

Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Mike Gent



Mike has served as part of the City's Public Works team since 2013. He was promoted to Deputy City Manager in 2020, where he supports the Community Development and Water Resources Management Departments, in addition to continuing his responsibilities as Public Works Director.

These teams include the city's four utilities (Water, Wastewater, Storm Water, and Solid Waste Management) as well as the city's development review services – planning and permitting. Other areas of responsibility include code enforcement, traffic engineering, street operations, project management, facility and fleet operations.

Before joining the City of Surprise, Mike worked in local government and the private sector in Washington State. He earned a Doctor of Social Work degree from the University of Southern California focused on identifying and implementing innovative solutions to social challenges such as poverty, homelessness, social isolation, and achieving equal opportunity for all. He also earned a Master of Public Administration from Norwich University.