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<p>Construction of facilities included in the 2008 Public Safety Bond Program</p>	<p>City staff concentrated on finishing most, if not all, of the facility related projects approved in the 2008 Public Safety Bond Program by the end of 2010 (within 2 years of the bond approval).</p> <p><u>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Station 218 (District 1):</i> Construction is underway and should be completed in February 2010. • <i>Station 215 (District 6):</i> The station will also include office space for the Police Department to support operations at Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport. Construction is underway and is expected to be completed in August 2010. • <i>Station 219 (District 6):</i> Completion of the 100% plans is scheduled for late November. Construction may be delayed 3-6 months due to FEMA requirements for an Environmental Historic Preservation (EHP) Review. Originally construction was scheduled for completion in September 2010. With the delays, construction may extend to late 2010 or early 2011. • <i>Station 220 (District 5):</i> Land was purchased as part of the 2008 bond program at 58th Street and Main for the station and design work is underway. With the \$4 million of competitive stimulus funds that the City has been awarded, funding is now available to build Station 220. • <i>Fire Apparatus:</i> As part of the bond program, Fire has purchased 4 major apparatus to date – 1 ladder truck, 2 pumper trucks, and 1 airport crash truck. Two additional pumper trucks are expected to be purchased in 2010. 12-Lead monitors are scheduled for purchase in early 2010. <p><u>POLICE DEPARTMENT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Joint Public Training Facility (District 5):</i> This project will construct additional classrooms and facilities in support of training for both Police and Fire. Plans are at 60% completion. 	<p>Engineering:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Beth Huning (x2512) Kelly Jensen (x4254) Fred Rustam (x4688)</p> <p>Police:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Chief Myers (x2329) Asst. Chief Dvorak (x2571)</p>

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	<p>Construction should start in July 2010 and be completed in August 2010.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Police Aviation</i>: The Department purchased a used Cessna P210N Javelin aircraft and received authorization from Council to purchase a used helicopter to complete this bond item. • <i>Center Against Family Violence Security Improvements (District 4)</i>: Design completed. Construction is scheduled to be completed in May 2010. • <i>Range Improvements (District 1)</i>: This project will construct approximately 3,000 sq/ft of classroom space to replace the existing modular building. Designs are at 90% completion. Construction is scheduled to be completed in April 2010. <p><i>Fiesta District Substation (District 3)</i>: The City is evaluating two possible sites. Discussions with site owners have been protracted but are progressing. Anticipate going before Council in executive session in November to review and discuss the two options.</p>	
Opening of Light Rail	<p>The City of Mesa partnered with the Cities of Phoenix and Tempe, the Regional Public Transportation Authority and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in the development of light rail, a high capacity transit project. Light rail provides a public transit alternative to the automobile through the highest-demand travel corridor in the metropolitan area. Serving some of the primary destinations in the region including ASU, downtown Tempe, Sky Harbor Airport, Bank One Ballpark, America West Arena and the Central Avenue employment corridor, the system utilizes high-capacity trains with the ability to carry 5,000 passengers each direction per hour during peak periods. Light Rail opened for passenger service in December 2008. Planning is underway for extending the line further east.</p>	<p>Mike James, Transportation (x5075)</p>
Success in receiving competitive American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding for	<p>The City was very successful in competing with agencies throughout the country for ARRA stimulus funding in support of public safety. The City was awarded 100% of the funding sought for additional police officers and for construction of two fire stations. In all, the City received over \$9 million in competitive stimulus funding for public safety. As a result of this funding:</p>	<p>Police: Chief Myers (x2329) Asst. Chief Dvorak (x2571)</p>

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Public Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City will hire 25 police officers (\$5+ million), which will help offset some of the FTE reductions implemented to balance the FY08/09 and FY09/10 budgets for the Police Department. Recruitment is scheduled to begin in November 2009, with an academy starting in May-June, 2010. • The City will be able to construct four new fire stations, instead of the three originally included in the 2008 Public Safety Bond Election with receipt of the ARRA grant in the amount of just over \$4 million. This will cover about half of the construction costs for both Fire Stations 219 and 220, and allow the City to construct Station 220 (District 5) ahead of schedule. 	Fire: Chief Beck (x2101) Asst. Chief Bloomer (5136)
Increased public access to the museums and contemporary arts	<p>Through a creative partnership with Target, the City increased the public's ability to visit the Arizona Museum of Natural History, the Arizona Museum for Youth, and Mesa Contemporary Arts. All three locations are now free to the public on the first Sunday of every month. Attendance for all three locations is targeted to increase by 5% over FY08/09. In addition, the Mesa Library is participating in a program that allows library card holders to use their cards to check out a Culture Pass, valid for four free admissions to 12 participating valley area arts and cultural institutions, including the Arizona Museum for Youth and the Arizona Museum of Natural History.</p>	Rob Shultz, Arts Administrator (x6602) Heather Wolf, Library Director (x2712)
Implementation of the Regional Pool Plan	<p>Mesa has adopted a regional pool plan that incorporates larger amenity pools spread throughout the City. The goal is to maximize available resources for pool construction and maintenance while still serving all areas of the City. Over the past three years, implementation of this plan has led to the renovation of Carson Pool in 2006, Kino and Rhodes Pools in 2009, and construction of a new pool at Skyline High School to be completed in 2010. In addition, the City has stopped programming in the smaller neighborhood pools as they fall out of compliance with current pool codes and/or experience facility failure. Future plans call for new pools to be constructed at Mesa High School and somewhere in South-Central Mesa and in Southeast Mesa.</p>	Bryan Raines (x3381) Andrea Moore, Parks, Recreation and Commercial Facilities (x2643)

