found at [this link](#). No Executive Orders were issued this month.

### **Cox Business Update**

Cox Communications staff provided an update on recent activities and programs. The update is attached.



# 116<sup>th</sup> Congress Lame Duck Session

# Calendar

The Senate is scheduled to return November 9, 2020

The House is scheduled to return November 16, 2020

- Leadership Elections November 18-19, 2020
- New Member Orientation – November 12-21 and November 29-December 5

The current CR expires December 11, 2020

Swearing-in Day: January 4, 2021

Inauguration Day: January 20, 2021

## Key Election Dates

November 3	General Election
December 14	Electors vote in their states
December 23	Certificates of Electoral Votes Delivered
January 6, 2021	Joint Session of Congress to count Electoral Votes



# Overview

Congress will try to pass four major pieces of legislation in a Lamé Duck session. With only three or four legislative weeks, these may pass as stand alone bills or some may be packaged together.

1. COVID Relief
2. FY 2021 Appropriations
3. National Defense Authorization Act
4. Healthcare Extenders

In addition to these four major pieces of legislation, other significant bills may also get added to any final package. These include:

1. Water Resources Development Act
2. Tax Extenders

The outcome of the election may impact what Congress is able to achieve.

- If Democrats sweep, they may prefer to delay legislation until they fully control the government.
- Alternatively, if Republicans lose the Senate, they may be more inclined to negotiate to at least have some say in the final bills this year.
- If President Trump loses, he may not want to negotiate with Democrats
- Further complicating things in the Senate, is the Arizona Senate race, where if Democrat Mark Kelly were to win, he could be seated as soon as November 30.



# COVID Relief

Background: For months, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin have tried to negotiate a deal on the next relief package. Election year politics have slowed the process. Recently, both sides have expressed that they are getting closer to reaching a deal.

Prospects: Americans continue to suffer because of the impacts of the coronavirus and the lasting impacts on the economy are significant. A deal could be struck before the end of this Congress to pass another relief bill. Potential components include:

- Additional stimulus payments to eligible adults
- Extension of increased federal unemployment benefits
- Additional funding for education and childcare
- Additional funding for State and Local governments
- Additional funding for testing, tracing, and treatment
- Extension of Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)
- Some liability protections for businesses



# Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations

Background: The current Continuing Resolution (CR) expires on December 11, 2020, leaving three legislative weeks for Congress to reach a deal or pass another CR. The House has passed 10 of 12 appropriations bills (Homeland Security and Leg Branch have passed through committee).

The Senate has not passed any of its appropriations bills yet but is expected to post bills and reports online after the election. The House and Senate still need to conference all 12 appropriations bills. There is overall agreement on top-line numbers, but a significant amount of work remains to be done.

Prospects: While the likelihood of a government shutdown seems slim at this point, it is unclear whether the Appropriations Committee will be able to finish its work, or whether another CR will be needed to extend into 2021.

At the very least, it is likely that one or more short-term CRs will be required beyond December 11 to give Congress time to reach a deal.



# National Defense Authorization Act

Background: In July, the House and Senate each passed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Each chamber's bill authorizes \$740.5 billion in defense spending for FY2021. The annual defense authorization bill authorizes the Pentagon, military services and defense agencies to spend funds appropriated for FY2021, and it sets policy with respect to the spending of appropriated funds.

Prospects: Leaders of the House and Senate Committees on Armed Services have begun to informally discuss differing provisions in each chamber's bill, and it is anticipated that conferees to officially reconcile the House-passed and Senate-passed legislation will be appointed in mid-November.

Several issues that conferees will grapple with during conference negotiations include:

- Significant difference regarding deployment of ICBMs, the resumption of nuclear testing, and future nuclear weapons budgeting
- Funding levels for the new Pacific Deterrence Initiative
- The total number of F-35 Joint Strike Fighters and Virginia-class submarines authorized for procurement
- Provisions calling for the re-naming of military installations and facilities named after Confederate leaders
- Limitations on the President's ability to withdraw U.S. troops from foreign countries

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA) has indicated he hopes that the conference report to accompany the annual authorization bill will be brought to the House and Senate floor for a vote the first week in December.



