



## 2022 Project of Merit Awards

The Coachella Valley Branch of the American Public Works Association (APWA) proudly honors the following projects with their 2022 Project of Merit Awards:

### **Structures:**

P3 Libraries Project  
*County of Riverside*

### **Transportation:**

Ofelia Bringas Memorial Bridge  
*City of Cathedral City*

CV Link  
*City of Palm Desert*

### **Traffic and Mobility:**

San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Improvements, Phase II  
*City of Palm Desert*

### **Recreational Facilities:**

Downtown Park  
*City of Palm Springs*

### **Revitalization:**

President's Plaza East & West Parking Lot Renovation Project  
*City of Palm Desert*

The Coachella Valley Branch of the Southern California Chapter of APWA established the Project of Merit Awards to recognize outstanding capital improvement projects and public works programs here in the Coachella Valley; to share positive experiences with these projects and/or programs; and to showcases the variety, caliber, quality, nature, and breadth of work performed for the benefit of the public.

To be eligible, a project must have been “substantially complete” and available for public and/or agency use between January 1, 2021 and July 1, 2022.

### **About APWA Coachella Valley Branch:**

APWA Coachella Valley Branch is a professional organization comprised of private industry, utility, public agency professionals and City officials throughout the Coachella Valley. Our mission statement is to provide leadership and serve the public works community by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy, and the exchange of knowledge. We hold monthly meetings for our membership to discuss current events and topics of interest in Public Works. We also provide an annual scholarship that is supported by our annual golf tournament and biennial Vendor Show.

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## 2022 Projects of Merit - Structures:

This award recognizes a new or renovated public structure, municipal building, community center, public safety facility, etc.

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### **P3 Libraries Project (Desert Hot Springs, Menifee, French Valley Libraries), *County of Riverside***

These three new libraries were part of an initiative that the County of Riverside set out on roughly six years ago to use taxpayer revenue to fund three County-owned libraries using the Public Private Partnership (P3) delivery. Their vision was to use this delivery to finance the design and construction of the facilities and their long-term maintenance and operating costs. The direct result was the development of three stunning state-of-the-art libraries to activate these communities and a long-term operational savings to the County of hundreds of thousands of dollars.



**Project Completion Date: April 1, 2021**  
**Construction Cost: \$38,600,000**

**Primary Consultant: CannonDesign**  
**Primary Contractor: McCarthy**

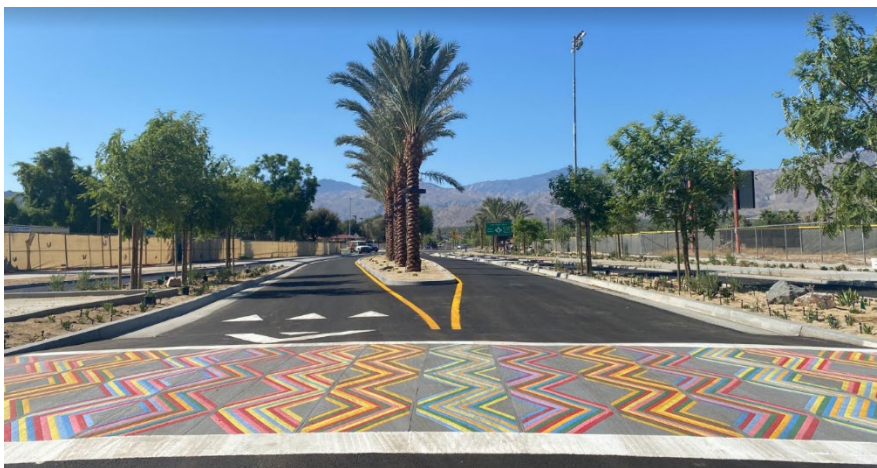
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## 2022 Project of Merit – Traffic and Mobility:

This award recognizes traffic improvements, traffic calming, signal synchronization, ITS, mobility improvements for bicycles, pedestrians, NEVs, ADA Accessibility, etc.

