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NORTHERN PARKWAY WINS ACCOLADES FOR IMPACT ON WEST VALLEY

Glendale Receives Two Awards for Quality of Life Impact from High-Capacity Parkway

Glendale, Ariz. — The City of Glendale walked away with top honors at the Western Maricopa Coalition's (WESTMARC) 22nd Annual Best of the West Awards on Tuesday, Nov. 5. Mayor Jerry Weiers accepted the Economic Engine Award on behalf of the City of Glendale for the innovative expansion and economic impact from phase one of the Northern Parkway, from Sarival Ave to Dysart Road.

The Best of the West award follows the recent recognition of the Maricopa Association of Governments' Desert Peaks Award. Both awards recognize phase one of the Northern Parkway for outstanding contributions to the quality of life and economy in the West Valley. Upon completion, the five-phase Northern Parkway project will become a 12.5-mile, high-capacity parkway connecting Loop 303 to US 60 (Grand Avenue). The parkway will be an enhanced arterial street with overpass intersections at major cross streets thus eliminating major traffic signals on Northern.

"While Glendale has been the leader in getting this project moving, Northern Parkway is a true partnership. This corridor wouldn't be here without the collaboration of our West Valley neighbors, including Peoria, El Mirage, Maricopa County and Luke Air Force Base," said Cathy Colbath, Glendale's Deputy Public Works Director for Transportation. The Federal Highway Administration and the Maricopa Association of Governments are also involved in this multijurisdictional project.

Phase one of the Northern Parkway provides access and economic development opportunities along its corridor while linking Loop 303 to Loop 101. It was designed to connect vacant, developable land to high-volume freeways. Conceived by Glendale's Citizens Advisory Committee for Transportation Issues (CACTI) during the preparation of the Glendale Transportation Plan, the project made its way to a Glendale ballot in 2001. More [information and updates](#) are available on the Northern Parkway.

[WESTMARC's](#) Best of the West Awards celebrate and recognize outstanding contributions to the quality of life, economic development, and innovation in the West Valley.

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