

Human Environment Digest

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Welcome to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Human Environment weekly email digest. This digest shares the latest information from a range of Federal and non-Federal sources, addressing transportation and its relationship to the human environment. Through this information exchange, FHWA hopes to foster dialogue at all levels and continue to further the state of the practice on these important topics.

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Announcements

Notice of Funding Opportunity for Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds

The *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) has released a [Notice of Funding Opportunity for Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds](#). A [webinar](#) about this opportunity will take place on October 17, 2017. Projects should demonstrate proposed outcomes that will address the prevention and reduction of death or serious injuries in transportation related incidents, such as motor vehicle crashes, on Tribal lands. The application deadline is December 11, 2017.

Call for Abstracts for 16th National Tools of the Trade

The 16th National Tools of the Trade Conference on Transportation Planning for Small and Medium-Sized Communities will take place in fall 2018 in Kansas City, MO. Sponsored by the *Transportation Research Board* (TRB), the conference will focus on research and best practices in planning multimodal transportation systems for small- and medium-sized communities. The deadline to [submit abstracts](#) is October 15, 2017.

Environmental Justice



Call for Abstracts for 2018 National Environmental Justice Conference

The 2018 National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program (NEJC) will take place on April 25-27, 2018, in Washington, DC. The overall theme of the NEJC is "Enhancing Communities Through Capacity Building and Technical Assistance." Attendees are invited to [submit abstracts](#) to be included in the conference. The deadline to submit abstracts is December 1, 2017.

EJ Interagency Working Group Goods Movement Federal Reserve Compendium

The Impacts from Commercial Transportation (Goods Movement) Committee of the *Federal Interagency Working Group (IWG) on Environmental Justice* recently created the "[EJ IWG Goods Movement Federal Resource Compendium](#)". The Compendium contains Federal memorandums, policies, and other guidance on goods movement-related programs and resources as they relate to environmental justice.

Livability



USDOT Announces Accessible Transportation Technologies Research Initiative Application Development Awards

The *U.S. Department of Transportation* (USDOT) recently awarded six application development research contracts, totaling \$6.185 million, under its Accessible Transportation Technologies Research Initiative (ATTRI). The purpose of the grants is to improve mobility options for all travelers, particularly those with disabilities.

Smart Growth America Offers Technical Assistance to Six State DOTs

Smart Growth America announced that six State DOTs will receive free technical assistance through its "Practical Design for Transportation Systems" program. The program is intended to help State DOTs develop flexible approaches to meet their users' needs with practical solutions that cost less to design, build, and maintain. The States that will receive assistance include Delaware, Iowa, Louisiana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, and Virginia.