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# INFO OF INTEREST

## 8/5/2020

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## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

### WEST VALLEY LEADERS FORM COLLABORATIVE FOR ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION AND RECREATION



On July 30, 2020, local leaders including the Gila River Indian Community, West Valley mayors, Maricopa County officials, and state agency representatives met in support of the Lower Gila River Collaborative (LGRC), a growing cooperative effort to restore natural resources along the lower Gila River, improve access to nature-based recreation, and promote the river as an amenity in the West Valley of the Phoenix Metro Area.

LOWER GILA RIVER COLLABORATIVE (LGRC)

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## ACTION REQUEST

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**REMINDER:  
PUBLIC FEEDBACK WANTED ON PAG'S LONG-RANGE  
REGIONAL MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY PLAN**

As the region's metropolitan planning organization, PAG develops a performance-based transportation plan that promotes a safe and efficient transportation system to meet the mobility needs of people and freight across the metropolitan area.

Please review and submit your commits via email to [info@PAGregion.com](mailto:info@PAGregion.com).

**Comments due August 5, 2020 | 5:00 PM MST**

MORE INFORMATION

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## SCN EVENTS

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**CLIMATE MAYORS EV PURCHASING COLLABORATIVE:  
HELPING PUBLIC FLEETS ELECTRIFY  
SCN SOLAR & ENERGY EFFICIENCY WORKGROUP  
NOTE REVISED DATE  
AUGUST 18, 2020**

Join SCN and Cher Griffith Taylor, Fleet Electrification Specialist for Electrification Coalition, as she provides an overview of the resources and services available to public

other public fleets to help them successfully procure and deploy EVs, providing a convenient collaborative procurement mechanism, innovative and cost-effective vehicle leasing, technical vehicle/fleet resources, best practices and peer learning connections from among our nationwide network of cities.

**Tuesday, August 18, 2020 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

**Via Zoom Webinar - RSVP for Link**

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## EVENTS

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### **NATIONAL FARMERS MARKET WEEK**

**August 2 - 8, 2020**



It's National Farmers Week! According to the Farmers Market Coalition, farmers markets generate \$2.4 billion dollars in annual sales for American farmers. By buying at farmers markets in Maricopa County, you can help create and sustain local jobs and keep money moving in the local economy.

**August 2 - 8, 2020**

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**VIRTUAL EVENT:  
SOS SERIES - BLACK FOOD SOVEREIGNTY:  
"TO FREE US, WE MUST FEED US"  
ASU SCHOOL OF SUSTAINABILITY SERIES  
August 11, 2020**

Drinking Gourd Farms is building a movement of Black gardeners, farmers, and homesteaders focused on the physical, mental, and spiritual health of Black people through agriculture, political education, environmental stewardship, and culture-rich healthy cooking.

**August 11, 2020 | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM MST**

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## **COVID-19 RESOURCES**

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### **SMALL BUSINESS BOOT CAMP & COLLECTIVE**

The ACA has launched a Small Business Boot Camp & Resource Collective. This statewide initiative offers free, daily online sessions designed to help small businesses respond to the immediate impacts of the pandemic, plan for the future and return stronger than before. The sessions are available from 9 - 10 a.m. through the end of August.

[SMALL BUSINESS BOOT CAMP & COLLECTIVE](#)

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## **OPPORTUNITIES**

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**FIFTH NATIONAL CLIMATE ASSESSMENT:**

The Fifth National Climate Assessment is officially underway. The Draft Prospectus, which describes the proposed overarching themes and framework for the report, is now available for public comment through August 10th. Based on input received through the public call for comment, the U.S. Global Change Research Program will develop an annotated outline that will be released for comment at a later date.

**Comment deadline Monday, August 10, 2020 | 8:59 PM MST**

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## **AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION (APA) INTERACT: TAKE ACTION IN RECOVERY**

**August 26, 2020**

APA's Climate Change Policy Guide is due for an update and needs your review.

The draft guide — which sets APA's official policy positions on climate change — is open for member comments now through August 26. The policy recommendations adopted in this guide will inform future APA advocacy, statements, and actions taken to address the climate crisis.

**Final comments due Wednesday, August 26, 2020**

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## **WEBINARS**

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### **COVID 19: THE NONPROFIT COMMUNITY RESPONDS WEBINAR**

**ASU - SRP**

**August 13, 2020**

EDUCATION NATURE

Learn how Arizona's leaders in major nonprofit organizations have been sharing knowledge and creating resources to serve our community. The webinar will focus on questions such as:

What are the nonprofits doing differently in response to the pandemic? What education tools are available to support transitions? How can the private/business sector and local government help fill gaps?

**Thursday, August 13, 2020 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM MST**

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**WHO WILL MIND THE CHILDREN?  
THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE CHILD CARE MARKET  
CONNECTING COMMUNITIES: FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM  
AUGUST 6, 2020**

EDUCATION NATURE

Join us to learn how public policy and non-government organizations can address child care challenges that existed before and are exaggerated during the COVID-19 pandemic. Child care plays a critical role in people's ability to work, but many lower-income households do not have the economic resources to afford high-quality child care. On the provider side, already-low margins mean many providers may close due to pandemic-related cost increases and revenue reductions.

