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Welcome to our Common Ground Awards Celebration!



Since 2004, the Metropolitan Pima Alliance (MPA) has annually honored projects in our community that show exemplary collaboration with the Common Ground Awards. Through the many years, we have recognized Neighborhood Plans, Public Policy efforts, both public and private Infrastructure, Revitalization, and the construction of significant regional projects. Along the way we have honored public/private partnerships, community events, nonprofit organizations and economic development initiatives.

Each year, as we evaluate the projects submitted, we are reminded of our mission statement: ...to create a prosperous community by promoting collaborative real estate development policies, building partnerships and finding common ground. With each submission, our committee members look at the people, organizations and the various jurisdictions involved, and evaluate each project based upon the foundation of this organization: Collaboration. We review the process they used to find common ground, and in the end we award those projects that have shown an exemplary level of partnership in achieving their desired end goals.

This year is no different; after reviewing and evaluating over 30 submissions of projects, programs and policies that have overcome challenges to the benefit of the community, the Common Ground Awards Committee narrowed the finalists down to fifteen (15). As you read through each of the finalists' narratives we hope you will hear the echoes of collaboration and common ground as outlined in our mission statement.

Lisa Bowers,
Tucson Expediting and Development, 2018 MPA Board Chair

MPA's Common Ground Awards:

MPA's Common Ground Awards honors community leaders, projects and programs that have made significant contributions toward bridging divides and finding solutions to complex challenges in creative ways. Over the years, this ceremony has recognized over 275 exemplary projects that embody MPA's mission to create a prosperous community by promoting collaborative real estate development policies, building partnerships and finding common ground. Collaboration is key to everything MPA believes in.

This year's ceremony is celebrating 15 finalists, three in each of the five award categories. All finalists underwent a multistep process, including participating in a panel interview where they were scored against weighted criteria including quality, impact and complexity of the collaboration. The Board-selected winner of each category, 5 in total, will be awarded a one of a kind Tom Philabaum glass creation.



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Twenty-one Years of Building Common Ground



Collaboration is the cornerstone of Metropolitan Pima Alliance's mission, and the gold standard by which the Common Ground Award applicants are judged. Working together to achieve growth, prosperity, and the betterment of our community are characteristics shared by all projects honored at this year's ceremony - winners and finalists alike.

In the 21 years since the organization's inception, collaboration has been demonstrated throughout the community, and celebrated over the past 14 years with the Common Ground Awards. I am beyond excited to oversee this year's celebration as the Executive Director of MPA and can recall my first experience with the Awards in 2007, celebrating my father and his involvement to spearhead an archeological preserve. He was so humbled by the recognition that it inspired him to further his commitment to public service and seek other opportunities for collaboration. The Common Ground Awards honor projects, like my father's, that would otherwise go uncelebrated, but have significant benefit to not only those in the land-use industry, but the community as a whole.

Each year, when I reflect upon the Awards and their significance, I revisit that experience in 2007. I am reminded that the Common Ground Awards celebrates projects that exemplify innovation and collaboration, all for the betterment of our community. Many of the projects that have been awarded over the last 14 years may not have been glamorous, but they are significant because they are reflective of hours worked, the unlikely partnerships formed, and the many obstacles and setbacks that needed to be overcome for Southern Arizona to succeed.

MPA is a respected and effective organization because of those involved with it; our members are the driving force behind our success. This year's award Committee of 13 dedicated members and Co-Chaired by Board Members Camila Martins-Bekat and Cody McGuire, spent over 20 hours reviewing and interviewing the variety of local projects submitted for consideration; assessing both the quality and quantity of the collaboration associated with each project. Without the Committee's involvement the Awards would not be possible, and I would like to thank them all for their time and effort in making this year's celebration a success.

It is incredible to learn about all the amazing projects taking place in Southern Arizona, and I am excited to share them with you and recognize those involved, what a time to be alive!

I hope you have a wonderful time tonight, thank you for joining us as we celebrate collaboration in our community!

Cheers,
Allyson Solomon, Executive Director,
Metropolitan Pima Alliance



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Collaborative Spirit



Barker Contracting, is proud to once again support the Metropolitan Pima Alliance Common Ground Awards as title sponsor. Celebrating the projects and people that represent the best practices in land development collaboration our community has to offer is very important. It demonstrates the recognition that can be achieved when project leaders and their stakeholders explore new approaches and are open to unconventional solutions. At Barker, we highly value and have a deep commitment to developing long lasting relationships that can only be achieved by earning trust and emphasizing teamwork.