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Strengthening enforcement tools for the Police Department and Code Compliance	<p>Considerable efforts were put into strengthening city ordinances and increasing the tools available to the Police Department to fight crime. Ordinances strengthened include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In February 2009, new regulations and fees governing Pawn Shops were adopted. • In May 2009, Council approved establishing a new Residential Inspection ordinance authorizing the City to conduct interior inspections for life safety issues on residential rental properties with consent of the owner or occupant. • In July 2009, Council approved the adoption of a revised Offensive, Excessive and Prohibited Noises ordinance. • In October 2009, Council directed staff to draft amendments to the Massage Establishment ordinance. The revised ordinance will go before Council in November. 	<p>Chief Myers (x2329)</p> <p>Nancy Sorensen, Police Attorney (x2802)</p> <p>Christine Zielonka, Development and Sustainability (x3833)</p>
Opening of the new court building	<p>Construction on the new court building will be completed in January 2010. The building is expected to open for business in mid February.</p>	<p>Engineering: Beth Huning (x2512) Kelly Jensen (x4254) Fred Rustam (x4688)</p>
Facilitating the re-emergence of Mesa community events	<p>The City has worked to facilitate and support the re-emergence of community events in Mesa through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing in-kind support to events previously sponsored by the City such as Martin Luther King Day parade, Veteran’s Day parade, etc. • Providing assistance to organizers of the downtown 2nd Friday Night Out events • Participating in DMA’s efforts to revitalize community events in downtown Mesa 	<p>Trisha Sorensen (x2190)</p>
Building a sustainable and environmentally friendly community,	<p>The Development Services Department was restructured and renamed to the Development and Sustainability Department, with an increased focus on creating an environmentally friendly, sustainable, and “green” community that boosts economic growth. During the past</p>	<p>Scott Bouchie (x4366)</p>

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<p>and becoming more "green"</p>	<p>year, efforts and accomplishments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursuing LEEDS certification for fire stations 219 and 220. • Receiving over \$4.2 million as part of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. Projects being implemented as part of the program are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 92 kW solar installation at the CAP water treatment plant ○ Energy audits for city buildings and facilities ○ Energy efficient roofs and lighting ○ Installation of energy efficient street lamps ○ Completion of the Central Main Street Plan ○ Adoption of the 2009 energy code • Partnering with the US Army Corps of Engineers for a collaborative project with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for restoration of a riparian ecosystem along the Salt River. This \$645,000 in funding will be utilized to complete the architect-engineering for the final design complete with construction drawings and specifications. • The Environmental & Sustainability Division and City of Mesa Library are presenting a monthly workshop series featuring earth-friendly advice for home and garden. Topics include rainwater harvesting, energy conservation, composting, green building and more. • The City is working with the National Brownfields Association and AZ State Land on a site located at Greenfield and the Loop 202 (former Talley property). The City received a grant for the environmental assessment work at the site with a final report due this month. • Mesa is one of a few valley cities that has never received a significant notice of violation from ADEQ regarding drinking water compliance. 	

