



Tolleson Newsletter

January 2026

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City of Tolleson Tree Lighting Ceremony

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this year's Tree Lighting Ceremony such a wonderful success. The event truly showcased the spirit of our community, and it was great to see all City of Tolleson departments come together to support and participate in this special evening.

A special thank you to the Tolleson Elementary School District for partnering with us and for bringing their kindergarten class to participate. Their performance was absolutely amazing and added so much joy and warmth to the celebration.

We would also like to thank Kimley-Horn, the architect firm that was present showcasing the upcoming pedestrian bridge the City of Tolleson will be installing on Van Buren in front of Tolleson Union High School. This project represents an important step toward improving pedestrian safety and helping alleviate traffic in the area, and we appreciate the opportunity to share this exciting improvement with the community.

We are grateful to everyone who contributed their time, energy, and enthusiasm to make this event memorable for our community.



COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tues. | January 13 | 6 PM
Civic Center
9055 W. Van Buren Street

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Tolleson Talks
Thursday | February 26

Tolleson Thanksgiving

Tolleson, you made the first year of our Thanksgiving Meal Box initiative unforgettable.

As part of Season of Giving, we proudly distributed 800 ready-to-enjoy Thanksgiving meal boxes, each feeding up to 10 people! We helped nourish 8,000 community members this holiday season. This first-ever effort was made possible thanks to the support of Sam's Club, Albertsons, our incredible City of Tolleson City Council, city employees and representatives from the offices of Senator Mark Kelly and Senator Ruben Gallego.

This year's three-phase registration ensured every box reached a family, from SNAP/WIC households to all Tolleson residents and eventually the general public. Your gratitude and messages reminded us just how needed this new program is.

Thank you, Tolleson, for making our first year so meaningful.



City of Tolleson WE ARE HIRING



Full-Time Employee Compensation & Benefits

- Competitive Pay
- Comprehensive Benefits Package
- Health Insurance
- Wellness Incentives
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Paid Time Off
- Deferred Compensation
- Participation in Statewide Retirement Plans
- City pays 100% of employee benefits (medical, dental, vision and life insurance) and for an additional cost to the employee, family benefits are available

Current Job Listings:

- **Information Technology Administrator**
- **Fire Fighter Recruit**
- **Information Technology Desktop Technician**
- **Police Officer- Lateral - \$8k Hiring Bonus**
- **Police Officer-Recruit**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher Lateral**
- **Skilled Trades Technician- Mechanic**
- **Utilities Operator I/Utilities Technician II**
- **Volunteer- All Departments**

Career opportunities with the City of Tolleson are available online. To view or sign up for job alerts, visit www.tolleson.az.gov/careers.

Welcome to Tolleson Bosa Donuts

Welcome to Tolleson, Bosa Donuts 99th Ave!

Our City employees and Council Members joined Bosa Donuts in celebrating the sweet grand opening, ribbon cutting of a new location right here in Tolleson.

We're grateful for the support shown by our team and leadership as we continue to welcome new businesses into our thriving community.

📍 355 N 99th Avenue, Suite 1, Tolleson, AZ, 85353 (NE corner of 99th Ave and Van Buren St) — stop by and show them some love!

Visit www.tolleson.az.gov to keep up with news and events happening in the City of Tolleson



Keep the Tolleson High District Office in Tolleson

At its recent meeting, the Tolleson City Council approved a resolution expressing the City's opposition to the Tolleson Union High School District's proposal to relocate its District Office outside the City of Tolleson.

The District Office has been located alongside Tolleson High School for more than 100 years and has served as a central and accessible resource for students, families, and the community. City officials noted the importance of maintaining long-standing community connections and ensuring continued local access to District services.

The City also highlighted that the District has available space on its existing campus and that Tolleson has offered to collaborate on future improvements, including shared athletic facilities and a public park.