The Common Ground awards explore the great outcomes that result from incorporating the interests and concerns of affected stakeholders while meeting the needs of the decision-makers. Navigating the intersection of individual, consumer and private business needs can be challenging. The projects we celebrate are the best examples available of what happens when everyone works together, despite their differences.

The awards are well-regarded in our community and industry. Attendees learn from the examples that are set before them in an elegant and celebratory setting. They see the benefits of working together to get the best results for all. We hope the Common Ground Awards leaves attendees inspired by the best practices demonstrated and ready to explore and develop the next practices that will shape the future of our industry. We also hope that the awarded projects and the lessons they can teach us about the benefits of both conventional and unconventional collaboration are remembered long after the ceremony is over.

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Community Enhancement: Focusing on their common interests, projects included in this category improve the quality of life for the residents and visitors of Southern Arizona.

Big Wash Trail and Trailhead Project

The Big Wash Trail and Trailhead Project sought a solution to the lack of publicly dedicated trails within Oro Valley's Town limits and a way to provide alternative access points for a heavily used trail system. It was an uncommon collaboration between the Town of Oro Valley, Pima County, a nonprofit, local businesses and landowners, and several volunteer groups, which resulted in fulfilling a need that had been identified by bicyclists, hikers, equestrian riders, and other end users by enabling access to State Land and Big Wash.



In the past, users were parking at the surrounding local shopping centers, creating a problematic environment for business owners and an inconvenience for trail users. The high level of user demand, generosity of two Big Wash landowners, and the formation of both an intergovernmental and user group partnership, were catalysts in driving this project forward in an expeditious manner. In addition, the coordination, measured negotiations, and sharing of costs among the groups involved, helped open the Big Wash Trail and Trailhead facilities on an accelerated timetable.

The Town of Oro Valley negotiated easements and dedication of land within Big Wash (made possible by the generous donations from two private property owners), which enabled Pima County to then accept the responsibility of maintaining the bulk of the trail area and team up with Oro Valley Town staff to help physically construct the trailhead and trail. User groups joined the partnership to fund wildlife and cultural resource studies and to assist in the trail building effort. Clearing the land for the trailhead began in October 2017 and the trail was formally opened to the public on December 9, 2017. Bicyclists, and other volunteer trail builders were in attendance. A guided mountain bike ride and a guided hike for the public were part of the grand opening celebration.

Collaborators: Town of Oro Valley P&R; Pima County Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation; Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists; Oro Valley High School Cycling Club; Cottonwood Properties; VP Loan LLC

Sabino Canyon Shuttle Project

In November 2017, in response to a US Forest Service (USFS) Prospectus and Request for Application, the Regional Partnering Center (RPC) - a function of Pima Association of Governments (PAG), and its partners/collaborators proposed and were ultimately awarded a 5-year USFS permit to transform and operate the shuttle service in Sabino Canyon.

The Sabino Canyon Shuttle Project required partnerships between PAG/RTA, Tucson Electric Power (TEP), Total Transit Enterprises and Trams International. Through a capitalized contribution by TEP, 5 (five) all-electric trams will be built and delivered. Once fully operational, the Sabino Canyon Shuttle system will be managed by PAG and operated by Total Transit Enterprises. The trams will be equipped with individualized narration systems and will provide a multilingual interpretive program that features a range of topics about the canyon's natural environment and rich cultural heritage. The system will be



improved by offering a range of shuttle ticket payment options and through the creation of additional linkages from the transit system to the Sabino Canyon Recreation Area; enabling access to Sabino Canyon for an underserved population of transit-dependent citizens.

Collaborators: Regional Partnering Center; Regional Transportation Authority; Pima Association of Governments; Tucson Electric Power; Total Transit Enterprises; Trams International; Public Lands Interpretive Association; Sabino Canyon Volunteer Naturalists; Friends of Sabino Canyon; Coalition of Sonoran Desert Protection; UA College of Science

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William J. Dawson Memorial Rink

The goal of the William J. Dawson Memorial Rink was to create a multi-use facility that gave the community, students, and members of the Boys and Girls Club of Tucson access to a safe and fulfilling activity.

