

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

USDOT Announces Over \$9 Million for Tribal Transportation Safety Improvements

U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Secretary Elaine L. Chao [announced that 74 Tribes in 20 States](#) will receive over \$9 million through the *Federal Highway Administration's* (FHWA) Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund. The purpose of the funding is to improve transportation safety on Tribal lands.

Bicycle/Pedestrian



FHWA Releases Spring 2017 Pedestrian Forum Newsletter

The *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) published online the [Spring 2017 edition of the Pedestrian Forum Newsletter](#). The newsletter shares valuable information between bicycle and pedestrian planners with the ultimate goal of reducing pedestrian fatalities, which account for approximately 12 percent of all traffic fatalities. The Spring 2017 edition includes recently-published FHWA reports on bicycle and pedestrian safety, resources from the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* (NHTSA), and more.

"Spotlight on Highway Safety: Pedestrian Traffic Fatalities by State"

The *Governors Highway Safety Association* (GHSA) published a new Spotlight on Highway Safety report, titled, ["Pedestrian Traffic Fatalities by State: 2016 Preliminary Data."](#) This report offers a first look at State-by-State trends in pedestrian traffic fatalities for 2016. GHSA estimates an 11 percent increase in total number of pedestrian fatalities in 2016, compared to 2015.

Economic Development



EconWorks Webinar Series

The *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) and the *American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials* (AASHTO) will host a series of webinars focused on the use and application of EconWorks, a collection of web-based tools designed to help planners incorporate economic analysis into early stages of project decisionmaking. EconWorks is a product of FHWA's Second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2). The webinars will take place bimonthly and will focus primarily on training and tutorials to help practitioners use the EconWorks tools. The next webinar will take place on April 20, 2017.

Environmental Justice



EPA Seeks National Environmental Justice Advisory Council Members

The *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* (EPA) invites nominations from a diverse range of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to its National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC). The NEJAC was chartered to provide advice regarding broad, cross-cutting issues related to environmental justice. EPA is seeking nominations to fill approximately three new vacancies for terms through September 2019. Applications are due by April 28, 2017.

Livability



National Park Service Offers Technical Assistance

The *National Park Service* (NPS) will offer technical assistance grants through its Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program, to implement projects with specific goals and results for conservation and recreation. Applicants are encouraged to consult with NPS staff about their proposals 30 days prior to the application deadline, to ensure they have the best chance of receiving assistance. Applications are due by June 30, 2017.