

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

FHWA Announces \$8.9 Million Available for Tribal Transportation Grants

On July 22, the *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) announced the availability of \$8.9 million in competitive grants from the Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds program. There will be a webinar on the program on August 3, 2016. Complete proposals must be submitted by September 16, 2016.

2017 Environmental Excellence Awards Program

The nomination period for the 2017 Environmental Excellence Awards will be open from August 1 to September 15, 2016. This biennial awards program of the *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) recognizes partners, projects, and processes that use FHWA funding sources to go beyond environmental compliance and achieve environmental excellence.

Bicycle/Pedestrian



Traffic Safety Facts: Bicyclists and Other Cyclists

Pursuing Equity in Pedestrian and Bicycle Planning Webinar Recording Available

On July 26, the *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) held a webinar on Pursuing Equity in Pedestrian and Bicycle Planning. A recording of the webinar and presentation materials are now available online.

Economic Development



Economic Impact Case Study Tool for Transit Released

The *Transportation Research Board's* (TRB) *Transit Cooperative Research Program* (TCRP) recently released [Report 186: Economic Impact Case Study Tool for Transit](#). The report highlights the results of a project intended to create the prototype for a web-based database of public transit investment projects and their associated economic outcomes.

Environmental Justice



Climate Change and Environmental Justice Fact Sheet

The *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) Office of Planning, Environment, and Realty developed a fact sheet titled "[Climate Change and Environmental Justice: Considerations for Transportation Decision-making](#)." The fact sheet describes the impacts of climate change on vulnerable populations and provides information on the *U.S. Department of Transportation's* (USDOT) policy statement on climate change regarding environmental justice populations.

Health



New Seattle Health and Equity Assessment Report Available

Futurewise recently released the [Seattle Health and Equity Assessment Report](#), which examines disparities in access to affordable housing, reliable transit, jobs that pay a living wage, and other city services and benefits in Seattle, WA.

Livability



NHTSA's 2015 Data Shows 7.7 Percent Rise in Traffic Deaths

Preliminary analysis of the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's* (NHTSA) traffic data shows that [motor vehicle traffic deaths rose 7.7 percent from 2014](#). NHTSA noted that though the data requires additional analysis, the most significant increases came from pedestrians and bicyclists.

Mid-South Greenprint Releases Semi-Annual Report

The Mid-South (Greater Memphis-Shelby County) Greenprint project, which began with a *Department of Housing and Urban Development* (HUD) Regional Planning Grant, recently released its [2016 semi-annual report](#). One hundred corridor miles of the Greenprint's networked paths, trails, and green spaces have been completed.

EPA Announces Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grants

The *Environmental Protection Agency* (EPA) recently announced the availability of [Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grants](#) of up to \$200,000 each for area-wide projects focused on brownfields assessment, cleanup, and reuse for fiscal year 2017. The deadline for submitting proposals is August 10, 2016.

Smart Growth America Launches Rural Development Program

Smart Growth America recently launched a [Rural Development Program](#), which is designed to help local leaders strengthen rural economies through a smart growth approach to development. Many rural areas are struggling to compete with rapidly growing urbanized areas while maintaining their unique character.

SUMC Releases Toolkit to Help Cities Expand Shared Mobility in Disadvantaged Communities

The *Shared-Use Mobility Center* (SUMC) recently released its [Shared Mobility Toolkit](#), which is designed to help cities and public sector leaders better realize the benefits of shared mobility, especially for economically-vulnerable communities.