In the Spring of 2017, the Tucson Roadrunners and Arizona Coyotes secured land associated with the Doolen Middle School campus to build the memorial rink. The Boys and Girls Club of Tucson and the Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) approved to continue a working agreement to manage the memorial hockey rink during non-school hours. The truly collaborative nature of this project was put into focus with numerous companies in Tucson stepping up to donate their time and resources to make the project possible in less than two weeks of construction.



The William J. Dawson Memorial Rink will serve as a great community asset with regular DEK Hockey programming (one only needs tennis shoes to play – skating is not necessary), school use from Doolen Middle School, and Boys and Girls Club of Tucson use during non-school hours. Regular and scheduled time, organized clinics and tournaments will also be held at the memorial rink to teach community members about the game of hockey.

Collaborators: Tucson Roadrunners; Arizona Coyotes; Mark Irvin Commercial Real Estate Services, LLC; EMPowerPlay; Boys and Girls Club of Tucson; Sundt Construction; Tucson Unified School District; City of Tucson; Concord General Contracting; Swaim Associates LTD; Hardrock Concrete Placement; Arizona Party Rental; CEMEX; Harvey's Trucking, Inc.; Penhall Companies; Sunstate Equipment; Cirrus Visual; Brent Kyte/Pizza Hut

Infill, Redevelopment and Revitalization: Reimagining the efficient use of land resources, creating more compact patterns of land-use and development by reinvesting in areas targeted for growth.

New Community Foundation Campus

In 2015, the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona's (CFSA) Board of Trustees determined the Community Foundation had outgrown its current location and after reviewing research by the Eller College of Management that found high interest, as well as resounding needs for spaces that allowed non-profit organizations to convene, collaborate, share and learn, the idea for the Community Foundation Campus (CF Campus) was born. The CF Campus would be a way to accommodate CFSA's growth while also creating a place for other nonprofits to convene, collaborate and work side by side. At the same time, The Boy Scouts were operating out of a space deemed too large for their current needs and were weighing the possibility of having to attract co-tenants.

In an unusual move, the CFSA and the Boy Scouts collaborated to swap buildings, resulting in a perfect fit for each organization's needs and goals. The CFSA bought the Boy Scouts' building in April 2017, and the Boy Scouts moved into the Community Foundation's former space over the summer.

The Campus will be a place where experts share knowledge openly, mentorship happens spontaneously, and collaboration flows naturally. Great ideas will spark from casual conversations and chance meetings that only occur in a shared work space. CFSA is helping nonprofits forge and strengthen their partnerships and eliminate redundancy, working toward shared goals for the community in an exciting new space.

Collaborators: Community Foundation of Southern Arizona; Catalina Boy Scouts of America; Nextrio; PICOR Commercial Real Estate Services; Barker Contracting; Eller College of Management





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Speedway + Campbell Gateway Project

The Speedway + Campbell Gateway Project (Palm Shadows) is a mixed-use, transit-oriented development project at the northwest corner of Speedway and Campbell that sets a new paradigm for development in the University area and along the Sun Link Streetcar Route.

To permit the Project, an amendment to the University Area Plan (UAP) and a rezoning to a Planned Area Development (PAD) were both required. For both entitlement processes, ownership made strong commitments to both the City and the surrounding neighborhoods that exceeded anything accomplished to-date within City limits. During the UAP process, the development team invited surrounding neighborhood association leadership to be part of the collaborative process. Three working meetings were held to identify the uses and community spaces desired by the neighborhoods, address concerns about the form of the development (including the 20-story/250-foot high-rise component), pedestrian connectivity, and access. The Project team conducted the required neighborhood meeting for the PAD process and created a website (www.speedwaycampbellgateway.com) for the general public to easily obtain information about the Project's vision, the results of the Special Studies, as well as the view the applications and entitlement documents.



The focus on plaza spaces, retail spaces, and a mix of uses, along with the high level of architecture and sustainability principles embedded in the PAD document, has been commended for this area of the City. The Project team worked hard to truly listen to differing opinions and incorporate reasonable feedback. The results of this entitlement process set a new precedent for PAD's and development in Tucson and received unanimous approval by the City Mayor and Council.

