

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

Presidential Executive Order on Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process

On August 15, President Donald J. Trump signed a "[Presidential Executive Order on Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure](#)." The Presidential Executive Order is meant to strengthen America's infrastructure by streamlining the process for environmental review and permitting and accelerating project delivery. The Presidential Executive Order emphasizes that increased infrastructure investment would create jobs and increase wages, which would thereby strengthen quality-of-life in communities across the Country.

Bicycle/Pedestrian



"Traffic Monitoring: Automobiles, Trucks, Bicycles, and Pedestrians"

The *Transportation Research Board* (TRB) published "[Journal of the Transportation Research Board No. 2644](#)," which consists of 13 papers exploring issues related to traffic monitoring, such as bicycle and pedestrian counts at signalized intersections and costs of independent multimodal projects.

America Walks Highlights 2016 Micro Grant Recipients

America Walks partnered with the *Every Body Walk! Collaborative* to launch a Micro Grant Program, and in December 2016, the organization awarded grants to 22 organizations. Recently, *America Walks* has released some [case studies](#) to highlight how these organizations are leveraging these grants to implement strategic changes to transform walking in their communities.

September 30: National Bike Your Park Day

September 30, 2017 is the second annual [Bike Your Park Day](#). *Adventure Cycling* reports that over 550 rides with more than 3,000 participants in across the United States and internationally are registered to bike to their parks and other recreational destinations. Bike Your Park Day encourages individuals to explore parks and public lands in rural and urban settings; the event will include special activities and service projects.

Livability



"Synthesis of Approaches for Addressing Resilience in Project Development"

The *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) recently published a new report, titled "[Synthesis of Approaches for Addressing Resilience in Project Development](#)." The report synthesizes lessons learned and innovations from recent FHWA studies and pilots to help transportation agencies address changing climate conditions and extreme weather events, including analysis of economic and societal considerations that affect communities. The report is designed to provide needed information to a range of engineering disciplines to integrate climate considerations into transportation project development.

Summer 2017 Edition of FHWA's Office of Planning, Environment, and Realty's Research Newsletter

The *Federal Highway Administration's* (FHWA) Office of Planning, Environment, and Realty recently published the [summer 2017 edition of its research newsletter](#). This quarter's edition of the research newsletter highlights a report to enhance bicycle and pedestrian access along a future bus rapid-transit corridor in Richmond, VA; the 2017 Planning, Environment, and Right-of-Way Excellence Awards; and more.