

## Human Environment Digest

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Welcome to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Human Environment biweekly 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

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### "2016 Summit for Safer People, Safer Streets"

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) will host the *2016 Summit for Safer People, Safer Streets* at DOT Headquarters in Washington, DC, on Friday, September 16, from 9am-4pm EDT. U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx will recognize the Mayors' Challenge Awards winners. The Summit will provide information about new resources from USDOT and external pedestrian and bicycle resource partners as well as opportunities to network and share challenges. This event is open to the public; please RSVP [here](#).

### FTA Issues Safety Stakeholder Letter on Public Transportation Safety Program Final Rule

The *Federal Transit Administration* (FTA) issued a [public letter](#) to safety stakeholders addressing the recently published [Public Transportation Safety Program final rule](#). The letter outlines FTA enforcement actions authorized by the Safety Program Rule and reflects on the rule's importance to FTA's continued efforts to improve public transportation safety.

## Bicycle/Pedestrian

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### "Achieving Multimodal Networks: Applying Design Flexibility & Reducing Conflicts"

The *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) released a new planning and design resource on [Achieving Multimodal Networks: Applying Design Flexibility & Reducing Conflicts](#). This report will help practitioners address topics such as intersection design, road diets, pedestrian crossing treatments, transit and school access, freight, and accessibility.

## Environmental Justice

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### HUD Environmental Justice Listening Tour

The *U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development* (HUD) is hosting a series of public meetings to obtain constructive feedback from stakeholders on [HUD's environmental justice strategy](#) in order to ensure it best represents the needs and concerns of community members. Upcoming meetings will be held in [Detroit, MI](#), on September 8; [Charleston, WV](#), on September 13; and [Boston, MA](#), on September 16.

## Livability

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### **Context Sensitive Solutions Webinar Recording Available**

On August 17th, the *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) Office of Planning, Environment, and Realty and the Project for Public Spaces co-hosted a webinar titled "Redesigning Highways to Improve Neighborhood Access and Livability." [A recording of the webinar](#), which was featured as part of the Context Sensitive Solutions series, is now available.

### **FHWA Office of Natural Environment Publishes New Research Fact Sheet**

The *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) Office of Planning, Environment, and Realty recently updated the [Office of Natural Environment Research Fact Sheet](#). The fact sheet describes the operations of the office, which offers research opportunities to improve transportation decision making and promote efficiency while protecting communities and the environment.

### **DOE Announces \$3 Million in Funding for Tribes**

The *U.S. Department of Energy's* (DOE) Office of Indian Energy [announced the availability of \\$3 million](#) in funding for tribes, in addition to other technical assistance opportunities. The purpose of the Office of Indian Energy assistance is to help develop renewable energy and improve energy efficiency on Tribal lands. Applications are due by October 20, 2016.

### **Mountain-Plains Consortium Publishes Report on Neighboring Street Networks' Impact on Livability**

The *Mountain-Plains Consortium*, a University Transportation Center, published a report titled "[Does the Livability of a Residential Street Depend on the Characteristics of the Neighboring Street Network](#)." The report explores the relationship between moving traffic, nearby arterial roads, and residential livability.

### **"Where We Live: Communities for All Ages"**

The *American Association of Retired Persons* (AARP) published a book titled "[Where We Live: Communities for All Ages](#)." The free book highlights more than 100 initiatives that mayors across the Country have launched to improve the livability of their communities.