**Thursday, August 6, 2020 | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM MST**

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**MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS  
AMERICA WALKS  
AUGUST 12, 2020**

EDUCATION COMMUNITY

Join us for the Walking Towards Justice in Indian Country series, focused on Missing and

Moderator: Margo Hill, JD - Associate Professor, Eastern Washington University Urban and Regional Planning Program  
Panelists: U.S. Congresswoman Deb Haaland, Associate Professor at University of Oklahoma, Native American Studies, Laura Harjo, Jessica McDiarmid, author of "Highway of Tears: A True Story of Racism, Indifference, and the Pursuit of Justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls", and Carina Miller, member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and current candidate for the Oregon State Senate.

**Wednesday, August 12, 2020 | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM MST**

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**URBAN HEAT ISLAND  
REDLINING'S INTENSIFYING HARM: RISING TEMPERATURES,  
HOTTER NEIGHBORHOODS, AND HOW TREES CAN HELP  
USDA FOREST SERVICE  
AUGUST 12, 2020**

[CLIMATE CHANGE](#) [EDUCATION](#) [NATURE](#)

Many are now well aware of the inequitable distribution of trees in our urban areas. Black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) communities often face the greatest burden of heat, air pollution, and flooding - all of which urban greening can help to mitigate. These inequitable patterns and the related persistent disparities in human health are an enduring legacy of various forms of housing segregation, which were officially legal through the late 1960s.

In this presentation, Dr. Vivek Shandas will provide a summary of one pernicious and federally-sponsored urban planning policy officially begun in the 1930s -- redlining -- and the current day implications on the distribution of tree canopy, extreme urban heat, and the quality of life for those historically underserved communities.

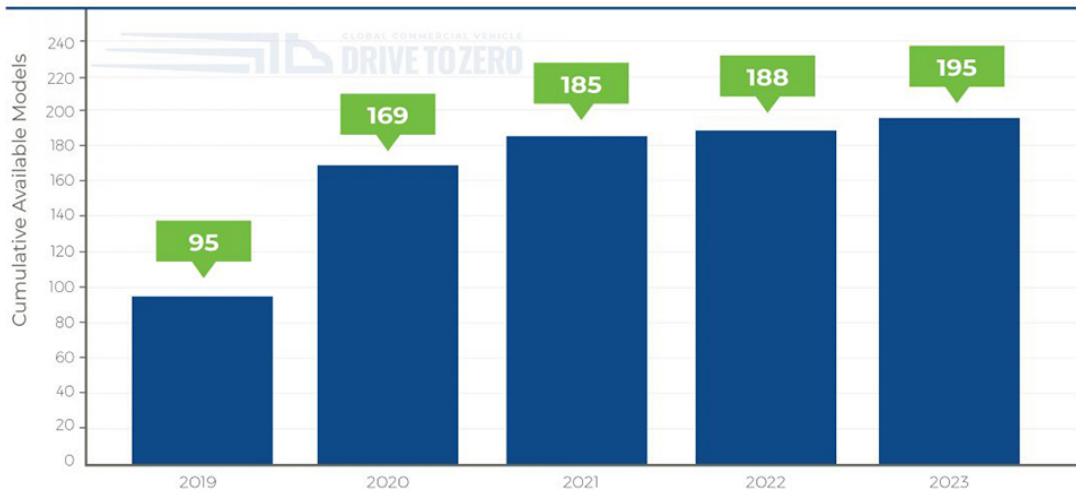
**Wednesday, August 12, 2020 | 10:00 AM -11:15 AM MST**

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## Model availability to double by 2023

Total cumulative vehicle models, U.S. & Canada



## 15 STATES, D.C. AIM FOR ZERO-EMISSION ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Ryan Gehm | SAE International

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMUNITY

Fifteen states and the District of Columbia signed a memorandum of understanding that sets forth goals for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles such as trucks and other commercial vehicles. The agreement aims for an interim goal of 30% zero-emission electric vehicles by 2030, as well as a final goal of eliminating 100% of diesel emissions by 2050...

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Swimwear created with McDonald's straws and marine plastics MCDONALD'S

## MCDONALD'S EUROPE SPINS STRAWS INTO SWIMWEAR

Alex Ledsom | Forbes

NATURE COMMUNITY

McDonald's has joined with Vienna-based fashion label Poleit to turn plastic straws into swimsuits in the chain's signature colors. The promotion is designed to promote the removal of plastic straws from McDonald's eateries in Austria as part of the chain's global efforts to phase out plastics...

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## WALKING IS THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR HEALTH

Shane O'Mara | Outside Magazine

NATURE COMMUNITY

Movement, and most especially lots of regular walking, is good—indeed, great—for body and brain. I want to go far beyond these simple and relatively uncontroversial contentions and investigate the potential wider benefits of walking—to ask how walking affects mood, mental health, and brain function...

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NOAA CLIMATE DATABASE

US GOVERNMENT OPEN DATABASE

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