



# City of Phoenix

## Results

Meeting Location:  
City Council Chambers  
200 W. Jefferson St.  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

### Transportation, Infrastructure, and Planning Subcommittee

Councilwoman Debra Stark, Chair  
Councilman Jim Waring  
Vice Mayor Kesha Hodge Washington  
Councilman Kevin Robinson

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Wednesday, April 15, 2026

10:00 AM

City Council Chambers

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#### CALL TO ORDER

This item was Called to Order.

#### MINUTES OF MEETINGS

**1 Minutes of the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Planning  
Subcommittee Meeting**

The minutes are included for review as **Attachment A**.

**This item was approved.**

#### CONSENT ACTION (ITEMS 6-11)

**2 Amend City Code - Section 36-158, Schedule I, Local Speed Limits  
at 13 Locations - Council Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8**

##### **Summary**

Speed limits are established under Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 28-703, which requires an engineering study and traffic investigation. The Phoenix City Code and Charter require that all changes to local speed limits on City streets be approved by City Council in the form of an amendment to Phoenix City Code, as shown in **Attachment A**.

The Street Transportation Department conducted a comprehensive review of the speed limit ordinance and is recommending local speed limit changes at 13 locations, as summarized in **Attachment B**. Nine changes are related to road and traffic conditions and four changes for newly constructed roadway segments. As with all recommended speed limit changes, these changes are based on traffic investigations coupled

with the engineering judgment of Street Transportation Department staff.

**This item was approved.**

**3 Request to Issue a Request for Proposals for North and South  
Fixed-Route Transit (Bus) Service Operations - Citywide**

**Summary**

Approximately 70 percent of Phoenix’s fixed-route bus services operates out of two primary facilities: the North Transit Facility located at 19th Avenue and Desert Cove, and the South Transit Facility located at 22nd Avenue and Lower Buckeye Road. Together, these facilities currently support a combined fleet of 347 buses, including 131 buses operating out of the North facility and 216 buses operating out of the South facility. Transit services at these facilities include 27 local routes, six RAPID routes, and three Neighborhood Circulators.

The North Transit Facility houses transit fleet vehicles, as well as facilities for the contractor to use for administration and operations, including vehicle maintenance, facility maintenance, bus fueling, and bus washing. The South Transit Facility also houses vehicles and provides operations and vehicle maintenance facilities, as well as serving as the contractor’s administrative offices, safety and training rooms, and bus and road supervisor dispatching.

The joint fleet from these yards provides service on 36 routes throughout the region, comprising approximately 15 million service miles per year and serving an average of two million passengers per month. The routes operated under the current contract include some of the region’s busiest, including Route 19 (19th Avenue), Route 35 (35th Avenue), Route 50 (Camelback Road), and Route 70 (24th Street/Glendale Avenue). The current contractor employs approximately 985 local staff to operate, maintain, and administer this contract on behalf of the City.

The current contract for fixed-route transit service for the North and South yards expires on June 30, 2027. This request is to issue an RFP for a new contract.

**Procurement Information**

The Public Transit Department will issue an RFP for a fixed-price contract conducted in compliance with City Code as well as Federal Transit Administration requirements. Respondents deemed responsive and responsible will be evaluated based on the following proposed evaluation criteria, with a maximum of 1,000 possible points:

Qualifications, expertise, and experience (250 points)

Proposed management and personnel (200 points)

Understanding of work scope and transition plan (250 points)

Price (300 points)

The Public Transit Department intends to issue the RFP in early summer of 2026, with an award recommendation slated for early 2027. The City's Transparency Policy will be in effect upon release of the RFP and throughout the solicitation process.

### **Contract Term**

The term of the new North and South Fixed-route Transit contract will be for five years beginning on or about July 1, 2027, with one additional two-year option to extend at the City's discretion. The total seven-year contract term provides known costs as Phoenix continues implementing the T2050 plan, and allows the contractor to spread fixed and capital costs over a longer period, which results in lower cost proposals to the City. The two-year extension option will be exercised only if it is in the City's best interest to do so and the contractor has performed satisfactorily during the five-year base period.

