

# Arizona Association of County Engineers

### **FEBRUARY 2022 UPDATE**

#### **Summary of 2021**

As with other public agencies, **AACE** members have experienced the impacts that the ongoing pandemic has had on operations and routine 2021 business. conducted virtual meetings for our members and interested The main purpose of the virtual meeting was to provide a venue for counties to provide updates and to allow interaction with industry partners. Our state **APWA** section helped sponsor the event by providing the virtual platform to hold these meetings.





The past year was certainly a challenging year not only with the pandemic but also with climate events. Many of our counties (Mohave, Gila, Coconino, Graham, Cochise) experienced challenges associated with the extreme wildfire season and the ensuing flooding issues from current and previous wildfire scars. In addition, the weekend of August 13, a monsoon storm ravaged Gila Bend (Maricopa County), causing historic flooding leading to extensive damage to private property, the railroad, roadways and drainage systems. These counties and others have carried out numerous road and drainage projects in disaster recovery and impact mitigation.



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## **Upcoming in 2022**

For 2022, we are developing the in-person Pavement Preservation Workshop that was cancelled in March 2020. We were planning on March of 2022 and have pushed it back to the May/June timeframe. We had an extremely positive response in 2020 to the agenda and had many diverse agencies, not just counties, signed up to attend. We anticipate the same interest this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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