



Mattingly Earns Statewide Environmental Excellence Award

Arizona Public Works Group Honors Peoria Director, Happy Valley Road Project

PEORIA, Ariz. (Aug. 3, 2010) – Peoria has won two statewide awards from the Arizona chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA).

The chapter presented Public Works-Utilities Director Bill Mattingly with its Charles Walter Nichols Award for Environmental Excellence today at an awards luncheon during its statewide conference in Phoenix. It also honored Peoria's Happy Valley Road extension as its Project of the Year in the Transportation \$25 million-\$75 million category.

The Nichols Award honors originality of thought and aggressive implementation within the agency in which the candidate is employed. Mattingly's nomination for the environmental award cited his commitment to move Peoria forward and set it as a leader in sustainability programs. The nomination cites, among other things, his roles in implementing curbside recycling, supporting sustainable building and fostering a solar-power project to offset a portion of the power used by the Beardsley Water Reclamation Facility Administration Building.

Mattingly, who has overseen Peoria's Public Works since 2006 and Utilities since 2009, passed credit along to his staff.

"This was a team effort," Mattingly said. "The reality is that this award represents a lot of work by a lot of people on a lot of projects. While I'm honored to be the leader of that group, the credit really goes to all of those folks."

Nonetheless, said City Manager Carl Swenson, "Bill's leadership exemplifies Peoria's commitment to incorporate sustainable practices into everyday operations."

The \$36 million Happy Valley Road project extended the arterial roadway from 83rd Avenue west to Lake Pleasant Parkway. This final segment completed Happy Valley Road all the way from I-17 to the Loop 303. It opened to traffic in November 2009.

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PHOTO CAPTION: Peoria Public Works-Utilities Director Bill Mattingly accepts the Charles Walter Nichols Award for Environmental Excellence today at an awards luncheon during the American Public Works Association/Arizona Recycling Coalition conference in Phoenix.