

## Mayor's Monthly Message: June 2018

This June, our council voted to adopt an intergovernmental agreement with Maricopa Association of Governments for the Active Transportation Plan. In 2017, the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) presented a grant opportunity to its members for new or first-time updates for Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plans. Although we were not one of the original grantees, additional funding became available and the Town's project was selected as one of the projects that were eligible to receive grant funding. The Town requested \$100,000 to perform the Active Transportation Plan (ATP), previously referred to as a Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan. That amount available from MAG was reduced to \$98,900. The grant is an 80/20 grant, so the Town is responsible for a 20% match or up to \$19,780. Actual costs came in under amount. The Town was able to choose one of MAG's on-call engineers for the project. After issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to five of the MAG on-call engineers, the Town received four proposals. Michael Baker International, who is also doing the Town's Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) study, was selected as the most qualified consultant. Michael Baker International's budget was well within the grant funding and their timeline to complete the project also met the MAG guidelines.

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, there was news of our local hospital closing. After verifying the facts and learning additional information, we are working diligently at ensuring we continue to provide the best services to our residents and visitors. The following Monday, our council will be meeting to discuss additional details that develop, as well as plan moving forward.

This June, I'm looking forward to The Town of Florence and Florence Little League hosting the Boys 8/9/10 All-Stars Games for the first time in many years. Congratulations to all kiddos who worked hard during the season and will be playing in the Little League All-Stars. The Boys 8/9/10 games start Monday, June 25th. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the games!

To find upcoming events and activities, please visit our Town website: [www.florenceaz.gov](http://www.florenceaz.gov). As always, stay safe and enjoy. ☺

Sincerely,

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