The City of Tolleson remains committed to working collaboratively with the Tolleson Union High School District to support students, families, and the long-term success of the community.

To learn more about this resolution, visit www.tolleson.az.gov.

Noticias de la Ciudad de Tolleson

El Concejo Municipal Aprueba Resolución

En una reunión reciente, el Concejo Municipal de Tolleson aprobó una resolución oponiéndose a la propuesta del Distrito de Escuelas Secundarias de la Unión de Tolleson de trasladar su Oficina del Distrito fuera de la Ciudad de Tolleson. La Oficina del Distrito ha estado ubicada junto a la Escuela Secundaria Tolleson por más de 100 años. La Ciudad destacó la importancia de mantener el acceso local a los servicios y reafirmó su compromiso de colaborar con el Distrito en beneficio de estudiantes y familias.

Día de Acción de Gracias en Tolleson

Tolleson hizo el primer año del programa de cajas de comida para Acción de Gracias, algo realmente especial. 🍷🍷

Como parte de Season of Giving, entregamos 800 cajas con comida lista para disfrutar, cada una alimenta hasta 10 personas. Ayudamos a 8,000 miembros de nuestra comunidad este año. Todo esto posible gracias a Sam's Club, Albertsons, nuestros Miembros del Concejo Municipal de Tolleson, nuestros empleados y representantes de las oficinas del Senador Mark Kelly y el Congresista Rubén Gallego. Con el registro en tres fases, aseguramos que cada caja llegara a una familia, desde quienes antes recibían SNAP/WIC, luego todos los residentes de Tolleson y finalmente el público en general. Sus mensajes y agradecimientos mostraron lo importante que es este nuevo programa. Gracias, Tolleson, por hacer de este primer año algo tan especial.

¡Bienvenidos a Tolleson, BoSa Donuts!

Nuestros empleados de la Ciudad y Miembros del Concejo acompañaron a BoSa Donuts para celebrar la dulce apertura y corte de listón de su nueva tienda aquí en Tolleson.

Estamos muy agradecidos por el apoyo de nuestro equipo y liderazgo mientras seguimos dando la bienvenida a nuevos negocios en nuestra comunidad.

📍 355 N 99^a Avenida, Suite 1, Tolleson, AZ, 85353 (Esquina noreste de Avenida 99 y Van Buren) — ¡pásenle y muéstrenles un poco de cariño!

Visite www.tolleson.az.gov para más información sobre las noticias y los eventos de la Ciudad de Tolleson.

Empleo y Beneficios de la Ciudad

Tolleson ofrece salario competitivo, seguro médico, tiempo libre pagado, incentivos de bienestar, planes de jubilación y más. Puestos disponibles desde mediados del mes pasado: *Ofertas de empleo actuales: Administrador de Tecnología de la Información; Recluta de Bombero; Técnico de Soporte de Tecnología de la Información; Oficial de Policía – Lateral – Bono de Contratación de \$8,000; Oficial de Policía – Recluta; Despachador de Seguridad Pública; Despachador de Seguridad Pública – Lateral; Técnico de Oficios Especializados – Mecánico; Operador de Servicios Públicos I / Técnico de Servicios Públicos II; Voluntario – Todos los Departamentos.*

Visite www.tolleson.az.gov/careers para postularse o recibir alertas de empleo.

<u>Mayor</u> Juan F. Rodriguez	<u>City Manager</u> Reyes Medrano Jr.	Fire Department (623) 936-8500	Police Department (623) 936-7186
		Municipal Court (623) 474-4975	Sanitation (623) 936-7141
<u>Vice Mayor</u> Jimmy Davis	<u>Departments</u> Building Department (623) 936-7111	Parks & Recreation Center (623) 474-4992	Senior Center (623) 936-2760
<u>Council Members</u> Clorinda Erives	Community Action Program (CAP)	Parks (623) 936-7141	Street Maintenance (623) 936-7141
Adolfo Gamez	*Residential Assistance	Permits	Tolleson Public Library
Linda Laborin	Programs*	(623) 936-7111	(623) 936-2746
Cruzita Mendoza	(623) 936-2760		Water/Waste Water
Christine Chavira			(623) 936-3381