# Healthcare / Health Extenders

Background: The Continuing Resolution (CR) enacted to keep the federal government open through December 11 included continuations of several expiring health care extenders. Some of the key extenders include:

- **Medicaid:**
  - Delay in Disproportionate Share Hospital reductions
  - Extension of Money Follows the Person rebalancing demonstration.
  - Extension of Community Mental Health Services demonstration program
- **Public Health**
  - Community Health Centers, National Health Services Corps, Teaching Health Centers that operate Graduate Medical Education Programs
  - Special Diabetes Programs
  - Rare Pediatric Disease Priority Review Voucher extension
- **Medicare:**
  - Extension of Work Geographic Index Floor
  - Extension of funding for Quality Measure Endorsement, Input, and Selection
  - Extension of funding Outreach and Assistance for Low-Income programs
  - Medicare Part B Premium and Deductible
  - Modifying accelerated and advance payment programs under Parts A and Part B during the COVID-19 Emergency
- Additionally, suspension of the 2% payment adjustment currently applied to all Medicare Fee-For-Service claims due to sequestration ends December 31

Prospects: The end-of-year spending package is likely the last moving vehicle for the year, making it attractive for attaching Member priorities. However, it remains unclear if legislative priorities beyond extending the expiring provisions will be included in the package. For example, there has been a push, particularly from retiring Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee Chair Alexander (R-TN), to include provisions addressing surprise billing, but whether or not that will be achievable remains to be seen.





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# Additional Items

## Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)

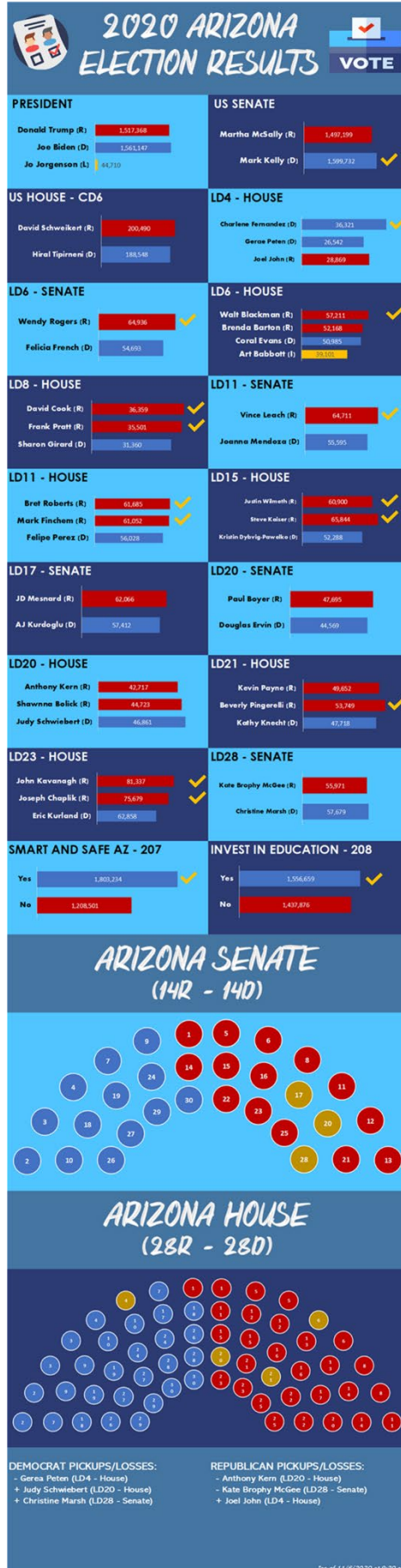
- The House passed its version of the Water Resources Development Act in July. The Senate held a Full Committee mark up in May. However, House and Senate staff are currently negotiating a Water Resources Development Act that could still pass both the House and Senate and be sent to the President in December.

## Tax Extenders

- While there are 33 tax provisions that are set to sunset at the end of 2020, in recent years Congress has often let these provisions expire and then re-instated them retroactively before the next tax filing season.



