

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

"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. Elected officials and local staff members from Mayors' Challenge Communities are invited to attend this event, please RSVP [here](#).

FTA Announces \$7 Million Available for Safety Research & Demonstration Program

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) [announced the availability of \\$7 million](#) in Federal funding for Safety Research and Demonstration (SRD) projects. The SRD program supports research and projects that demonstrate innovative approaches to improving safety for public transportation workers and passengers.

Bicycle/Pedestrian



"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.

FHWA Updates Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) updated its table [Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities / U.S. Department of Transportation Transit, Highway, and Safety Funds](#) to account for the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and to provide more project examples. The table indicates potential eligibility for pedestrian and bicycle projects, notes basic program requirements, and links to program guidance.

TRB Issues RFP for Guide for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety at Alternative Intersections and Interchanges

The *Transportation Research Board's* (TRB) National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) has issued a [request for proposals](#) to develop a guide for transportation practitioners to improve and integrate pedestrian and bicycle safety considerations at alternative intersections and interchanges through planning, design, and operational treatments. Proposals must be submitted by October 6, 2016.

Economic Development



FTA's Transit-Oriented Development Technical Assistance Initiative is Accepting Applications

The *Federal Transit Administration* (FTA) is accepting applications for its [Transit-Oriented Development Technical Assistance Initiative](#). The technical assistance is provided through a partnership with *Smart Growth America* (SGA). It is meant to provide new ideas, resources, and capacity for building transit-oriented development.

Health



EPA Requests Feedback on Draft Stakeholder Engagement and Capacity Building Tools

The *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* (EPA) has developed three draft tools to support effective stakeholder engagement between near-port communities and port facilities. The tools include a [Draft Ports Primer for Communities](#), [Draft Community Action Roadmap](#), and [Draft Environmental Justice Primer for Ports](#). The deadline for comments for all three documents has been extended to September 14.

Livability



Updated Fact Sheet on FHWA Programs and Livability

The *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) has recently published an updated fact sheet on [FHWA Programs and Livability](#). The fact sheet highlights resources and best practices for using FHWA programs to enhance livability in communities.

FHWA Developing Assistive Technologies for Visually Impaired

The *Federal Highway Administration's* (FHWA) Exploratory Advanced Research (EAR) Program funded the development of [three research projects](#) to analyze new solutions for navigation guidance for people with vision impairment and other disabilities.

FTA Issues Final Rule for Public Transportation Safety Program

The *Federal Transit Administration* (FTA) issued the [final rule](#) for the Public Transportation Safety Program, which establishes procedural rules for FTA to administer a comprehensive safety program to improve the safety of federally funded, public transportation systems.

USDOT Extends Broad Agency Announcement Response Deadline

The *U.S. Department of Transportation* (USDOT) has extended the deadline for responses to the [Broad Agency Announcement](#) for Accessible Transportation Technology Research Initiative (ATTRI) Application Development to October 3, 2016. The announcement seeks proposals for the development of applications that will lead to transformational changes and revolutionary advances in accessible transportation, personal mobility, and independent travel.

Scholarships Available to Attend Greenbuild 2016

The *U.S. Green Building Council* (USGBC) will provide [scholarship opportunities](#) to attend the Greenbuild 2016 Iconic Green Conference in October in Los Angeles, CA. Greenbuild is the world's largest conference and expo dedicated to green building, and scholarships serve as a point of entry for people new to the green movement. Applications are due by August 31, 2016.

Materials from 15th International Managed Lanes Conference Now Available

A [collection of papers and presentations](#) from the 15th International Managed Lanes Conference is now available. The conference, sponsored by the *Transportation Research Board* (TRB) and held in Miami, FL, focused on the evolution of managed lanes and managing congestion.