Collaborators: Lazarus, Silvyn & Bangs, P.C.; Richard Shenkarow/John Galen; Rick Joy Architects; Projects International, Inc.; Norris Design; Vince Catalano and Brent Crowther; Kimley-Horn; City of Tucson; Blenman Elm Neighborhood Association; Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association; West University Neighborhood Association; North University Neighborhood Association; Feldman's Neighborhood Association; Catalina Vista Neighborhood Association; Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association; Miramonte Neighborhood Association; Campus Farms Neighborhood Association

The Schoolyard and Elementary Place

Anytime a new development is being considered within an existing neighborhood, it is a difficult task to satisfy all interested parties. Pepper Viner Homes worked with Tucson Unified School District (TUSD), the City of Tucson, neighborhood groups and various consultants to collaborate on the rezoning, platting, and eventual development of two closed TUSD elementary school sites (Wrightstown and Van Horne Elementary Schools) into infill residential communities.

To find common ground, numerous meetings were held, and Pepper Viner Homes presented a relatively low impact, compatible use for the properties and surrounding neighborhoods. School themes were implemented at each community to provide historical context of both properties and pay respect to the educators, alumni, and the schools themselves that were central to these neighborhoods. With input from the various stakeholders, as well as the City of Tucson, this infill development has set an example for transforming school closures into a positive, active, residential housing development.



Collaborators: Pepper Viner Homes; City of Tucson; Tucson Unified School District; COT Development Services; Rick Engineering; WLB Engineering; Chapman Lindsay; Wrightstown Elementary; Various Neighborhood Groups; Fairfax Companies

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The University of Arizona
Health Sciences Building 201 Renovation

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New Construction and Development: The projects in this category are visionary, standing out by breaking new ground and creating a sense of place through substantial investment.

MSA Annex

The MSA Annex is the second phase expansion of the Mercado San Agustin Public Market and doubles the amount of locally owned small businesses along Avenida del Convento. Both phases of the Mercado District have been financed in part by New Market Tax Credits (NMTC), a testament to the Community Development mission of the Gadsden Company. The stores and restaurants of the MSA Annex are housed inside modified shipping containers surrounded by a modern desert scape creating a relaxed yet sophisticated pavilion style retail center, making it not only unconventional and unique, but the first of its kind in Southern Arizona.



The scope of the project and its benefits reach not only our neighborhoods but also multiple jurisdictions. The MSA Annex brings 13 new locally owned small businesses (many women and minority owned), bringing the total number of businesses to 26 to along the Mercado District's Avenida Del Convento. This regional destination has become vital to the broader Tucson community while fostering economic growth for downtown Tucson area and its local community of makers.

Collaborators: The Gadsden Company, LLC; MSA Annex, LLC; Gadsden Design Build, LLC; Coryell Consulting, LLC; BRS Architects; Arizona MultiBank; Clearinghouse CDFI; National Community Investment Fund; City of Tucson; Rio Nuevo Multipurpose Facilities District; Menlo Park Neighborhood Association; Westside Coalition of Neighborhoods

The University of Arizona Health Sciences, Building 201 Renovation

The building owned jointly by The University of Arizona and Banner Health, the University of Arizona Health Sciences (UAHS) Renovation required collaboration on the Owner side that is atypical for a University of Arizona Design-Build project. Within the University of Arizona alone, there were a multitude of different academic and operational departments involved. On the construction side, unique logistical constraints created significant challenges for the project, from timeline and sequencing to lack of space for staging and layout, to issues endemic in the current construction community such as the skilled labor shortage and escalating labor and material costs. The high degree of collaboration evident in this project was of great benefit to the community in that it contributed to keeping this highly-complex, top-ranked, local hospital functioning, and affording a continuity of care with minimal impact to the operations of the facility.

The UAHS Renovation resulted in an improved working environment for the anesthesiology, surgery, medicine, and orthopedics departments at UMC/Banner, which had been located in a temporary space for the past 50 years. In addition, the relocation allowed for the demolition of the modular buildings where these functions had previously been housed, improving the aesthetics of the exterior environment in the community.



