



# EPS Project Update

April 15th, EPS Group Vice President Elijah Williams, P.E. spoke at the *Cottonwood Lane Improvements Groundbreaking Ceremony* along with the City of Casa Grande Mayor Bob Jackson, City of Casa Grande Public Works Director Kevin Louis, Achen-Gardner Project Manager Paul Ekstrom, and City of Casa Grande Public Information Officer David Bridger.

For the Cottonwood Lane Reconstruction, EPS completed the design of approximately 2.5 miles of arterial roadways with raised medians and major intersection improvements. This CM@R project was to be completed in advance of a new High School located on Cottonwood Lane within the project limits.



(Elijah Williams, EPS Group)

In speaking on the success of the project Mr. Williams stated,

"In order to make the school opening deadline, we only had 14 months from design NTP (notice to proceed) to construction completion. This included all private right-of-way acquisition, ALSD right-of-way acquisition, numerous major utility relocations, and the relocation of five burrowing owls. That we completed this effort on schedule is a tribute to the commitment and professionalism of the entire project team."



Pictured from left to right: Elijah Williams (EPS), Casa Grande City Manager Jim Thompson; Sanders Achen (Achen-Gardner), Casa Grande Mayor Bob Jackson, Casa Grande City Council Member Karl Montoya and daughter; Dennis Troglio (Achen-Gardner), and Casa Grande Public Works Director Kevin Louis

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# Here's to Good Health & Long Lives

While residential and retail markets struggle in the current economy, medically related developments continue to forge ahead. Even if families can't afford to buy that new house or car, almost everyone gets sick from time to time. And whether we like it or not, we all continue to get older every day.

With each new day, however, the quality of medical services and assistance for the elderly improve. Technological advances continue to amaze us with new treatments allowing us to enjoy longer and healthier lives.

The EPS team may not have the technical expertise to splice genes or cure cancer, but our staff can assist in supporting the "health" of medical facility developments in other ways.

EPS Group's services include :

- assistance in obtaining entitlements
- site planning
- topographic and boundary surveying
- grading & drainage plans
- utility services
- landscape architecture
- construction staking
- site construction management.



EPS Group is proud to be able to be a part of that growth by offering its high quality services to a multitude of health related developments. Some of the projects that EPS Group has completed include:

- Hospice of the Valley at Gilbert Medical Center
- Deseret Family Medical Center
- Mercy Point Medical Center Professional Office
- Banner Gateway Medical Center
- Canyon Springs Medical Plaza
- Odyssey Medical Center

EPS is currently providing these services to several new sites that may one day provide the treatments and services allowing all of us to enjoy healthier and longer lives.



Banner Gateway Medical Center



Canyon Springs Medical Plaza



Odyssey Medical Center

# Is it Time to Re-evaluate Your Land Investments?

With some early indications of a recovering economy, now is the perfect time to focus on expanding opportunities by reevaluating planned, stalled, and/or unfinished developments that have already been through some if not all of the approval process. This market provides an opportune time to answer pivotal questions about your existing developments and determine a course of action.

- o What new and emerging design elements could be integrated into the planned development that allow further capitalization on the land investment?
- o Was anything overlooked?
- o Does the development exhibit a sustainable and cohesive design?

*This economic climate has also forced many land holdings into foreclosure, and many entitlement approvals have now expired.*

- o What opportunities are possible on foreclosure holdings, or another piece of available property?
- o What entitlement approvals exist on those holdings?
- o What approvals need to be updated?

*This market slow down has allowed EPS to work with landowners to evaluate each holding and further position those holdings for additional opportunities.*

- o How are you positioning your land holdings?
- o Are you prepared to capitalize with your land holdings on the next change in market momentum?

*The EPS Design staff is aligned to assist with all the questions above and more.*

- o Are you working with a team that can provide you answers to all these questions?
- o If not, shouldn't you be?
- o How we can help? Just let us know.



Previously Approved



Proposed Changes  
(after Re-evaluation)

# Office News

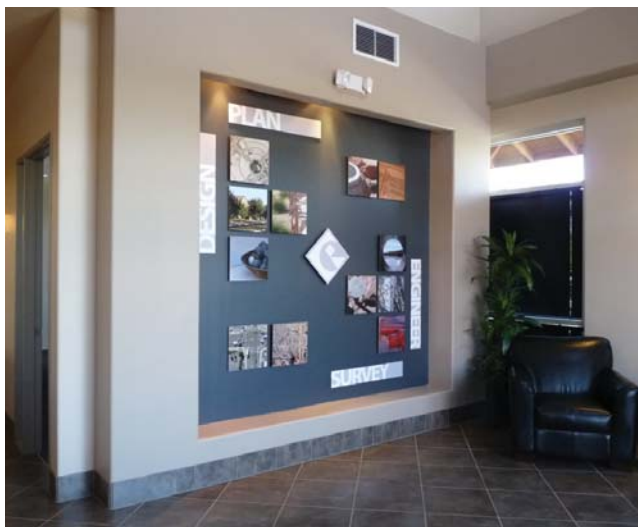
## Open House & 5th Anniversary

EPS hosted an open house in December to celebrate the company's 5th Anniversary and to officially open our new office.

The new office is located at 2045 S. Vineyard Avenue, Suite 101, Mesa.

Thanks to everyone who attended and shared this celebration with us.

If you weren't able to attend, please feel free to drop by and check us out!



Updates to [www.epsgroupinc.com](http://www.epsgroupinc.com)

The EPS website is currently under construction. Check on our progress.



## Congratulations to EPS's Newest "Professional Engineer"

Jonathon Lassuy became the newest P.E. at EPS Group October, 2008. He began his career at EPS Group in June, 2004 as an intern in the Public Works Department while attending ASU. Jon became a full-time employee upon graduating with his degree in engineering.

During his career at EPS Group, Jon has worked on numerous project activities including project research, roadway design, intersection design, feasibility studies, water and wastewater studies and design.

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