Current Vote Counts as of 11/6/20, 9:30am, Updates Forthcoming”





## ARIZONA BUSINESS UPDATE THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2020

### Our Customers are Counting on Us

- To keep ahead of the technology curve and the needs of our customers, we continue to invest in our network with critical **upgrades in the communities we serve**. When we schedule network improvements in a neighborhood, customer services may be briefly interrupted during the day, but prior to this work, we are **actively communicating** with impacted customers and area schools so each can plan to minimize interruptions to remote work or online classes.
- We continue to monitor and **manage our network to meet increasing demands** and it is holding up well. You can access the NCTA dashboard for weekly updates: [www.ncta.com/COVIDdashboard](http://www.ncta.com/COVIDdashboard).

### We are Here for Our Communities

- Cox recently **extended our low-cost internet service** offer through the end of the year to K-12 students whose families qualify for government support. We are offering two months of free **Connect2Compete** service (\$9.95/month), as well as remote desktop and phone support through Cox Complete Care for eligible new customers who apply prior to **December 31, 2020**.
- Named after our company founder, the **James Cox Foundation recently gifted \$250,000** to our local Salvation Army organizations in Arizona and Nevada. This donation will support our neighbors in Phoenix, Tucson, Sierra Vista, Douglas, and Las Vegas by providing food and housing assistance to those struggling due to the pandemic.
- Cox recently partnered with the **Black Family & Child Services of Arizona to provided 30 free computers to students to help prepare foster youth to succeed** in today's virtual learning environment.
- Cox Charities recently announced its selection of **111 Arizona nonprofit organizations to receive nearly \$560,000 in grant funding**, provided primarily from the generous donations of Cox's 3,100 Arizona employees. Cox Charities has awarded approximately \$8.5 million over the last two decades to Arizona nonprofits.
- The Arizona Department of Education recently hosted an education technology webinar for school districts within the Cox footprint in Phoenix and Tucson. The webinar focused on how to keep students connected during the pandemic, and featured presentations from Cox, Mesa Unified School District and Tolleson Elementary School District.
- Cox will continue to keep its 2,500+ Arizona WiFi hot spots open to anyone for free through the end of the year, and will continue to suspend late fees and extend payment flexibility to Connect2Compete customers through June 2021 when they contact Cox to let us know they are impacted by the pandemic.
- In Southern Arizona, the Amphi Foundation has partnered with Cox and Comcast to offer free internet service to economically challenged families. The Amphi Foundation and GRIN (another local nonprofit) have made an initial commitment of up to \$35,000 to sponsor at least **six months of free internet** connectivity for as many Amphi families as possible. The district-wide partnership is the first of its kind in Southern Arizona.

### Supporting our Cox Workforce

- Civic engagement is a core value for Cox. That's why we **provided our employees up to six paid hours to exercise their right to vote** in federal, state, and local primary and general elections. In addition, we continue to educate our employees on the importance of voting through our internal communication channels.

# MEMORANDUM



**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**THROUGH:** Steven Methvin, Deputy City Manager  
**FROM:** Human Services and Community Services Departments  
**DATE:** November 6, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Flu Vaccination Clinics in partnership with Passport Health®

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## PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update to Mayor and Council regarding the development of a partnership between the City of Tempe and Passport Health® to provide no-cost Flu Vaccination Clinics to those most vulnerable in Tempe. Flu vaccinations will be offered throughout the community between November 14, 2020 and January 17, 2021.

## BACKGROUND

In partnership with Passport Health®, a leading provider of travel medicine and immunization services in North America, a Flu Vaccination Task Force comprised of members from the Community Services and Human Services Departments, Communications and Media Relations, the Office of Strategic Management and Diversity, and Tempe Fire Medical Rescue, has met regularly to create and implement a Flu Vaccination Clinic model. This model will be deployed throughout the City of Tempe. Passport Health® is contracted by the Maricopa County Department of Public Health to provide Flu vaccination services throughout Maricopa County. Flu shots will be offered to any resident of Maricopa County ages six months and older at no cost; those with and without insurance will be accepted. An emphasis has been placed on locations to serve those that are most vulnerable, underinsured or uninsured. The Task Force's has developed a model in careful consideration of current COVID-19 mitigation strategies, and following Risk Management and Legal recommendations. This model will inform the future dissemination process and vaccine accessibility of the COVID-19 vaccination once it becomes available.

