

EPS Attends 57th Annual ACEC AZ Roads & Streets Conference



Elijah Williams



Jeff Stine & Anthony Herrera

EPS joined over 100 exhibitors and sponsors Wednesday, March 19th at the Westin La Paloma in Tucson for the 57th Annual Arizona Roads & Streets Conference - "Transportation and Infrastructure Moving Arizona's Economy".

EPS Attendees included Darrell Truitt, Elijah Williams, and Kate Malloy (Mesa office); and Jeff Stine and Anthony Herrera (Tucson office). Elijah Williams joined Achen-Gardner Wednesday morning at the Golf Tournament.

Phoenix, Mesa, Scottsdale Metro Area #3 in Growth

City/Metro Areas (pop. over 500,000)	State	Population	Percent Growth	Rank
Dallas, Ft. Worth, Arlington	TX	6,145,037	2.7%	1
Atlanta, Sandy Springs, Marietta	GA	5,278,904	2.9%	2
Phoenix, Mesa, Scottsdale	AZ	1,512,986	3.3%	3

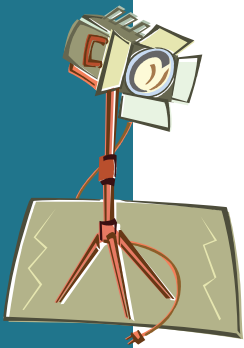
Phoenix still tops the Twelve-month Numerical Leaders List for U.S. Cities' Growth:

Phoenix	(43,192)
San Antonio	(33,084)
Ft. Worth	(30,202)

One of the fastest growing cities in the U.S. is Gilbert, AZ
Experiencing a "growth spurt" (73.9% to 191,517)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Estimates 7/2007

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Spotlight on . . . Changes at EPS

PROMOTION:

EPS announced the promotion of Josh Hannon to Director of our Planning Department effective January 1st. He replaced Cynthia Donald, who retired from EPS at the end of 2007.



Josh joined EPS Group in October 2006 as a senior planner. He has 12 years of progressively responsible experience in planning and entitlements for the development of residential, commercial, and industrial projects. He is experienced in the various processes of entitlement and land planning including annexation, general plan amendments, zoning, developing land plans, document preparation and client relations. Over the course of his career, Josh has completed numerous projects throughout the state of Arizona. He is extremely knowledgeable in the process, requirements and regulations for all permitting processes of state, regional and local agencies.

ADDITION:

Bruce Hallsted, PE joins Public Works Department - Bruce joined EPS group in September of 2007. His 10 years of experience includes work for ADOT, RWCD, Town of Gilbert, Town of Queen Creek, and City of Flagstaff. While at the City, he was the lead contact for the ADEQ Delegation agreement to perform health department reviews of water and sewer line extensions and reporting to ADEQ on the status of projects under review. Bruce also has extensive experience in residential and commercial land development design, project management and construction management.



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Four EPS Employees Pass PE Exam

We're proud to announce that Dan Adams, Jeff Hale, Edgar Medina, & Matt Truitt have all passed their Professional Engineer Tests.



Dan



Jeff



Edgar



Matt

Projects

EPS Delivers Successful Public Meeting For The SR 95 Corridor Study

EPS Group is in the process of completing the *SR 95 Corridor Realignment Study - Lake Havasu Area*. ADOT, Mohave County, and Lake Havasu City selected EPS Group to complete this 16 mile corridor study evaluating a new alignment of SR 95 east of Lake Havasu City.

The proposed project corridor passes through numerous square miles of Arizona State Land Department property, Bureau of Land Management lands, and new or proposed Master Planned Communities and is being driven by sizeable population growth. The project skirts the base of the Mohave Mountains immediately east of Lake Havasu. Consideration of big horn sheep, desert tortoise, and feral burro habitat will be necessary in order to develop a suitable alignment for this proposed access-controlled divided highway.

A public meeting was held March 4th at the Lake Havasu City Aquatic/Recreation Center to present the project and seek public input. Over 200 local residents and business owners were in attendance. Attendees also included the Mayor and several City Council Members from Lake Havasu City, as well as many local newspaper reporters. EPS Principal, Elijah Williams, completed the presentation and led the question and answer session that followed.

Gilbert, Arizona Development Underway Nationwide Realty Investors Ltd. (NRI)

EPS Group is working with NRI on a 212 acre sight in Gilbert, Arizona. The development will include opportunities for office, retail and residential. Current EPS tasks include topographic survey for the site, site feasibility study, cost estimate development, and design concept plans. Interdisciplinary coordination is ongoing with NRI's Site Planner and the Traffic Sub-consultant.

NRI is a recognized real estate developer and equity investor. The company, a subsidiary of Nationwide, is active throughout the United States with developments and investments in the office, commercial, retail, hotels, restaurant and residential real estate markets. Directly and through joint ventures, NRI controls more than \$1 billion in real estate investments.

NRI has a proven track record in development, having developed well over a billion dollars in commercial and residential real estate. Their concentration has been on large, complex mixed-use projects such as the Gainey Ranch Corporate Center in Scottsdale, Arizona, the Arena District in Columbus, Ohio, and the Allied campus in downtown Des Moines, Iowa.

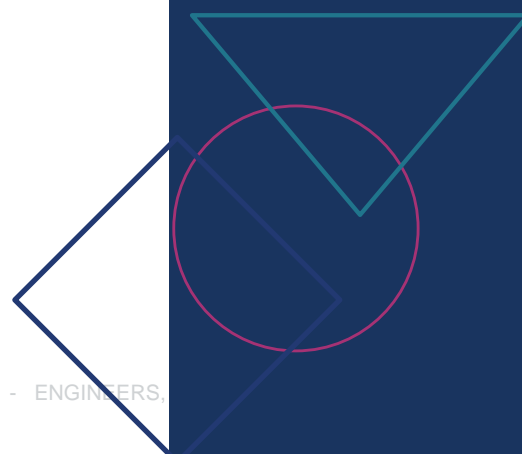
(Source www.nationwiderealtyinvestors.com)



Elijah Williams at March 4th Public Meeting

ADOT later commented that our efforts at the public meeting were simply "outstanding". We appreciate this opportunity to work with ADOT, Mohave County, and Lake Havasu City on this project and look forward to its successful completion.

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Community

VisionWalk

The 2nd Annual Phoenix VisionWalk was held Saturday, March 9th at Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza. EPS was a proud sponsor again this year and several EPS employees participated in the walk.



VisionWalk is a walk-a-thon fundraising program of the Foundation Fighting Blindness (FFB). Last year FFB raised over \$1.3 million to fund sight-saving research through VisionWalk. If you're interested in more information about the walk visit their website: www.visionwalk.org.

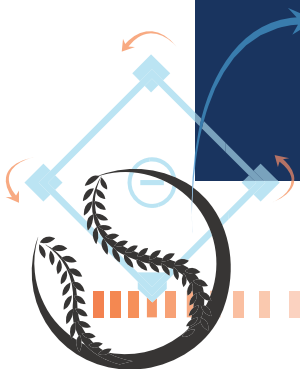
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The Foundation Fighting Blindness funds leading-edge research in promising areas such as genetics, gene therapy, retinal cell transplantation, artificial retinal implants, and pharmaceutical and nutritional therapies; research that may provide preventions, treatments and cures for people affected by retinitis pigmentosa (RP), macular degeneration, Usher syndrome, and the entire spectrum of retinal degenerative diseases. Since its inception in 1971, The Foundation has raised over \$270 million.



Congratulations to the EPS Softball Team

Record as of March 31, 2008
Six Wins - No Losses



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