Collaborators: The University of Arizona; Banner Health – Development & Construction; Sears-Gerbo Architecture; GLHN Architects & Engineers, Inc.; Lloyd Construction Company, Inc.; Within Studio, LLC

The University of Arizona Honors College

The University of Arizona Honors College Project is the first major public-private partnership project for the UA and presented an opportunity for a groundbreaking collaboration between the UA, the City of Tucson, neighborhood associations, and American Campus Communities.

The project is being developed on almost two city blocks outside the UA campus planning boundary. The project includes a new Honors College Residence Hall with a dining facility, Honors College classrooms, educational and office spaces,



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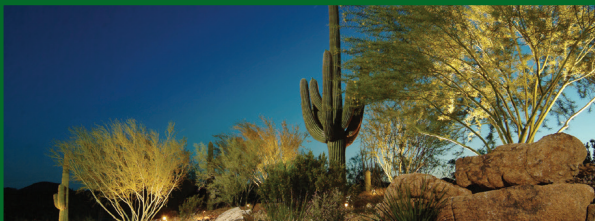
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a north satellite for the UA Recreation/Wellness Center, and associated parking. Because of its location outside the UA planning boundary, and the fact that a typical rezoning process was not required, the City, UA and neighbors had to perform additional work in visioning and collaborating to improve City streets, sidewalks, and right-of-way connections to the Project that provided both safe and aesthetically pleasing access to the UA campus. The project ultimately addressed concerns, including treatment of the historic Comstock building, drainage, building height, mitigating impacts of a residence hall within the neighborhoods, access, traffic circulation, noise, appropriate permissions and documents to fulfill the public improvements to City rights-of-way, and establishing trust and accountability for all commitments made.



This Honors College Project replaces vacant land, vacant houses, and other dilapidated buildings with a vibrant student village that provides housing, classroom and educational spaces, recreation and dining; and will be an enormous benefit to the neighborhood, UA and the City for years to come.

Collaborators: Lazarus, Silvyn & Bangs, P.C.; The University of Arizona; Arizona Campus Communities; Blenman-Elm Neighborhood Association; Catalina Vista Neighborhood Association; West University Neighborhood Association; Feldman's Neighborhood Association; Ironhorse Neighborhood Association; Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association; North University Neighborhood Association; Pie Allen Neighborhood Association; Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association; Rincon Heights Neighborhood Association; City of Tucson

Programs and Policies: This category celebrates policies, programs and organizations that work for the greater good of the community, while enabling responsible development and enhancement.

Living River Project

The Living River Project is a unique partnership between four Pima County departments and the Sonoran Institute to raise public awareness about the dramatic improvement in the wetland health of the Lower Santa Cruz River following the upgrades to two wastewater reclamation facilities.

Through annual reports, e-media, public outreach activities, and Living River of Words school outings, this inventive collaboration has been educating people about the existence of year-round flow and the effects of wastewater treatment on the river near Tucson since 2012. The Santa Cruz River near Tucson continues to flow year-round thanks to release of effluent (highly treated wastewater) from two wastewater reclamation facilities. This effluent use re-creates our flowing-river heritage, naturally recharges our aquifer, supports rare wildlife habitat, and enhances a valued community amenity. What has recently changed is the effluent quality. In its largest public works project ever, Pima County invested over \$600



million in facility upgrades, which came on line in 2013. To gauge conditions of this valuable ecosystem and track the impacts of our community investment, Pima County and the Sonoran Institute, with help from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, developed a Living River annual report series for the Lower Santa Cruz River. These reports document annual change to gain insight into the river's wetland health.

The annual report series has influenced public consciousness about the transition of this stretch of the Santa Cruz from an environmental liability to a community amenity and the complexities of managing water resources in the desert are addressed in a manner that multiple educational levels, including non-technical audiences, can readily grasp.

Collaborators: Sonoran Institute; Pima County; US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9; Studio Orange Street; Arizona State University; The University of Arizona; Pima Association of Governments; US Bureau of Reclamation; Town of Marana; Tucson Water; Arizona Department of Environmental Quality; US Geological Survey; Tucson Audubon Society; Placido Dos Santos; E. Linwood Smith

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Pima County Certificate of Coverage Program

In 2016, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (Service) issued a Section 10 permit to Pima County and Pima County Flood Control District for the Multi-Species Conservation Plan (MSCP) which provides our community with a long-term solution to conflicts between development and endangered species.