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### **San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Improvements, Phase II, *City of Palm Desert***



The Project includes the 2,600-foot segment of San Pablo Avenue from Fred Waring Drive to Magnesia Falls Drive in Palm Desert. The Project reduces the existing number of lanes (four to two) through a road diet, which includes improved bikeway facilities along the corridor, enhanced pedestrian accommodations, new landscaping, on-street parking, and two roundabout intersections at the entrance of College of the Desert and Magnesia Falls Drive.

**Project Completion Date: February 25, 2022**  
**Construction Cost: \$6,961,000**

**Primary Consultant: Dokken Engineering**  
**Primary Contractor: Los Angeles Engineering, Inc.**

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## 2022 Project of Merit - Transportation:

This award recognizes new construction, pavement rehabilitation, roadway widening, bridge (new, widening, or rehabilitation), or multi-modal project, etc.

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### **Ofelia Bringas Memorial Bridge, City of Cathedral City**

The City of Cathedral City replaced the existing Cathedral Canyon Drive low-water crossing at the Whitewater River between Paseo Azulejo in the south and Canyon Shores Drive in the north with a new all-weather bridge. Cathedral Canyon Drive has been adopted as an Indian Reservation Road and is number 15 of the top twenty traffic growth roadways in the Coachella Valley. In addition, the Project was classified as one of the forty-four "Backbone Projects" because of its importance in regional traffic circulation system.



The Cathedral Canyon Drive Bridge is named Ofelia Bringas Memorial Bridge in memory of Bringas' life as a youth counselor who devoted her entire career bridging available resources with those in need.

**Project Completion Date: June 3, 2022**  
**Construction Cost: \$19,400,000**

**Primary Consultant: CNS Engineers, Inc.**  
**Primary Contractor: Ames Construction, Inc.**

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### **CV Link, City of Palm Desert**



The project includes three miles of new on-street Class IV bikeway and NEV improvements; 0.25 miles of a Class I bikeway; and a new trailhead for the Bump n Grind Trail. The project is located along Painters Path, Park View Drive, Monterey Avenue, and Magnesia Falls Drive in Palm Desert. The project includes the re-allocation of existing roadway lanes, pavement markings with enhanced branding elements, a raised protective barrier curb to separate the facility from vehicular travel lanes, signs and associated minor pavement and

concrete work. Bike path improvements also consisted of upgrading an existing shared use path with markings, signage, and minor concrete work.

**Project Completion Date: November 18, 2021**  
**Construction Cost: \$6,171,000**

**Primary Consultant: Alta Planning+Design, Inc.**  
**Primary Contractor: Granite Construction Company**

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## 2022 Projects of Merit – Recreational Facilities:

This award recognizes new, renovated, or modernized parks, outdoor amphitheaters, playgrounds, sports facilities, & fields, nature trails, aquatic facilities, etc.

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### **Downtown Park, City of Palm Springs**

The Downtown Park is an inviting 1.5-acre urban oasis for residents and visitors to Palm Springs. The City is a desert destination nestled along the base of the San Jacinto Mountains along the southwestern boundary of the Coachella Valley in California's Sonoran Desert. The park lies in the ancestral homeland of the Agua Caliente band of the Cahuilla people who seasonally migrated between the shady palm groves and meltwater creeks of mountain canyons in summer and the hot springs and temperate climate of the valley floor in winter.



**Project Completion Date: October 20, 2021**  
**Construction Cost: \$8,500,000**

**Primary Consultant: RIOS**  
**Primary Contractor: Fast Track Construction**

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## 2022 Project of Merit – Revitalization:

This award recognizes beautification projects such as streetscape, median landscaping, parkway landscaping, etc.

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### **President's Plaza East & West Parking Lot Renovation Project, City of Desert Hot Springs**



The Presidents' Plaza parking lots are located in a commercial district adjacent to the Highway 111 corridor and El Paseo, within the City Center. The project encompasses two parking lots, totaling approximately 7.5 acres, located between Larkspur Lane and Portola Avenue. The project includes demolition off the existing parking lot improvements within both lots; extensive utility upgrades; installation of new asphalt surfaces, ADA-compliant

sidewalks and ramps, landscaping, lighting, trash enclosures and solar-ready carports.

**Substantial Completion Date: June 17, 2022**  
**Construction Cost: \$8,890,458**

**Primary Consultant: Dudek.**  
**Primary Contractor: H&H General Contractors**