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AWARD WINNING SPAN

One of Arizona's most beautiful bridges, carrying the **Valley Metro** light rail line across Tempe Town Lake, has just notched an award for smart construction management. The Valley Metro transit agency's construction administration team — **PBSJ / PGH Wong** joint venture and subconsultant **Structural Grace** — has received a *Grand Award in Engineering Excellence* from the **Arizona Chapter of the American Council of Engineering Companies**. The award recognizes engineering firms for projects that demonstrate a high degree of achievement, value and ingenuity. Construction of Valley Metro's \$21.8-million Tempe Town Lake Bridge was completed on time and 3% under budget in September 2006 after 19 months of work. The public was treated to the first bridge lighting in December 2006. After Valley Metro begins light rail operations, the bridge will light up with changing, multi-color displays each time a train passes over. Applicants were graded against six criteria: innovation in applied engineering techniques; value to the engineering profession; design considerations; complexity, and performance that exceeds client needs.

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TROUT BEFORE TURKEY

The **Arizona Game + Fish Department** will be stocking 3,000 trout into the lake on Tuesday, 20 November, 2007 from 3 to 5PM at the **Town Lake Marina**. There will be a free fishing clinic where you can borrow a fishing pole, be given bait, and gets tips on how to catch a fish. No fishing license will be required and **Chuck E. Baby and the Allstars** will entertain you while you fish. This event is sponsored by Arizona Game & Fish Department and the City of Tempe. For more information call **Rio Salado Operations Center** 480.350.8625 or email questions to www.townlake@tempe.gov. Trout fishing continues through the fall and winter months. State law requires a fishing license for everyone age 14 years and older. Fishing licenses can be purchased at any Game and Fish office or one of 370 license dealers statewide. Youth ages 13 years and younger are not required to have a fishing license or to be accompanied by a licensed adult. You can obtain a fishing license through the Arizona Game + Fish website at www.azgfd.gov or at many area sporting goods stores. More info at www.tempe.gov/lake/Fishing/TroutStocking.htm.

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La CASA VIEJA

On Thursday the Tempe Historic Preservation Commission heard a follow-up presentation for the project submittal at the **C.T. Hayden House [Monti's La Casa Vieja] - Tempe Historic Property Register #11**. The HPC had continued the **100 Mill Avenue** proposal discussion from the October meeting to allow the applicant **3W Companies** to present design options which met the Commission's goals and staff recommendations for preserving the oldest building in the Salt River Valley [1873]. Architects **DFD CornoyerHedrick** designed the 3.348-acre PAD which includes 554,075 SF of mixed-use, including a 300', 25-story hotel / condo tower immediately adjacent to La Casa Vieja. The HPC voted to unanimously approve the revised plans, subject to the staff recommendations outlined in the 08 November Staff Report. The project will now be considered by the Development Review Commission [13 November] prior to City Council.

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PRESERVATION

100%

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Community Development's Housing Division scored 100 percent on its **Section 8 Management Assessment Program [SEMAP]** for the fiscal year ending 6/30/07. SEMAP is an instrument that HUD uses to assess the performance of a Public Housing Agency's Section 8 program. HUD created SEMAP for five basic reasons:

SEMAP

1. To objectively measure PHA performance in key program areas.
2. Identify management capabilities and deficiencies.
3. Improve HUD risk assessment to identify problem PHAs early.
4. Utilize HUD staff where needed most.
5. Provide a self-assessment tool for PHA.

This score was based upon SEMAP audits and certifications, Public Housing Information Center submissions, HUD reviews and Tempe's management of the Section 8 program.

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Tempe's fourth **Project Homeless Connect** event was held on Friday, 26 October at the **Tempe First United Methodist Church**. During this one-day event that aims to provide immediate resources to homeless residents, 42 women, 89 men and 4 families received a variety of services. All 4 families that attended the event received shelter! 35 local service providers participated and a record number of 60 community volunteers assisted in making the event a success. Among the service providers were enthusiastic students from the **Carsten Institute** who gave 50 haircuts during the event. Service providers from Flagstaff and Tucson attended the event with the goal of replicating it in their communities. The next Tempe Project Homeless Connect event is scheduled for Friday, 25 January 2008. For more information contact Theresa James at 480.858.2360 or theresa_james@tempe.gov.

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NEW CREW

Welcome to **Sarah Adame** who is our new Administrative Assistant in Community Development. Sarah has her BS in Business Management and was previously employed with Chase Auto Finance. She lives in Tempe with the "joy of her life", her 8 year-old son Isaac. We're delighted that Sarah and her smiling face have joined our department and look forward to having her as part of our team.

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"If we can stop the cycle for these young families, **THE IMPACT** will be incredible."

— Theresa James, *Homeless Connect* Coordinator

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