While the scope of the MSCP would cover public projects, the Certificate of Coverage Program would be the mechanism to cover private projects under the MSCP umbrella. The challenges in fleshing out the details of covering private projects turned out to be significant and necessitated obtaining stakeholders' agreements on a combination of sensitive issues. The collaboration between County and Federal regulators, the regulated development community, and conservation advocates produced a Certificate of Coverage Program that hits all its marks. Participation in the Certificate of Coverage Program is discretionary, fees are nominal, compliance with Army Corps of Engineers 404 permits and the County Native Plant Preservation Ordinance is streamlined; and equal access to coverage is available for projects, regardless of size, in unincorporated Pima County that require a grading permit. This program allows private development to capitalize on reduced risks as well as leverage cost savings from streamlined regulatory compliance.



Remarkably, Pima County is one of the few places in the country and the only jurisdiction in Arizona where private development can gain these benefits regardless of whether a project is for an individual residential lot, a subdivision, or a large scale commercial/industrial project. It is a tool unique to our community that promotes economic development while contributing to the conservation of our beloved Sonoran Desert.

Collaborators: Southern AZ Homebuilders; Diamond Ventures; Metropolitan Pima Alliance; Bill Arnold; Tucson Association of Realtors; Westland Resources; Remington Properties; Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection; Defenders of Wildlife; Tucson Audubon Society; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Pima County

Wrightson Ridge K8 School

Wrightson Ridge K-8, the newest addition to the Sahuarita Unified School District (SUSD), was made possible through the collaboration of the education sector, the public and private sectors, local businesses, and the community at large.

The new school, located in the Sahuarita Town Center within the Rancho Sahuarita master planned community, is designed to help alleviate some of the already existing space and resource burdens felt by the existing schools and their staff and will help serve additional future students joining the district as the community continues to grow. The full campus includes six buildings, along with tennis courts, soccer, baseball, and softball fields. In order for the new school to be built, the Yes for Sahuarita Schools Political Action Committee (PAC) set out to bring together a group of community members and district stakeholders, to garner support for Proposition 451 and Proposition 452. Weekly meetings by PAC members and various outreach channels were utilized to get factual information out to the voters and demonstrate the crucial needs that would be met by the passing of the propositions. On Election Day, both propositions were successfully approved by voters. The school is currently under construction, on 21 acres of land, donated to the District by Rancho Sahuarita. Without the donation of the land by the developer, this project would not have been feasible.

In the end, the collaboration benefits not only the school district, teachers and students, but also the greater community.

Collaborators: Rancho Sahuarita Company; CORE Construction; Farmers Investment Company; Hunter Contracting; Sahuarita Unified School District; Swaim & Associates; Town of Sahuarita; Amerson Surveying; Arroyo Engineering; Associa PAC; Associated Fence; Chasse Building Team, Inc.; Crown Community Development; DLR Group; Ensign Design LLC; Ginger and John Kneup; McEvoy, Daniels & Darcy, P.C.; Partners Management & Consultant; Pattison Engineering, LLC; Perry Engineering; Progressive Services, Inc.; Red Point Development; Southern Arizona Home Builders Association; Sun Valley Masonry, Inc.; Wholesale Floors, LLC; William H. Baker, Jr.



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Sahuarita Advanced Manufacturing & Technology Center (SAMTEC)

When the Town of Sahuarita was faced with a lack of industrial space and a need to provide well-paying jobs to recruit residents, the Town set out to find solutions through the exploration of grant programs and collaborating with Federal, State, and local organizations as well as members the tech industry.

This multi-year collaboration is resulting in the Sahuarita Advanced Manufacturing and Technology Center (SAMTEC). A 32,000 square foot project the SAMTEC's reach goes beyond the Town, benefiting all of Southern Arizona and reinforcing Southern Arizona's position as a tech hub and tech friendly region. The Town was able to apply for and win a grant of \$250,000 from the Arizona Commerce Authority that extends a sewer line, providing much needed infrastructure to the desired location for the SAMTEC project. The Town also applied for and received a grant in 2017 from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) following the mining curtailments of 2015 which had a negatively impacted the Town's economy. The \$3 million grant from the EDA went toward the direct construction of SAMTEC facility. In addition, the SAMTEC project received two other grants from the Freeport McMoRan Foundation totaling \$320,000.



