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## **GLENDALE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AWARDED HONORS AT CLEAN AIR CAMPAIGN EVENT**

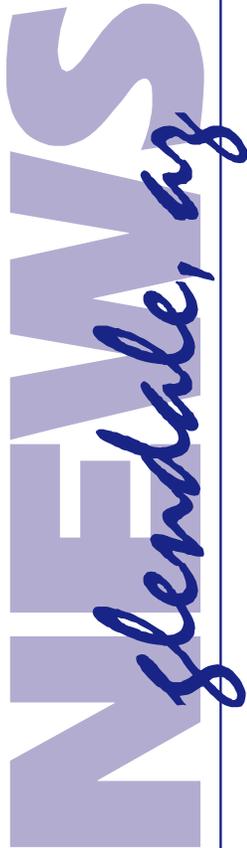
**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – The city of Glendale was recently honored at Valley Metro’s Clean Air Campaign Awards with two awards, the Leadership Award to Executive Director of Transportation Jamsheed Mehta and the MAG Livable Communities Award for the city’s new pedestrian/bike bridge and Loop 101.

Jamsheed Mehta, executive director of Transportation Services for the city has overseen many projects and programs that provide an example of business practices for sustainability, for the past six years. These projects include:

- Solar energy at bus shelters
- Alternative bus fuel (cleaner-burning fuel)
- Park & Ride facilities
- Bike and pedestrian project to enhance routes and trails
- Alternative work schedules for employees (53% participation)
- Classes for employees and citizens to learn about alternative modes of travel
- Street and roadway improvements (HOV lanes, street light monitoring system)
- Coordination of traffic signals (less CO<sub>2</sub> pollutants)
- LED conversion of traffic signals (less energy use)

Assistant City Manager Horatio Skeete commended Mehta on this honor, saying “Jamsheed’s ability to motivate, guide and direct his staff is a demonstration of leadership. Our organization places a high value on environmental responsibility, and the Transportation Department’s accomplishments in this area are remarkable, contributing to Glendale’s sustainable future.”

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## **Clean Air Awards 2011**

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The second honor the city received was the MAG (Maricopa Association of Governments) Livable Communities Award for Glendale's Pedestrian/Bike Bridge at Loop 101, which opened in May. This project now provides regional connectivity to the Valley's multi-use pathway system from Thunderbird Park in Glendale to Papago Park in Phoenix and beyond. It offers additional options for residents in Glendale to enjoy walking, jogging and biking, away from busy roadways in the area. The bridge, the first cable-stay bridge in the state, has been awarded several honors thus far, including an Award of Merit from Valley Forward as well as the Grand Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC.)

The annual Clean Air Campaign Awards are designed to recognize organizations, both public and private, that are making a difference in reducing single occupancy trips in the Valley. County officials claim that for every 46 miles traveled, one pound of pollution is emitted. For more information on the Clean Air Campaign Awards, visit [www.ValleyMetro.org](http://www.ValleyMetro.org).

For additional information on Glendale's Transportation Department, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/transportation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/transportation) or call 623-930-2940.

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