

City Manager's Report

January 9, 2025

Council and Colleagues, greetings. These reports are intended to be informational, covering miscellaneous events and topics involving the city organization. This report, being right after the Holidays, is very brief.

RAISE Grant Success!

This week, the City of Flagstaff received early notification that the Butler Avenue and Fourth Street Safety and Multimodal Improvements project was awarded \$19 million in U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) FY 25-26 grant funding for construction. The project is currently at the 30% design stage so staff will continue to work on the design of the project and begin the process of working with the DOT to prepare grant agreements for City Council approval.

Simply stated, this is huge! The \$19 million RAISE Grant funds and the \$10.2 million local match will fund multimodal improvements along Butler Avenue from I-40 to Sinagua Heights Dr. and Fourth Street from Sparrow Ave. to Crest Stone. The improvements include off-street bike lanes, ADA sidewalks, mid-block crossings, roadway widening, corridor access management solutions with a raised median and two roundabouts, rapid flashing beacons, and drainage structures. The project will also provide a bike and pedestrian tunnel under the Butler Ave and Fourth Street intersection.

I want to recognize our dedicated team members and partners who worked on this successful application. We once again thank our Federal lobbyist and MetroPlan for their partnership. I would be remiss if I didn't recognize the leadership of Paul Mood, our City Engineer, who was determined enough and the team effort to apply a second time. The city did not initially receive the grant funding in the FY 23-24 cycle. I will have a list of others who worked on the application during my City Manager report.

Tour of New NAH Primary Care Clinic

On Thursday, January 9, Vice Mayor Sweet, Councilmember Aslan, Councilmember Spence and Deputy City Manager Joanne Keene met with Northern Arizona Healthcare to tour the new Primary Care Clinic on McMillan Mesa. The state-of-the-art facility will house primary care physicians and will be the eventual home for a new urgent care facility. Thanks to the team at NAH, including CEO Dave Cheney, for providing the city with a preview before it officially opens to the public on January 16.



Buelah Roundabout

Courtesy of our Project Manager Senior Lead, Drone Pilot, and Music DJ, David Pederson, check out this footage. Good stuff!

[BU Update 20250103.mp4](#)

InnerBasin Waterline Project Award

Staff was recently informed that Hunter Contracting will be the recipient of the Arizona Chapter of Associated General Contractor's Build Arizona Award for the Inner Basin Waterline Project. The award is in the category of public reconstruction projects from \$10 million to \$50 million. This is a very prestigious award in the general contracting community.

This project could not have been completed without the great support from Federal, State and Local Agencies. Staff plans on attending the awards ceremony on Friday, January 24th to help celebrate the project and bring home some hardware for the city to display. Attached is a copy of the award application if you would like to review it.

Upcoming Meetings

A reminder of the two-day retreat on January 30th and 31st at the Core Facilities Building (Public Works) on #66 past Woody Mountain. Agenda and details to follow. It will be facilitated

There will also be a two-day retreat on February 13th and 14th. Same comment, although this retreat will not be facilitated. Stay tuned.

We will be hosting the annual City Manager's Excellence Awards at the Orpheum on February 5th, 11AM to 1:30PM. This is a lot of fun, with lunch and presentations, and some well-deserved recognitions. Council is welcome to attend!

That's all for now, Council. Happy New Year and