### **Financial Impact**

The resultant contract will be funded with T2050, federal, and regional funds.

### **Concurrence/Previous Council Action**

On March 26, 2026, the Citizens Transportation Commission recommended approval of this item by a vote of 8-0.

**This item was approved.**

## **4 Request to Issue a Request for Proposals for Bus Operations Control Center and Data Collection Services - Citywide**

## Summary

The Public Transit Department's Bus Operations Control Center (OCC) manages Phoenix's fixed-route bus fleet and services using the regional computer aided dispatch/automatic vehicle locator (CAD/AVL) system. The OCC performs several regional functions, including: transit data collection, transit system monitoring and reporting, creation of public service and bus stop announcements, fare box collection and malfunction reporting, CAD/AVL system training for other agencies, and development of operational reports.

The OCC's data collection function collects operational data for route planning and for the Federal Transit Administration's National Transit Database (NTD) program reporting. Ridership data gathered as a result of the OCC's data collection function is provided to the NTD and is used in apportioning federal transit funds to the City of Phoenix. Other functions performed by the OCC include notifying transit stakeholders of real-time incidents, serving as the primary contact for requests from public safety departments, and investigating incidents for City staff, local police departments, Valley Metro customer service, and transit operations contractor personnel. The OCC also coordinates bus bridging for the light rail system during service outages.

The existing contract for Bus Operations Control Center and Data Collection Services is currently in its final two-year extension and will expire on June 30, 2027. This request is to issue an RFP for a new contract.

## Procurement Information

The Public Transit Department will issue an RFP for a fixed-price contract conducted in compliance with City Code. Respondents deemed responsive and responsible will be evaluated based on the following proposed evaluation criteria, with a maximum of 1,000 possible points:

Qualifications, expertise, and experience: 250

Proposed organizational structure: 200

Understanding the Scope of Work and Transition Plan: 250

Total Price: 300

The Public Transit Department intends to issue the RFP in early summer of 2026, with an award recommendation slated for early 2027. The City's Transparency Policy will be in effect upon release of the RFP and throughout the solicitation process.

### **Contract Term**

The term of the Bus OCC and Data Collection Services contract will be five years beginning on or about July 1, 2027, with one additional two-year option to extend at the City's discretion.

The total seven-year contract term provides known costs as Phoenix continues implementing the T2050 plan, and allows the contractor to spread fixed and capital costs over a longer period, resulting in lower cost proposals to the City. The two-year extension option will be exercised only if it is in the City's best interest to do so and the contractor has performed satisfactorily during the five-year base period.

### **Financial Impact**

Funds are available in the Public Transit Department's budget.

### **Concurrence/Previous Council Action**

On March 26, 2026 the Citizens Transportation Commission recommended approval of this item by a vote of 8-0.

**This item was approved.**

## **5 Fiscal Year 2026-27 Assessment for Arizona Municipal Water User Association - Citywide**

### **Summary**

The Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA) is a non-profit corporation that was formed in 1969 to advance and protect the interest of its municipal members on policy and regulatory issues affecting water. AMWUA provides a forum through which its members cities and towns cooperate to drive effective development and use of water resources within the State of Arizona. Additionally, AMWUA helps position cities and towns in the forefront of water resources policy development and planning. The ten AMWUA members cities and towns are Avondale,

Chandler, Gilbert, Glendale, Goodyear, Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Tempe. The City of Phoenix has been a member of AMWUA since its inception.

AMWUA advocates for its members at the Arizona Legislature, the Governor's Office, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the Arizona Department of Water Resources, other state agencies, the Central Arizona Project, and the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce. AMWUA works collaboratively with other water stakeholders to devise practical solutions to water problems to ensure sustainable growth for Arizona while protecting its members' interests.

The AMWUA Board of Directors is currently working through its budget process and has not yet approved the Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget. The historical timeline places their expected budget action in May 2026. The project cost for Phoenix's total membership is estimated to be \$662,000, of which \$154,600 is Phoenix's share of the third-party administrative services in support of the Multi-City Sub Regional Operating Group partnership agreement.

