

## 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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## Bicycle/Pedestrian

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### Traffic Safety Facts: Bicyclists and Other Cyclists

The *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* (NHTSA) published compiled 2014 data on [Traffic Safety Facts for Bicyclists and Other Cyclists](#). The fact sheet includes key data on traffic accidents and fatalities as well as tips for bicycling safely.

## Environmental Justice

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### "Environmental Justice: The New Normal for Transportation" Article Published

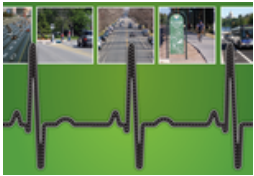
The *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) published an article in *Public Roads* magazine titled "[Environmental Justice: The New Normal for Transportation](#)," which underscores the importance of environmental justice in decision-making processes.

### EPA's Newest Environmental Justice Strategy Available for Public Review

The *Environmental Protection Agency* (EPA) recently released a new "[Environmental Justice \(EJ\) 2020 Action Agenda](#)." This new strategy builds on EPA's "Plan EJ 2014" and draws upon input from governmental partners and external stakeholders to address environmental challenges that are facing American communities today.

## Health

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## Health in Transportation Working Group Releases 2015 Annual Report

The Health in Transportation Working Group of the *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) recently published its [2015 Annual Report](#), which provides an overview of the Working Group's activities and accomplishments in 2015, summarizes other *U.S. Department of Transportation* (USDOT) health-related accomplishments, and documents its progress toward the recommendations laid out in the 2014 Annual Report.

## New Health in Transportation Case Studies

The Health in Transportation Working Group of the *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) published [two new case studies](#). The case studies highlight ways in which transportation planners are enhancing access to recreation, improving communication, and making more informed decisions that may lead to improved health outcomes for constituents.

## Livability

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## FHWA July Fostering Livable Communities Newsletter Now Available

The *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) published the [July Fostering Livable Communities newsletter](#). The quarterly newsletter is intended to provide transportation professionals with real-world examples to help them improve the relationship between transportation and communities, such as providing access to good jobs and affordable housing, quality schools, and safer streets and roads.

## "Shared Mobility and the Transformation of Public Transit" Report Published

The *Transportation Research Board's* (TRB) new report, "[Shared Mobility and the Transformation of Public Transit](#)" examines the relationship between public transportation and shared modes, such as bikesharing, carsharing, microtransit, and ridesourcing services.

## Transit-Oriented Development Website Launched

*Smart Growth America* launched [www.todresources.org](http://www.todresources.org), an online hub for national resources and technical assistance regarding transit-oriented development (TOD) to help local communities improve their economies, achieve social equity goals, and enhance overall quality of life.

## Spatial and Skills Mismatch of Unemployment and Job Vacancies

The *University of Minnesota* released findings from a study on [Spatial and Skills Mismatch of Unemployment and Job Vacancies](#). The report offers policy recommendations centered on finding "sweet spots" for coordinated transit planning and workforce development, and on creating a future transit system to serve the needs of disadvantaged workers.

## "School Transportation: Development of an Education Module and Workshops on Multi-modal Costs" Report Published

The *Southeastern Transportation Research, Innovation, Development, and Education Center* (STRIDE) published a new report, titled "[School Transportation: Development of an Educational Module and Workshops on Multi-modal Costs](#)," which helps planners explore some of the tradeoffs between land-use and transportation costs in making school siting decisions.

## Policy Recommendations for the Future of Automated Vehicles

The *National Association of City Transportation Officials* (NACTO) recently published "[Policy Recommendations for the Future of Automated Vehicles](#)." As new disruptive technology has the potential to remake city streets, policies must directly address automated vehicles' expected impact on safety, mobility, and land use.