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Energy Conservation	<p>The City continues to pursue ways to conserve energy from city operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In January of this year, the Water Resources Department used goats rather than fossil fuel burning mechanical means to remove 30 acres of brush from retention ponds, saving the City \$10,000. • Transportation is currently testing LED streetlights from three different manufacturers, with a fourth to be added in November, with a goal of increasing energy conservation and reducing maintenance costs. • The City is evaluating the potential use of solar panels to offset energy usage at CAP plant. • The City is using a biological process to turn sewage into green energy that helps runs the Northwest Wastewater Treatment plant by using a practice called cogeneration. Cogeneration is the simultaneous production of both electricity and heat through a single procedure. The electricity and heat are then used to power and/or heat a variety of processes. The fuel for this project is waste methane gas collected at the plant. 	<p>Scott Bouchie (x4366) Kathryn Sorensen (x2947)</p>
Service Efficiencies and Enhancements	<p>To maximize resources and enhance inspection efforts, Code Compliance was merged with Building Safety inspectors in the Development and Sustainability Department.</p>	<p>Christine Zielonka (x3833)</p>
Creation of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program in zip code 85204	<p>In 2009, the City implemented the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). The program provides funds to acquire foreclosed or abandoned homes and to rehabilitate, resell, or redevelop these homes in order to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of house values of neighboring homes. The City of Mesa was allocated \$9,659,665.00 to acquire, rehabilitate and resell foreclosed or abandoned properties in the 85204 zip code. Eligible homebuyers participating in this program will also receive down payment assistance totaling 15% of the purchase price (a maximum of \$15,000).</p>	<p>Ray Villa (x4546) RayThimesch (x4521)</p>

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	<p>To date, the City has purchased 9 houses and has contracts out on another 5 houses. Rehabilitation work has started on 8 of the 9 homes purchased. With regards to non-profit housing, the City has closed on 4 properties, totaling 10 units and has one additional property (3 units) under contract. This housing will be turned over to non-profits after the facilities have been rehabilitated. In addition, the City received 32 applications for housing, but only 22 replied to the City's follow-up contacts. These 22 applicants have been referred to Housing Our Communities for counseling.</p>	
<p>Bringing new sporting and entertainment events to Mesa</p>	<p>The Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Baseball Tournament will be held at HoHoKam Stadium for the next three years (2010, 2011, and 2012). The WAC consists of teams from around the country (Fresno CA, New Mexico, Hawaii, Louisiana Tech, San Jose State, Nevada, and Sacramento State) playing for the Conference Championship to gain a spot in the NCAA College World Series. The games will be played May 26-30, 2010 with at least 2 games per day. Each team will be traveling with at least 40 Players and staff, plus school officials, friends and family of the players. There will be approximately 1200 spectators for each game and many for the Championship game. The City will be selling concessions and will retain 100% of these revenues.</p>	<p>Bryan Raines (x3381)</p>
<p>Finding new ways to update and enhance recreational facilities and programs</p>	<p>The City has begun encouraging neighborhoods to be more involved in their parks to help offset the shortage of capital and maintenance funds for park improvements. With financial and organizational support from KaBOOM and the Home Depot Foundation, two neighborhoods were able to accomplish new playground construction in 2009 at Beverly Park and Park of the Canals. The neighborhoods continue to be engaged in maintaining the areas around the new playgrounds to help offset City expenditures. Other neighborhoods and community groups are being encouraged to create partnerships with the City to realize construction of new parks and/or amenities. In addition, the City is exploring the use of adult probationers as donated labor to help do basic maintenance in parks and the cemetery.</p>	<p>Andrea Moore (x2643)</p>

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Offering families low cost or no cost opportunities to enjoy Mesa’s great amenities	In Parks and Recreation, free family movie nights, holiday events at the gyms, and the Fun ‘n Fitness trailer are being used to provide recreational activities throughout the City at little or no cost to participants. These gatherings promote a sense of community while encouraging youth and family fitness-oriented activities. In addition, the <i>Three for Free</i> program gives citizens free access to the City’s two museums the first Sunday of every month. Combined with MACfest and free Out to Lunch concerts, families have more options than ever to enjoy Mesa’s great amenities.	Andrea Moore (x2643)
Piloting an “Express Library” concept	Because there is no library location within the recommended service area for southeast Mesa, these residents travel greater distances and/or to other municipalities to access a library. To provide equal library access to all Mesa residents, library management proposes a one-year “Express Library” pilot project. This small (2,500 square feet), minimally staffed branch would be located in a shopping center and provide basic library services three days a week. The Express Library would be funded by a combination of sources. The proposal will be taken to the Library Advisory Board at a special meeting on October 27 and to the Council’s Community and Neighborhood Services Committee November 2.	Heather Wolf (x2712)
Maintaining a strong recycling program	Solid Waste implemented several innovative programs to raise awareness about recycling and increase recycling in Mesa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Recycle for Reading program (July 2008 – June 2009) resulted in increased diversion of recycled materials and raised over \$10,000 for new library materials • Let’s Keep Sidewalks Clear” campaign to ensure sidewalk accessibility for everyone • Hosted an Earth Day contest with Mesa Public Schools to raise environmental awareness on the benefits of recycling • Added prescriptions to those that can be turned in at Household Hazardous Waste • Recycle Bank pilot program that rewards residents with money saving offers for their recycling efforts 	Willie Black (x3222)