## ACCESS POINTS

Upon review of Tempe dashboard metrics, the Flu Vaccination Task Force identified **Static Clinic Access Points** within the following zip codes: 85281, 85282 and 85283. Static Clinic Access Points will be staffed by Passport Health®, with support from the Community Services Department. While most of the identified locations are associated with the Community Services Department facilities, it should be noted that Redemption Tempe has volunteered their facility in support of this initiative. The Task Force is recommending that the static clinics run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning Saturday, November 14, 2020. Additional locations and dates are under consideration to further promote access based on need.

Static Clinic Access Points	Address	Dates
North Tempe Multi-Generational Center	1555 N Bridalwreath Street, 85281	November 14-15
Westside Multi-Generational Center*	715 W Fifth Street, 85251	November 18-19
Daley Park	1625 S College Ave, 85281	November 21-22
Pyle Adult Recreation Center	655 E Southern Avenue, 85282	December 5-6
Escalante Multi-Generational Center	2150 E Orange Street, 85281	December 12-13
Redemption Tempe	2150 E Southern Ave, 85282	December 19-20
Kiwanis Park Recreation Center	6111 S All-America Way, 85282	January 9-10
Benedict Sports Complex	490 W Guadalupe Rd, 85283	January 16-17

\* Flu Vaccinations will be made available along with COVID-19 Testing

To best serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness, the Task Force will staff **Mobile Clinic Access Points**. Mobile Clinic Access Points will be staffed by members of the Homeless Outreach Team (HOPE), Tempe Fire Medical

Rescue, and Passport Health®. The mobile clinics will run from 8:30a.m. to 11 a.m. beginning December 2, 2020. Similar to the static clinic access points, additional mobile clinic locations and dates are under consideration based on need.

<b>Mobile Clinic Access Points</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Hudson Park	1430 S Cedar St & Spence Avenue, 85281	December 2
Daley Park	1625 S College Ave, 85281	December 9
Tempe Beach Park	80 W Rio Salado Pkwy, 85281	December 16

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

There are three distinct outreach strategies that will be deployed to move this effort forward: static, community-wide events; neighborhood-focused events; and mobile clinic events. Each strategy is intended to maximize community outreach and participation. The following provides an itemized listing of tools that will be utilized for each distinct outreach strategy.

- **Static, Community-Wide Events**
  - Citywide eblasts;
  - Media release;
  - Citywide social media ;
  - Paid digital boosts targeting the community as a whole;
  - ACTIVE Net citywide eblast;
  - General creative campaign (e.g. Reach screens, Posters)
  
- **Neighborhood-Focused Events**
  - Site-specific doorhangers in surrounding neighborhoods;
  - Coordination with nearby schools;
  - ACTIVE Net-targeted eblasts;
  - Paid, targeted digital outreach based on zip code and boundaries;
  - Local social media accounts (Facebook groups when possible, Nextdoor);
  - Localized or targeted newsletters.
  
- **Mobile Clinics**
  - Park-specific;
  - No promotions (these are not community events);
  - Editorial story after vaccines have been administered.

Additionally, a friendly url ([tempe.gov/vaccines](http://tempe.gov/vaccines)) will be created to house all relevant information in English and Spanish.

## **DATA**

Upon the conclusion of this initiative, our intent is to inform Mayor and Council of the success of this initiative by providing an update regarding the number of individuals and families served.

## **STAFF CONTACTS**

If there are any questions or concerns, we are happy to respond and address.

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# MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Tempe Mayor and Council  
Tempe Housing Authority Governing Board

FROM: Naomi Farrell, Human Services Director

DATE: November 6, 2020

SUBJECT: Tempe Coalition for Affordable Housing, Inc (the Affiliate)

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## **Background**

The following memorandum provides an update on the status of the affiliate nonprofit of the City of Tempe Public Housing Authority (PHA).

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has outlined specific guidance related to the formation and definition of an affiliate, specifically meeting the requirement of 24 CFR 943.142 (a). The Tempe Coalition for Affordable Housing, Inc was formed in accordance with these requirements thereby allowing the flexibility to pursue objectives outside of the traditional HUD limitations.

