

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

FHWA Releases National Performance Measure Management Regulations

On January 9, 2017, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released [copies of the final rules](#) for the last two National performance management measure regulations. One rule establishes regulations to assess the condition and performance of bridges on the National Highway System and of pavements on the Interstate and non-Interstate NHS. The second rule establishes regulations to assess the performance of the NHS, Freight Movement on the Interstate System, and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program.

Bicycle/Pedestrian



FHWA Publishes 'Small Town and Rural Multimodal Networks'

In December 2016, the *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) published a new report, titled "[Small Town and Rural Multimodal Networks](#)." The report addresses challenges specific to rural areas, recognizes how many rural roadways are operating today, and focuses on opportunities to make incremental improvements despite the geographic, fiscal, and other challenges that many rural communities face.

Environmental Justice



'Developing and Advancing Effective Public Involvement and Environmental Justice Strategies for Rural and Small Communities'

The *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) recently published a new resource, titled "[Developing and Advancing Effective Public Involvement and Environmental Justice Strategies for Rural and Small Communities](#)." This report was developed to help transportation planners, practitioners, and other decision makers develop effective, locally-

appropriate, and replicable strategies for public involvement in transportation planning and programming. The report provides case studies and resource information to better engage environmental justice communities, as well as strategies that will mitigate or avoid prospective environmental justice issues.

Livability



January 2017 FHWA Livable Communities Newsletter Now Available

The January 2017 edition of the *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) [Fostering Livable Communities Newsletter](#) is now available. The newsletter is intended to provide transportation professionals with real-world examples of ways in which transportation investments promote livability, such as providing access to good jobs, affordable housing, quality schools, and safer roads.

SHRP2 Solutions 2016 'Implementation Highlights' Report

The 2016 "[Implementation Highlights](#)" Report for the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2) was recently released. SHRP2 is a collaboration of the *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA), the *American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials* (AASHTO), and the *Transportation Research Board* (TRB). TRB conducted research to inform the program, and now, FHWA and AASHTO are jointly working to implement SHRP2 Solutions in order to help the transportation community increase safety, enhance productivity, boost efficiency, and improve the reliability of the National Highway System.

Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program Issues 2017 Request for Proposals

The *National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's* (NFWF) [Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program](#) seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds, and the species and habitats they support. Approximately \$2,500,000 is available nationwide for projects meeting program priorities. The deadline for proposals is January 31, 2017.

Partners for Places Grant Opportunity Available

Partners for Places has recently announced [a new Request for Proposals](#) from Indian Tribes and inter-tribal consortia for nonpoint source management grants under the Clean Water Act. *Partners for Places* is a matching grant program that creates opportunities for cities and counties in the United States and Canada to improve communities by building partnerships between local government sustainability offices and place-based foundations. The program will award up to \$100,000 for this opportunity. Applications are due by January 25, 2017.

Center for Health, Environment, and Justice Small Grants Available

The *Center for Health, Environment, and Justice* (CHEJ) has recently announced the availability of small grants. The [CHEJ Small Grants Program](#) helps grassroots, community groups improve their organizing capacity. Small grants are available for a number of activities, such as board development, membership outreach, and fundraising efforts. The deadline for small grant proposals is February 1, 2017.