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Maintaining strong partnerships with the community	<p>The Police Department has established community partnerships that have proven to be effective in building community trust and involvement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Forums: provide resources to help address community concerns, and allow for input and feedback. • VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) • Citizens Police Academy • MCPAA (Mesa Citizens Police Academy Association) 	Chief Myers (xz2329)
Implementing the Prescription Discount Program	<p>In June 2009, the City launched a program to help provide residents with some relief from the high cost of prescriptions for those drugs not already covered in whole/part by insurance. The City is making free prescription drug discount cards available to Mesa residents through a program sponsored by the National League of Cities. The discount cards offer City residents an average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs. The discount cards may be used for free by all residents of Mesa and have no restrictions based on age, income level, or existing health coverage. The card can be used when purchasing prescription drugs at approximately 100 pharmacies around the City, as well as at more than 59,000 participating retail pharmacies across the country.</p>	Natalie Lewis (x4938)
Construction of Transportation Projects Included in the 2008 Transportation Bond Package	<p>Construction began in 2009 for many of the thirteen (13) projects included in the bond package. The status of specific projects is as follows:</p> <p><u>Construction Has Started:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Gilbert Road and University Intersection:</u> Completion anticipated November 2009. • <u>Greenfield road; Baseline to Southern Avenue:</u> Completion anticipated in April 2010. <p><u>Preparing for Construction:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Ray Road; Sossaman Road to Ellsworth Road, Haws Road; Santan Freeway to Ray</u> 	Dan Cleavenger (x3125)

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	<p><u>Road (combined Ray Road):</u> Construction anticipated to start in December 2009 and be completed in August 2010.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Dobson Road and Guadalupe Road Intersection:</u> Construction anticipated to start in March 2010 and be completed in August 2010. • <u>Dobson Road & University Drive Intersection:</u> Alignment study completed. • <u>Broadway Road; Sossaman to Hawes:</u> Selecting consultant. Construction anticipated to be complete in April 2011. • <u>Power Road – Phase III; Santan Freeway to Pecos Road:</u> Alignment study underway with construction estimated to be complete in October 2012. • <u>Mesa Drive – Southern Avenue to US 60:</u> Design work and selecting Construction Manager at Risk underway. Anticipate completion in November 2012. • <u>ASU Polytechnic Ring Road:</u> Roadway alignment confirmed and land acquisition underway. Plans at 60%. • <u>Signal Butte Improvements (Elliott Road Intersection):</u> Plans being prepared. Anticipate construction completion in September 2010. <p><u>ITS Signal Management Network</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Country Club Drive Network:</u> Under construction with completion anticipated in March 2010. • <u>East Loop ITS Device Development (RM 202 & US 60):</u> Preparing 90% plans. Anticipate construction completion in June 2010. • <u>Fiber Optic Lines – Signal System Phase 4B:</u> Plans at 90%. Construction anticipated to be complete in September 2010. • <u>Gilbert Road and US 60 Conduit and Fiber:</u> Plans at 60%. Construction completion anticipated in July 2010. 	

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Transportation Received American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funding	<p>Mesa is set to receive \$26,650,000 in ARRA funds. Projects to be funded include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Projects: \$10,800,000 • Light Rail: \$1,800,000 • Transit: \$13,300,000 • Consolidated Multi-Use Path: \$750,000 	Dan Cleavenger (x3125)
Improved Transit Services to Mesa Residents	<p>The Transportation Department initiated and/or completed several projects to improve transit services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superstition Springs Transit Center: The project added 200 parking spaces and 80 park and ride spaces. It also consolidated bus stops and provides one location for passengers to board, deboard and transfer from 8 bus routes. • In December 2008, the LINK was launched. It serves a 12-mile corridor, running from Superstition Springs Park-and-Ride connecting to METRO light rail at the Sycamore Transit Center. • The City is partnering with MAG and the City of Tempe on the Rio Salado – Tempe to Mesa Shared Use Path project. This project is approximately 2 miles long and will link Tempe and Mesa along the Salt River Basin, VaShly'ay Akimel/Rio Salado Corridor. 	Mike James (x5075)
Advancing SR 802	<p>The City of Mesa has advanced the portion of SR 802 from Loop 202 to Ellsworth Road. The Location/Design Concept Report (LDCR) from Loop 202 to Ironwood Road is underway, supporting City of Mesa's advancement of final design and right-of-way acquisition for the portion between Loop 202 to Ellsworth Road.</p>	Dan Cleavenger (x3125)