In short, the Affiliate is an extension of the City of Tempe Public Housing Authority; with the flexibility to operate in a similar manner to private developers. This structure created a mechanism to acquire real property, secure loans, qualify for funding opportunities that the PHA is not eligible for (specifically 501(c)(3) funding opportunities, and to ultimately hold the properties as permanently affordable/workforce housing units for the community.

## **Current operating status**

### **Business operation**

The Affiliate was formed in March of 2018; since then through purchase and donation there are a total of 48 dwelling units under management with 7 additional units in beginning phases of construction. It is anticipated that by the end of this calendar year there will be 60 units as permanently restricted affordable and workforce rental units. This equates to a total of \$7,568,929.70 in assets under management, not including the COVID Recovery Initiative(s) units being purchased; those units will increase the assets under management by \$1,520,000 for a grand total of \$9,088,929.70 in total assets under management. {These amounts have been calculated at purchase cost.} Of the total(s) listed \$1,323,000 was in the form of donated dwelling units from the City of Tempe, the remainder has been purchased utilizing Federal Funding.

The Affiliate was structured, and is managed in way that allows for operations, maintenance and capital reserves to be funded through the rental receipts of the units. During the first year of ownership 100% of all net receipts are put into savings for maintenance and capital maintenance, beginning year 2 20% of the net receipts are put into savings and 80% of the net receipts are available for use to expand housing

opportunities through either acquisition. Currently there is roughly \$94,000 in savings for maintenance and capital maintenance.

Of the Affiliate units a 6 unit carve out has been accomplished to achieve Emergency Housing Units operated in conjunction with CARE 7 and the HOPE Outreach team. The Emergency Unit program was developed to provide immediate shelter (with a preference for families) who are extremely vulnerable who would otherwise be on the street awaiting shelter, safe housing and supportive services. This program was designed for a maximum 90-day utilization of the units while bridging the gap to a more permanent housing solution. During the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2020 59 families were assisted through the 6 units. Attachment 1 to this memo provides more detailed information about the specific families and demographic makeup of the individual families.

The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials recognized the Emergency Unit Program with an Award of Merit for program innovation and has been published in the annual publication as a replicable model.

Additionally, during Calendar Year 2019 \$120,000 of residual funding and cash donation(s) was utilized to rehabilitate (including full ADA accessibility modifications) 2 – 5-bedroom 3-bathroom single family houses that are currently rented as income restricted workforce housing units for large families.

Currently there is approximately \$50,000 in residual funding that is being ‘saved’ and added to for use in the acquisition and/or rehabilitation of additional housing units. At this time, it is projected that an additional \$30,000 in funding will be added to this in December as the unrestricted net receipts from business operations are finalized and added to the funding available for use.

#### Donations received

To date there have been \$70,000 in received cash donations to the Affiliate, with an additional \$70,000 in pledges yet to be received. These funds, subject to donor restriction, are added to the available funding

#### **Impact**

During the last two years, staff has effectively utilized and leveraged funding to achieve a base of permanently affordable housing units within the City of Tempe. Through compounding returns and continued federal funding allocation(s), these units will continue to multiply and provide a stable base of affordable/workforce housing units for residents in need. As described in Attachment 1, the impact of the Emergency Units has been immeasurable to the families as well as being an award-winning housing product.

Many of the families housed in the Affiliate units have complicated histories, and our ability to access the needs and provide required services through partnerships within Human Services and other partner agencies is allowing for permanent housing solutions for complicated situations with the certainty that the units will not be sold and/or made unaffordable through rent increases.

## Emergency Unit Information FY '19-'20

### 1. How many individuals

First emergency unit use in November of 2018.

132 individuals comprising 41 households have been placed in emergency units. Of these 41 households, 11 are Veteran households.

Average length of stay 57 days Longest length of stay 224 days Shortest length of stay 1 day.

FY '19-'20 Emergency Unit Referrals were received from the following:

CARE7 Victim Advocates- 1 ea. HOPE Team- 5 ea. THS- 2 ea. CARE7 Van- 2 ea.  
Tempe Housing- 0 Care7 Mainline-4 ea. RVC- 6 ea. CoT- 1 ea.  
CARE7 Youth Specialist- 3 ea. ASU Tillman Center- 1ea TPD- 1 ea.

Currently there are a total of 7 individuals making up 3 households staying in emergency units.

