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**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)  
New Item for Review and Consideration**

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Meeting Date: 09/15/2016  
Agenda Item: 4B2

**Issue Description:** Research the benefits and feasibility using additional techniques/policies to mitigate traffic congestion on arterial streets for road construction.

**Presented by:** Councilmember Granville

**What are you looking to accomplish?** A Committee of the Whole Working Group should be formed to explore new policies to better mitigate traffic congestion on arterial streets for road construction.

**Background Information:** During the recession road repairs were stopped or delayed. Road construction has recently been re-started in earnest causing traffic delays. Staff recently put out changes to the barricading manual that appears to have made some improvements to the Tempe barricade process. Additionally, staff is including as part of the soon-to-occur phone survey a question for residents regarding their perception of construction in Tempe. Accordingly, now is an outstanding time for a committee to review the results from the recent changes, and the recent resident feedback, to determine if additional changes should be made to city construction time schedule and barricading procedures.

**What stakeholders should be engaged with this process?** Public Works.

**Anticipated Timeframe and Staff Resources:** Approximately 10 hours of time via Public Works and Procurement.

*The Tempe City Council is committed to:*

- 1. Ensuring a safe and secure community through a commitment to public safety and justice.*
- 2. Developing and maintaining a strong community connection by emphasizing the importance of open government, customer service and communication with community members.*
- 3. Enhancing the quality of life for all Tempe residents and workers through investment in neighborhoods, parks, the arts, human services, and city amenities, with an emphasis on equity and diversity.*
- 4. Implementing sustainable growth and development strategies, including improving Tempe's public transit system to meet future needs, by actively seeking innovative technologies and leading the way in creating a more sustainable community.*
- 5. Maintaining long term financial stability and vitality by focusing on economic development, business retention and generating employment to create a robust and diverse economic base.*