



## 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

#### **RFP for Guidebook to Help Improve Transportation to Health Care Services**

The Transit Cooperative Research Program of the *Transportation Research Board* (TRB) issued a [request for proposals](#) to develop a guidebook to help communities improve transportation to health care services. The guidebook will outline future research priorities, technology used to facilitate access to health care services, funding for health care transportation, and performance metrics. The deadline to submit proposals is July 27, 2017.

### Bicycle/Pedestrian



#### **"Evaluating Efforts to Improve the Equity of Bike Share Systems"**

The *Transportation Research and Education Center* (TREC) of *Portland State University*, located in Portland, OR, recently published a report titled "[Evaluating Efforts to Improve the Equity of Bike Share Systems](#)." The report explores the impacts of efforts to place bike share stations in low-income and/or communities of color and promote participation through outreach efforts.

### Livability



#### **"Building Resilient States: Profiles in Action"**

"[Building Resilient States: Profiles in Action](#)," a new resource from the *Governors' Institute on Community Design*, examines the Nation's best examples of using strategic choices about land use, transportation, and infrastructure to help communities build climate resiliency.

#### **"The Best Complete Streets Policies of 2016"**

The *National Complete Streets Coalition* released "[The Best Complete Streets Policies of 2016](#)," which celebrates the accomplishments of communities with successful Complete Streets policies. In 2016, 222 communities adopted new Complete Streets policies. A total of 1,232 policies are now in place in all 50 States, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. All of the communities were given scores out of 100 for their policies, and Brockton, MA; Missoula, MT; and Wenatchee, WA all received perfect scores of 100 for their Complete Streets policies.

## Public Involvement

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### **TRB 11th Annual Communicating Concepts with John and Jane Q. Public Competition**

The Planning and Environment Group of the *Transportation Research Board* (TRB) is accepting submissions for the [TRB 11th Annual Communicating Concepts with John and Jane Q. Public Competition](#). The purpose of the competition is to highlight best practices in communicating the value and importance of engaging the public in long-term transportation planning. The submission deadline is July 24, 2017. The winners will be notified in October 2017, and highlighted at the 2018 TRB Annual Meeting.