**This item was approved.**

**6 Fiscal Year 2026-27 Assessment for Water Industry Research and Partnerships - Citywide**

**Summary**

The Water Services Department participates in and benefits from the research endeavors of the Water Research Foundation. The focus of the research covers all aspects of drinking water treatment and distribution, wastewater collection and treatment, watershed quality, and non-potable water aspects such as reclaimed and reused water. Participation in these research programs allows the City to access a variety of resources and information to address drinking water, wastewater, water reclamation, watershed quality and stormwater issues. Without these resources, the Water Services Department (WSD) staff would be required to research and develop solutions without the benefit of the larger water community and at a much higher cost.

Additionally, WSD participates in several water industry professional

associations: Western Urban Coalition (WUWC) and National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA). These organizations provide a host of benefits to the City including assistance to improve day-to day operations, industry standards, metrics and benchmarks, professional development opportunities for staff, public outreach collaboration, and ongoing updates to keep staff informed about regulatory issues well in advance of action being taken.

Some of the resources available from these memberships/programs include:

Publications - Standards, operations training manual, books, and monthly publications focused on today's operational and engineering challenges;

Training - A variety of training opportunities including specialty conferences and online training classes at reduced member rates;

Public Communication Tools - Public advisories are sent to all utilities to keep them informed about water-related news that generates media attention. These public advisories often include suggested language or strategies to help Phoenix respond to media inquiries. Utility updates on regulatory issues;

Research Reports - The City is entitled to a free copy of all final products (reports, software, online interactive tools), and has unlimited access to PDF versions of all final reports, workshop proceedings, and online communities of practice;

Webcasts - Each research organization offers free webinars to subscribers based on current research projects, which allows for timely access to research results, direct interaction with the researches and opportunity for professional educational development credits;

Expert Assistance - Internal and external subject matter experts are available to aid subscribers in acquiring up to date information to address issues;

Research Participating Utility and Project Advisory Committee - The City participates in research projects by providing data to be included in the research or by being used as a case study to validate the research; in some cases, City staff has been invited to participate on a Project Advisory Committee due to the City's expertise in an area; and

Tailored Collaboration - Tailored Collaborating Programs allow subscribers to submit a specific research project proposal for funding. These research projects are more specialized or regional in nature. The City has used this program on several occasions in the past to further local water and wastewater research.

**Attachment A**

Provides a listing of each membership, its cost, and a brief description of the organization's purpose.

**This item was approved.**

**7 Accessible Visual Inclusion Services Contract - RFA 26-0277  
Request for Award - Districts 1, 8, and Out of City**

**Summary**

The Airports are committed to providing an accessible experience for the disabled community. PHX currently offers the AIRA program, which provides blind and visually impaired passengers with access to enhanced visual information and real-time assistance to successfully navigate PHX through a smartphone application connected to specially trained professional agents.

ReBokeh offers a smartphone application with additional features beyond AIRA, including customizable screen settings (zoom, color contrast, brightness) and AI-generated image descriptions for wayfinding and other visual interpretation needs. ReBokeh will be offered at no cost to passengers and support the City of Phoenix's goal of becoming the most accessible city in the nation.

**Contract Term**

The term of the contract will begin on or about May 1, 2026. The term is three years with two one-year options to extend the term, for a five-year aggregate term. The options to extend may be exercised at the sole discretion of the Aviation Director.

**Financial Impact**

The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$135,000 over the five-year

aggregate contract term.

Funding is available in the Aviation Department's operating budget.

**Concurrence/Previous Council Action**

The Phoenix Aviation Advisory Board

Recommended approval of this item on March 19, 2026, by a vote of 8 to 0.

**Location**

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, 2485 E. Buckeye Road

Phoenix Deer Valley Airport, 702 W. Deer Valley Road

Phoenix Goodyear Airport, 1658 S. Litchfield Road, Goodyear

Council Districts: 1, 8, and Out the City

**This item was approved.**

**INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION (ITEMS 8-9)**

**8 Floodplain Management Section Overview and Update - Citywide**

**Summary**

The City of Phoenix (City) participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) through the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and has been designated as a Class 5 community. As part of the NFIP, the City has implemented a Floodplain Management Ordinance, which includes the mapping and rating of Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) within the City. Maintaining the City's CRS rating reduces insurance premium rates for residents and businesses located within SFHA area by 25%.