Through these grant programs and collaboration, the SAMTEC project allows for economic expansion in Southern Arizona.

Collaborators: Town of Sahuarita; Hydronalix; Control Vision, Inc.; AZ Commerce Authority; Freeport McMoRan; Economic Development Administration

Southeast Interceptor Sewer Augmentation Project (3SEI13)

Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (RWRD) along with its contractor, KE&G Construction Inc., successfully completed the two-year, 2.6-mile Southeast Interceptor Sewer Augmentation (SEI) project south of downtown along the east side of Interstate 10 and through South Tucson in 2018.



The SEI project is part of a multi-million-dollar RWRD effort to extend the life of the community's wastewater facilities by more than 50 years. The SEI project upgraded a 53-year-old portion of the existing SEI to address capacity limitations between 17th and 36th streets and installed new 36-inch to 42-inch sewer interceptor lines from 17th Street to Euclid Avenue. To successfully complete a project of this magnitude, the project team made it a priority to communicate, coordinate and collaborate with area residents and neighborhood groups; dozens of property owners and small and large businesses; local schools; Pima County, City of Tucson and City of South Tucson elected officials and agencies; ADOT, ADEQ, Tucson Water, Union Pacific Railroad, Kinder Morgan, CenturyLink, Comcast and many other stakeholders. The project team worked hard to collaborate with the City of South Tucson, many individual businesses, property owners and organizations to develop individualized solutions or workarounds to minimize the project's impact.

Not only did the project dramatically improve sewer capacity and service, it brought together a local sculptor, three neighborhood associations and young people at two schools and a community center to design RWRD's first ever public art. The young people's pictures and ideas were incorporated into five manhole cover designs for 55 manhole covers, in both English and Spanish.

Collaborators: KE&G Construction, Inc.; Tucson Water; Arizona Department of Transportation; Tucson Police Department; Tucson Fire Department; Westland Resources; Pima County; Arts Foundation for Tucson and Southern Arizona; Jason Butler; D&L Supply Company; Gem & Mineral Show; Union Pacific Railroad; South Tucson; Barrio Viejo; Sonoran Glass; Carrillo Elementary School; Circle K (22nd & 1-10); Restaurant Depot; Foundation Building Material; Martinez Funeral Chapel; El Paso & Southwestern Greenway Project; Los Portales Restaurant; Crossroads Restaurant; Rigo's Restaurant; Micha's; Tucson Greyhound Park; Tucson Iron & Metal; Jim's Market; Finley Distributing; Tucson Department of Environmental Services; United States Postal Service – Cherrybell; A&S Paving; AT&T; El Paso Natural Gas – Tucson; Kinder Morgan Energy; Southwest Gas; Tucson Electric Power; The University of Arizona; Century Link

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Tangerine Corridor, Phase 1

Tangerine Corridor, Phase I is a 5-mile-long roadway reconstruction project extending through three jurisdictions of Marana, Pima County and Oro Valley.

This is an unprecedented project in terms of collaboration, with 18 different groups representing local government, private, and state agencies. Each stakeholder contributed to the funding in order to accomplish this project, and collaborated together through the planning, construction, change orders

and implementation stages. The benefit of this roadway reconstruction project will provide residents and visitors of Marana, Oro Valley, and Pima County with safer, all weather access to I-10 via Twin Peaks Road. The design of the project also takes into consideration the protection and safety of wildlife within the area, enabling future development to not significantly disrupt the original amenities residents of the area sought.

The 5 miles of roadway now contains 42 storm drain crossings, 9 of which are designed distinctly for wildlife crossings, and 4,500 linear feet of new force main sewer line. The roadway also provides an opportunity to extend the public and private utilities to feed the economic growth in the area. This major arterial connector literally paves the way for new incoming commercial businesses, continued residential development, and other outcomes that will improve the quality of life for residents in the region.

Collaborators: Town of Marana; Town of Oro Valley; Pima County; Psomas; Kittleson and Associates; Tucson Electric Power; Century Link; Comcast; Tucson Water; Trico Power; Southwest Gas; The Arizona Game and Fish Department; Joint Venture Corporation (TCC); Pima Association of Governments; Regional Transport Authority; Leman Academy

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