96th Avenue Pedestrian Bridge



Improving Safety for Students and the Tolleson Community



Project Overview

Provides a safe pedestrian crossing over Van Buren Street
Serves Tolleson Union High School students and community members
Van Buren Street carries 7,000+ vehicles per day

What’s Being Built

- ADA-compliant pedestrian bridge at 96th Avenue and Van Buren Street
- Elevator and stairs on both sides of the bridge
- Railings and handrails
- Lighting for safety and visibility
- Minor signing and pavement marking improvements
- Aesthetic Features
- Large “TOLLESON” lettering on the bridge
- Color-changing LED lighting for nighttime visibility
- Dynamic Message Sign (DMS) to display rotating community messages

Why This Project Matters

- Improves pedestrian safety across a busy roadway
- Connects with recent Tolleson Union High School drop-off and pick-up improvements
- Enhances walkability and community identity

Project Location

- Near 96th Avenue and Van Buren Street
- From the northeast corner of the intersection
- Extends across Van Buren Street to land owned by Tolleson High School

Project Timeline

Project Kick-Off: January 2025

Public Outreach Event:

Tolleson Annual Tree Lighting
December 11, 2025
(Comments accepted through December 18, 2025)

Virtual Meeting Recording:

December 11, 2025
<https://vimeo.com/1145423765>

Final Design: April 2026

Construction: Winter 2026 – Winter 2027

Funding & Management

- \$3.7 million in federal funding secured
- Design funded and managed by the City of Tolleson
- Construction managed by ADOT
- Federally funded through Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG)

Proyecto del Puente Peatonal de la Avenida 96

Mejorando la seguridad para los estudiantes y la comunidad de Tolleson



Resumen del Proyecto

Proporciona un cruce peatonal seguro sobre Van Buren Street
Beneficia a los estudiantes de Tolleson Union High School y a la comunidad
Van Buren Street registra más de 7,000 vehículos al día

¿Qué se va a construir?

- Puente peatonal conforme a la Ley para Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA) en la Avenida 96 y Van Buren Street
- Elevador y escaleras en ambos lados del puente
- Barandales y pasamanos
- Iluminación para mayor seguridad y visibilidad
- Mejoras menores en señalización y marcas viales

Características Estéticas

- Letras grandes con la palabra "TOLLESON" en el puente
- Iluminación LED con cambio de color para visibilidad nocturna
- Pantalla de mensajes dinámicos (DMS) para mostrar mensajes comunitarios

¿Por qué es importante este proyecto?

- Mejora la seguridad de los peatones en una vía muy transitada
- Conecta con las mejoras recientes en las áreas de ascenso y descenso de estudiantes de Tolleson Union High School
- Fortalece la caminabilidad y la identidad de la comunidad

Ubicación del Proyecto

- Cerca de la Avenida 96 y Van Buren Street
- Desde la esquina noreste de la intersección
- Se extiende sobre Van Buren Street hasta terrenos propiedad de Tolleson High School

Inicio del Proyecto: Enero de 2025

Evento Público:

- Encendido Anual del Árbol de Tolleson
- 11 de diciembre de 2025

Grabación Virtual Disponible:

11 de diciembre de 2025

<https://vimeo.com/1145423765>

Diseño Final: Abril de 2026

- Construcción: Invierno de 2026 – Invierno de 2027

Financiamiento y Administración

- \$3.7 millones en fondos federales obtenidos
- El diseño es financiado y administrado por la Ciudad de Tolleson
- La construcción será administrada por ADOT
- Financiamiento federal a través de la Asociación de Gobiernos de Maricopa (MAG)

¿Preguntas o comentarios?

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