FEMA defines a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as regions at risk of flooding, with a one percent (100-year) chance of flooding occurring in any given year. This area is subject to floodplain management regulations, and the NFIP requires mandatory flood insurance. Floodplain Management reviews and approves over 2,000 projects each year within the SFHA.

The Floodplain Management section oversees several flood mitigation programs to address local flooding concerns raised by city residents and regional flooding identified in the Area Drainage Master Study.

### **Financial Impact**

Floodplain mitigation projects are primarily funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), General Obligation Bonds (Go-Bond), federal grants, and partnerships with the Flood Control District of Maricopa County.

**This item was discussed.**

## **9 2026 Parks and Recreation PHXPlays Summer Camps and Aquatics - Citywide**

### **Summary**

Each year, the Parks and Recreation Department (Department) offers safe and affordable summer programs for youth and families across the City. In addition to a wide range of classes at community centers and sports programs and events in parks, the Department operates the PHXPlays Summer Camps and opens the aquatic season, providing access to public pools and swim lessons.

### PHXPlays Summer Camps

The 2026 PHXPlays Summer Camps will be offered at 26 citywide community centers (**Attachment A**) for youth ages six to 12, Monday through Friday, from May to August. Camp schedules generally reflect corresponding school districts. To provide families with a variety of options, the PHXPlays Summer Camps offer flexible registration choices including weekly and daily drop-in options to accommodate families' schedules. Prices vary, and range from free to \$80 per week, depending on the site.

### All camps include a minimum of:

Daily meals with breakfast/lunch or lunch/snack options  
Weekly themes such as superheroes, sports, and animals  
Arts, crafts, sports, games, team building, and STEM activities  
Special guest presenters and entertainers

Monthly field trips  
Camp t-shirts

While much of the emphasis is focused on younger children attending summer camp, teen involvement is an important aspect of the PHXPlays program, and is focused on keeping teens engaged during the summer months while developing leadership skills. Sites provide opportunities for teens ages 13 to 17 to assist with daily camp activities, monitoring lunch and snack time, classroom rotations, attending field trips, and end of the day pick up communication when parents arrive. Teens also get to experience their own breakout sessions with guest speakers, educational opportunities, and off-site activities. Teen volunteers gain a variety of valuable skills that help them in both personal and professional growth including leadership, teamwork, communication, customer service, time management, and problem-solving.

The 2026 PHXPlays Summer Camp registration opened on March 19, 2026, and will continue through the summer based on availability. The program is marketed to participants who have previously enjoyed Parks and Recreation Department programs, promoted on social media, and flyers are distributed to nearby schools.

In 2025, the Parks and Recreation Department PHXPlays Summer Camp delivered a high-quality, accessible, and memorable experience for youth and families across Phoenix. Demand reached unprecedented levels and registration filled in record time, with some sites reaching capacity in under five minutes, and even historically slower-filling sites generated wait lists on the first day. This overwhelming response reflects the program's affordability, its family-friendly and flexible schedule, and its vital role in supporting community enrichment and youth development during summer break. Program consistency throughout the department is another key factor in its success where kids receive the same core program, no matter what center they attend.

The PHXPlays Summer Camp continues to offer youth and their families a safe, quality and affordable summer program.

### Aquatics

In 2025, City pools welcomed more than 288,000 visitors to the aquatic facilities. The Parks and Recreation Department provided programming including over 2,100 swim lesson classes, recreational swim team, and AquaFit classes with over 13,000 participants.

The Department is prepared to open all available 24 pool facilities in 2026. The following five pools (Alkire, Grant, Holiday, Marivue and University) will be re-purposed into neighborhood splash pads as part of the 2023 voter-approved General Obligation Bond program. Currently Holiday and Marivue are in the design phase of the project. Additionally, thanks to the Department's partnership with Ability360, Telephone Pioneer Park Pool will be open and offering swimming programs for the community.

