



Director's Report

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ADOT
Director

Dr. L.I. Hewes Award

Awarded to Michael DenBleyker

- Consistently elevates and supports his teams.
- Instrumental in developing our digital delivery initiative.
- Played a major role in designing a new framework to more efficiently manage project data.



Safety Message Contest

Now in its tenth year, the Safety Message Contest kicked off earlier this month and drew **more than 1,700 entries**.

- Visit azdot.gov/SignContest to vote for your favorite!
- The **top two messages** will appear on overhead boards across the state.
- This annual contest is not only a fun way to get the public involved, it also **reinforces our efforts to get people thinking and talking about safe driving behaviors**.



*Last year's
winning
messages.*



Arizona Transportation Research Summit



The collaboration among Arizona's three state universities in partnership with ADOT is tackling real-world challenges facing the transportation industry today.

ADOT Regional Leadership Summits

The summits focused on recognition, leading with empathy and critical conversations.



Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety

Parents and guardians:

- **Teach and reinforce** the importance of walking and biking safely, including the basics of looking both ways before crossing a street and always using crosswalks.
- **Check out the route** your child takes to school. Walk or ride it with your child and identify potential safety hazards along the way.
- **Don't allow children** to use headphones or mobile devices to talk, text, play games or watch videos when walking or bicycling.
- **Require children to wear a properly fitting helmet** if they ride a bike to and from school.



Thank you!