1 White households (2 individuals, 1 adult female, 1 male child)  
1 Black household (1 adult female, 3 children)  
1 White, female disabled Veteran single household

### 2. FY '19-'20 Demographics- All households are very low to extremely low income.

85 individuals comprising 26 households.

4 households fleeing domestic violence  
10 female head of household (6 Caucasian, 3 Black/ African American, 1 Hispanic/Latinx, 1 LGBT)  
2 single males with children (1 White, 1 Black/ African American)  
9 households are Veterans (1 LGBT, 12 individuals), 7 of these individuals in Veterans Court  
11 households (26 individuals) were Caucasian  
10 households (38 individuals) Black/African American  
2 households (5 individuals) Hispanic/Latinx  
2 households (12 individuals) Native American  
1 household (1 individual) Asian, ASU student, Veteran  
3 households (12 individuals) displaced due to COVID

### 3. FY '19-'20 Success rates

Of the 26 households that have used the emergency units during FY19-20. 22 have transitioned to more stable housing, like Family Housing Hub, own apartment, voucher, treatment, etc. 2 households are still currently in Emergency Units. (91.6% success rate)



#### 4. FY '19-'20 Failure rates and why-

Only 3 households were unsuccessful in accomplishing the goal of transitioning to more stable housing, like Family Housing Hub, own apartment, voucher, etc. (8.33% failure rate).

1 Female head of household (4 individuals, Caucasian, multi-generational) stayed 13 days before exit, reasons for failure substance abuse (opioids), inability to meet mutually agreed upon goals.

1 Female head of household (single, Caucasian) stayed 90 days before exit. Reason for failure mental health and failure to meet mutually agreed upon goals.

#### 5. FY '19-'20 Vacancy rates

Apartment #151 first use was in November 2018 and been used by 7 different households since that time

151- average time vacant- 7 days      longest vacant- 14 days      shortest vacant- 1

Apartment #256 first use was in November 2018 and been used by 16 different households since that time

256- average time vacant-10 days      longest vacant- 29      shortest vacant-1

Apartment #142 first use was in February 2019 and been used by 10 different households since that time

142- average time vacant-16 days      longest vacant- 34      shortest vacant-1

Spence #1 first use was in April 2020 and been used by 1 household since that time

Spence #1- average time vacant- days      longest vacant- 0      shortest vacant- 0

Spence 1b's first use was in July 2019 and been used by 3 different households since that time

Spence 1b- average time vacant- 4 days      longest vacant- 7      shortest vacant- 1

\*\*\*note\*\*\* The longer times vacant can be explained by periods of maintenance that the units were closed for repairs or for administrative holds.

\*\*\* Longer unit usage time are due to the COVID reasons\*\*\*

#### 6. FY '19-'20 Challenges/barriers

Perhaps the most common challenges/barriers faced when working with clients that are placed into the emergency units are one or more of the following:

- Employment issues (unemployed, under employed)
- Food insecurity
- Transportation/gas money
- Childcare
- Lack of vital documents/ID's
- Medical Insurance
- Mental health issues
- Medical Issues
- Substance abuse issues
- Lack of any financial resources
- Lack of social support system

7. FY '19-'20 Most common resources provided- this is not an exhaustive list.

Initially the most common resources provided are centered around household consumable products, personal hygiene items, food boxes, gift cards for food or gas, and bus passes. However, many of these clients do not have vital documents for themselves or family's members. This requires CARE7 to assist with filling out appropriate forms online, paying fees for birth certificates, especially when they are from another state and unemployed.

Transportation (CARE7 Van), bus pass,  
Food box (TCAA, CARE7), gift cards for food/gas, canned goods  
Birth certificate, ID Vouchers  
Hygiene items (soap, deodorant, toothpaste, brush, etc.)  
Household items (toilet paper, cleaning products, soap, laundry detergent)  
Case management services, resume writing assistance  
Connect clients with employment services

8. FY '19-'20 Most Common referrals- this is not an exhaustive list.

AHCCCS, SNAP, DES, VitalRecords.com, Family Housing Hub (FHH), Homeless ID Project, Community Resources and Referral Center ( CRRC), VA Hospital, VET Center, Arizona Department of Veteran Services (AZDVS), HOPE Team, Tempe Housing, Mesa Veterans Resource Center, Corporate Job Bank, Veterans Court Employment Coordinator, Arizona at Work, TCAA, CARE7 Counseling, PAZ de Cristo, St. Vincent de Paul, Potters House.

# COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

November 6, 2020

## Special Olympics Regional Golf Tournament

The [City of Tempe Adaptive Recreation](#) program and [Special Olympics Arizona](#) have joined forces once again to host the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Special Olympics Regional Golf Tournament on Saturday, November 7 at [Rolling Hills Golf Course](#). We will be hosting a very different tournament this year; one that recognizes social distancing, face coverings and PPE adjustments, all while continuing to celebrate the athleticism of the participants. In accordance with Community Services Department COVID-19 protocol, the regional tournament plan was also vetted through the Special Events Task Force Committee for consideration and approval.



In total, 60 athletes from five delegations are scheduled to come out and play nine holes. Tee times begin at 7:30 a.m. and continue through 11 a.m. This year, we are taking many precautions to be careful including the use of face coverings, disinfectant and sanitizing supplies (hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes), and separate areas where each delegation has their own space and maintain social distance only with athletes they have been practicing with for the past eight weeks. In addition, the number of heats have been reduced from three to two pairs, creating a larger gap in tee times and two separate sessions. In addition, each team area, golf cart and space on the course will have necessary PPE to ensure a safe and fun day.

**17TH Special Olympics Regional Golf Tournament**  
**November 7; 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.**  
**Rolling Hills Golf Course**



While our groups are transitioning from session one to session two, we will pause to disinfect and sanitize restrooms, team areas, tables, chairs, carts and other high-traffic areas. This break in the tournament schedule allows staff to reset tournament play for the next wave of golfers wanting to come in and show-off their skills in a safe manner. While also placing reminders with A-frames, and signs for social distancing, handwashing and face covers, we have an amazing group of coaches who have participated in COVID-19 mitigation trainings with the City of Tempe and Special Olympics Arizona making sure we are all aware of how to keep our athletes safe.

There is no contesting that this year is different, but the mission to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities remains as each one of our unified pairs tee-off for a long-standing golf tournament that celebrates diversity and inclusion.

# COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

November 6, 2020

## World of Illumination: Arctic Adventure

Be one of the first to experience World of Illumination at Tempe Diablo Stadium this holiday season! World of Illumination opens on Tuesday, November 10; special attractions include a 32-foot-tall snowman and his tundra-bound friends. Featuring holiday music favorites and popular polar characters, World of Illumination's arctic, animated drive-through light show promises to be a storybook adventure for kids of all ages.



Arctic Adventure features close to two million lights!



World of Illumination's 25-minute drive-through show is a socially safe, touchless experience.

Don't miss out on the fun!

**Open Nightly:**  
6 to 10 p.m.

**Weekday Tickets:**  
\$29 + Taxes & Fees

**Weekend Tickets:**  
\$39 + Taxes & Fees

For more information, visit [worldofillumination.com](http://worldofillumination.com)



## Green Line Update

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### TEMPE BEFORE THE GREEN LINE

In the 1960s, the area that would become known as the Green Line was an ephemeral desert wash located in Papago Park in North Tempe. Typical of Arizona’s Sonoran Desert landscapes, the area was primarily populated by cactus, mesquite and creosote bushes that received little to no water aside from the occasional monsoon storms or winter rains. In 1967, the City of Tempe built a water treatment plant, Johnny G. Martinez Water Treatment Plant (JGM), in the area to treat water from the nearby canal in order to produce potable water for the growing community.

Aerial Photo of North Tempe in 1969



From the 1960s to the early 2000s, the water treatment process utilized at the JGM Water Treatment Plant involved intermittently discharging process water into a nearby wash, which is now known as the Green Line.