### Staffing and Training

Preparation and recruitment efforts for the 2026 aquatics season began in March 2025, first with enhanced training for Assistant Managers and Pool Managers, followed by ongoing Lifeguard certification courses from August to April to encourage individuals to complete the course early in anticipation of working the following summer. The Department continues to utilize a variety of methods to promote job opportunities for Cashier, Lifeguard, Swim Lesson Instructor, Assistant Pool Manager and Pool Manager positions. Recruiting methods include visiting high schools with direct interaction during lunch hours, physical education classes, career fairs, swim and dive teams, as well as other sporting events. Staff also distribute information to colleges through job fairs, participation at community events and through social media. To support recruitment efforts, the Department offers hiring and retention incentives ranging from \$250 to \$2,250, depending on the position. Over the past few summers, incentives have been effective in attracting and retaining both returning staff and new candidates. While the Department has seen positive results from recent recruitment efforts, staffing and programming offered at pools is dependent on the ability to successfully hire staff.

Enhanced recruitment efforts for these critical positions have proved successful for the Department. Efforts included hosting 11 additional

training sessions in 2025 for Assistant Pool Managers to better prepare them for opportunities for advancement in 2026. The hands-on Accelerated Assistant Manager Training program identified and trained swim instructors interested in promoting to the Assistant Manager position for the 2026 season.

To further build the talent pipeline, the Department will continue implementing a structured Head Lifeguard program to provide leadership development opportunities for second and third-year employees. This initiative is designed to prepare staff for future promotion into the Assistant Pool Manager role. In addition, newly hired Assistant Pool Managers undergo extensive training throughout the spring in preparation for pool openings.

The Department will continue to utilize the Shallow Water Lifeguard position in 2026. Introduced in 2023, this role was created to support individuals interested in lifeguarding whose swimming skills do not yet meet the requirements for deep water certification. Previously, these candidates were ineligible to enroll in certification courses. The Shallow Water Lifeguard certification allows participants to qualify in pools with a maximum depth of four feet, offering them an opportunity to develop their skills while gaining valuable experience and training.

In 2025 during the off-season, aquatics employees engaged in Department events such as Fall-O-Ween, Trunk-or-Treat, APS Electric Light Parade, and Polar Plunge. These retention opportunities helped build enthusiasm for the job while promoting aquatics programming and employment opportunities to the community.

### 2026 Aquatics Season

The 2026 pool season runs Memorial Day weekend through the end of July, with select pools open through Labor Day, as denoted with an asterisk below. A total of 24 pools will open in 2026.

Cielito    Maryvale\*  
Coronado    Mountain View  
Cortez\*    Paradise Valley\*

David C. Uribe Pecos\*  
Deer Valley Eastlake\*  
Eastlake Pierce  
El Prado Roadrunner  
Encanto\* Roosevelt\*  
Falcon Starlight  
Harmon Sunnyslope\*  
Hermoso Washington  
Madison *Telephone Pioneer*

### Programming

The Department continues to restore aquatic programming, offering youth swim lessons at all open pools, adult swim lessons, water exercise, and recreation swim teams at select pools. Youth swimming lessons are for participants aged six months to 12 years old and will be held June 1 through July 23. Each session consists of eight, 30-minute classes. Due to the Department's commitment to ensuring programs are affordable and accessible to everyone, each session is \$15, which equates to \$1.88 per class. These prices are the lowest in comparison to other nearby municipalities. Also, thanks to a donation of \$20,000 from the Arizona Diamondbacks and Presidential Pools, over 1,600 swim lesson spaces across all open pools will be discounted to \$3 and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Of the 24 pools open this summer, 20 will be designated Kool Kids pools that allow kids 17 years and younger to swim for free. Kool Kids donations this year include \$65,797 from the Milwaukee Brewers. Admission for open swim at non-Kool Kids locations is \$1 for kids. At all pools, admissions are \$1 for seniors and \$3 for adults.

Registration for June swimming lessons, water exercise classes, and swim team opens on April 23, 2026; and registration for July swim lessons and water exercise classes will begin on June 13, 2026. Registration will be ongoing throughout the summer as space is available.

**This item was discussed.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Comments Made.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

This item was discussed.

**ADJOURN**

Adjourned.