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## County Finance Officers Meet

The County Finance Officers Organization met on Thursday to discuss a variety of topics concerning county finances and operations. Finance directors discussed recent changes to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) reporting requirements, the different ways that counties track progress towards their strategic plans through various metrics, and potential opportunities to improve procurement functions. CSA staff provided an overview of problems in the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) and discussed the impact moving to a more sustainable funding structure would have on county budgets. Additionally, CSA staff went over the various county-submitted legislative proposals to be discussed at CSA's upcoming legislative summit.

## Maricopa County BOS Appoints County Attorney

On Thursday during a special meeting, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors (BOS) appointed Ms. Allister Adel as the new Maricopa County Attorney, making Adel the first female Maricopa County Attorney.



In September the BOS created a seven-member Citizens Advisory Committee (Committee) to screen and make recommendations on the applications for the vacant county attorney position. The Committee sent five names forward to the BOS for consideration. Chairman Gates said "this was a particularly exciting process to be involved in, truly an honor" noting that Adel stood out because she had a background in criminal and civil law as well as experience as an administrator. Gates said, "I know I speak on behalf of the board when I say congratulations and we look forward to working with you."

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## County Highlight - Cochise County Road Reconstruction



The Cochise County Board of Supervisors approved the Public Works Department's request to fully fund the first phase of a cold in-place pavement removal and replacement project on Fort Grant Road, a first in the region. Fort Grant Road near Wilcox, Arizona is a major access road for the community and businesses in the region.

According to Cochise County Engineering & Natural Resources Director Jackie Watkins the project is "more environmentally friendly and will result in improved rideability." The busy road was paved in 2001 and has since been developing deep cracks spanning 6 to 12 inches wide. The first phase of the project began on September 26<sup>th</sup> and the second phase is set to start in the spring of 2020. To learn more about the project, please click [here](#).

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## Interim Committees Meet



On Tuesday, October 1, 2019, the Towing Safety Task Force, the Joint Ad Hoc Committee on Statewide Emergency Communications, and the House Ad Hoc Committee on Abuse and Neglect of Vulnerable Adults each met.

The Towing Safety Task Force, charged with the review of safety issues and concerns related to the towing industry, heard testimony from a variety of stakeholders, including the Arizona Professional Towing & Recovery Association, the Arizona Department of Public Safety, and the Arizona Department of Transportation. Presentations included an overview of some of the current programs in place to educate the public about towing safety, as well as policy suggestions for municipalities statewide.

In addition, the Joint Ad Hoc Committee on Statewide Emergency Communications met to review emergency communication practices and policies between numerous agencies. Testimony included a presentation from the League of Cities and Towns and the Phoenix Police Department, providing an overview of the current interagency communication methods, types of equipment used, and an overview of the scenarios that require emergency communication. The committee plans to meet again at the Legislature on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.



The 13-member House Ad Hoc Committee on Abuse and Neglect of Vulnerable Adults also met. Charged with reviewing and identifying best practices for the reporting and investigative processes to ensure the safety of vulnerable adults, the committee heard testimony from the Arizona Center for Disability Law, the American Association of Retired Persons, and Ability 360. Presentations included an overview of Arizona group home regulations, including state agency access to records and monitoring. The committee also discussed the importance of advocacy for elderly residents. After the next meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup> the committee will formulate a report with recommendations for Governor Ducey.

To view an archived recording of any of the meetings, please click [here](#).

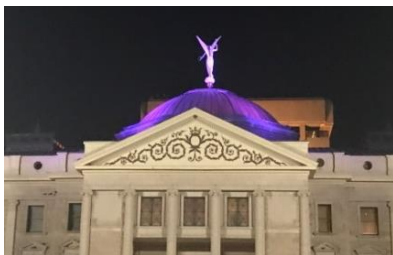
Committee hearings scheduled next week include:

- Joint Legislative Audit Committee, Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> in SHR 109. To view an agenda for the hearing, please click [here](#).
- Finance Advisory Committee, Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> in SHR 1. To view the committee briefing materials, please click [here](#).

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## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



On Tuesday, Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) and the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family kicked off Domestic Violence Awareness Month by lighting the State Capitol dome purple—the signature color of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The agencies work with the community to provide support for survivors of domestic abuse.

The DES [Domestic Violence Program](#) works with the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence to coordinate services for domestic violence victims. They coordinate with shelters, community partners and other state agencies to provide support services and funding.

Counties across Arizona kicked off Domestic Violence Awareness Month with public outreach and education campaigns, proclamations and events to increase community awareness to shine a light on this critical public safety issue.

Please visit the [Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family's website](#) for more information.

**Sources:** [Arizona Department of Economic Security](#) & the [Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family](#)



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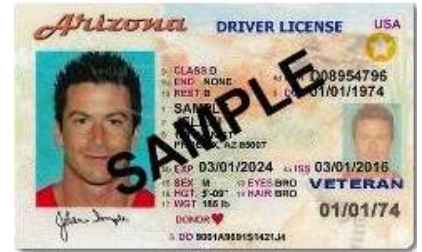
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## Upcoming TSA Security Changes

In 2005 the United States Congress passed the REAL ID Act ([Public Law 109-13](#)), enacting new federal standards for the issuance of identification. The Real ID Act established minimum-security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards and prohibits federal agencies from accepting for official purposes licenses and identification cards from states that do not meet these standards. Starting October 1, 2020 an individual without a compliant identification will be unable to enter a federal facility, board a federally regulated commercial aircraft, or enter a nuclear power plant.

The Arizona Travel ID issued by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is compliant with the federal Real ID Act and adds proof of identification required by federal law for licenses and identification cards. In order to apply for an Arizona Travel ID the applicant must provide proof of identity, social security number, and proof of Arizona residency. The Arizona Travel ID can be obtained at any MVD office (online appointment scheduling available) or through an authorized third party office.



For more information or to schedule an appointment please, click [here](#).

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## CSA on the Road



CSA staff is looking forward to meeting with Maricopa County next week, wrapping up CSA's summer county tour.

Thank you all for the warm hospitality. We have enjoyed visiting all of the counties over the over the summer.

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