## THE GREEN LINE - AN OASIS IN THE DESERT

Water treatment processes and environmental regulations have evolved significantly since the 1960s, as has the source and supply of water that Tempe used to sustain the Green Line. In

Aerial Photo of North Tempe in 2014



2000, Tempe entered into an agreement with the Arizona Historical Society Museum (c2003-159) to maintain the Green Line and supply it with water to maintain the lush riparian habitat that residents had become accustomed to. At the same time, the City's Water Utility received a \$229,152 grant from the Arizona Water Protection Fund Commission to operate and maintain the Green Line. The terms of the grant (00-114b WPF) required the City to maintain the Green Line for 20 years, identify a "long-term supply" of irrigation water for the area and complete specific vegetation maintenance related activities. The required tasks were completed by 2006 and funding from the grant was exhausted in the process.

## WATER SUPPLY TO THE GREEN LINE

To provide a contractual source for annual water to irrigate the Green Line, the City initially utilized funding from the grant to purchase Excess Central Arizona Project (CAP) water.

Municipal water providers like Tempe receive CAP water primarily through established contracts that specify annual allotments called Municipal and Industrial (M&I) subcontracts. The contractual source of most of Tempe's CAP supply is provided through a M&I subcontract. Excess CAP water is a separate type of contractual CAP water that allows CAP users the ability to receive more water in a given year than the amounts specified in their subcontracts. Approximately ten years ago, the Colorado River system started being significantly impacted by the on-going drought on the watershed and, in an effort to sustain the river system through the drought, Excess CAP water was repurposed and became no longer available to subcontractors like Tempe.

To provide the Green Line with a more consistent supply of water, an eight-inch pipeline and pump station were constructed in 2011. This pumping system provided the City with the infrastructure necessary to supply irrigation water from the pond at Evelyn Hallman Park to the Green Line. Papago Park Pond, located at the corner of College Avenue and Curry Road, also receives water from the Green Line, after it flows under Curry Road.

As the majority of the Green Line is located within Papago Preserve, the City's Parks and Recreation Division now manages, budgets and oversees all operations and maintenance activities associated with irrigation water delivered to the Green Line. The City's Water Utilities Division manages the City's raw water supplies and controls deliveries of the small portion of Tempe's M&I CAP water required to sustain the Green Line area.

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## Streetcar Project Updates

For a detailed update on the Tempe Streetcar Project, please see page 2.

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# TEMPE STREETCAR UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2020



## PROJECT AT-A-GLANCE Update #82

**ROUTE** 3 miles: Rio Salado Pkwy | Downtown | ASU | Apache Blvd  
**STOPS** 14: shelters & trees | 2 LRT connections | art & history panels  
**VEHICLES** 6 hybrid vehicles | 125 passengers | ADA & bike accessible  
**FUNDING** federal | regional prop 400 | local public-private partners

**PARTNERS** City of Tempe & Valley Metro  
**DESIGN TEAM** Stantec  
**CONSTRUCTION TEAM** Stacy & Witbeck, Inc.  
**VEHICLE MANUFACTURER** Brookville Equipment Corporation

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Work continues on installing stop structures, OCS poles, cantilevers and wire, as well as public art and history panels.



Crews work with Tempe artist Bobby Zokaites to install his whimsical light fixtures attached to repurposed poles the artist salvaged from the city's equipment yard.

### COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

At its September meeting, the Tempe Streetcar Community Advisory Board awarded Stacy & Witbeck ratings of 100 percent in all three categories – Response & Contact with Stakeholders, Traffic Management & Impact Mitigation Efforts, and Property Restoration & Clean-up. CAB meetings continue to be held virtually, with the next meeting scheduled for Nov. 9.

### OUTREACH & BUSINESS SUPPORT

Ongoing outreach to stakeholders includes construction notices, one-on-one canvassing and activities to promote businesses during construction.

Tempe Streetcar Shop On was the presenting sponsor for DTA's September and October Foodie Strolls. The Shop On Holiday mailer is in the process of being printed and will be delivered to more than 16,000 area mailboxes at the end of November.

Friends of Transit held a lunch promotion Nov. 5 at Otto Pizza & Pastry. As we reach the final stretch of streetcar construction, the Friends of Transit promotions will conclude Dec. 8 at a location yet to be determined.



<b>MILESTONES</b>		<b>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</b>	
• Construction	Through 2020	• CAB Meeting # 17	Nov. 9, 2020
• Vehicle Delivery	2021	• Friends of Transit Tuesday	Dec. 8, 2020
• System Testing	2020-21		
• Opening	2021		

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