



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

Transportation Alternatives Guidance Now Available

The *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA)'s [Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Implementation Guidance](#) is now available.

Bicycle/Pedestrian



FHWA Published New Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Performance Measures

The *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) published new [bicycle/pedestrian safety performance measures](#) as part of its National safety program. The new regulations call for improved data on roadway features and a consistent definition of serious injuries.

Secretary Foxx Visits Denmark and Cycles Through Copenhagen

The *U.S. Department of Transportation* (DOT) [Secretary Anthony Foxx recently visited Denmark](#) to learn about Copenhagen's bicycle-friendly streets and culture.

GAO Completes Study on Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

The *Government Accountability Office* (GAO) recently conducted a study on bicyclist and pedestrian safety and released a report, "[Pedestrians and Cyclists: Cities, States, and DOT are Implementing Actions to Improve Safety.](#)"

Economic Development



"Supporting Economic Development with Highway Investment" Primer Released

On May 16th, the *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) Office of Human Environment completed a primer on transportation and economic development titled "[Supporting Economic Development with Highway Investment](#)."

Environmental Justice



FHWA Environmental Justice Website Gets an Update

The *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) Office of Planning, Environment, and Realty recently updated and added new content to the [Environmental Justice website](#).

Health



Health in Transportation Planning Framework Webinar Materials Available

In March 2016, the *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) hosted a webinar on the Health in Transportation Planning Framework, including the background research and case studies highlighting lessons learned during the corridor study testing phase. The [transcript](#) from the webinar is available, and the "[Health In Transportation Corridor Planning Framework](#)" is also available.

NPS Publishes New Parks, Trails and Health Workbook

The "[Parks, Trails, and Health Workbook: A Tool for Planners, Parks and Recreational Professionals, and Health Practitioners](#)" published by the *National Park Service* (NPS) is a quick guide for incorporating public health considerations in the development and improvement of a park or trail.

Livability



FHWA Developing Technologies for Visually Impaired

The *Federal Highway Administration's* (FHWA) Exploratory Advanced Research program funded [three research projects](#) that examine new technology solutions for wayfinding and navigation guidance for people with vision impairment and other disabilities.

New Federal "Community Solutions" Community of Practice

The U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) developed a new [Federal Community of Practice for Community Solutions](#) website and listserv to highlight the ways in which Federal agencies work hand in hand with residents and local leaders to create targeted solutions that drive meaningful outcomes in communities.

National Park Service Announces Challenge Cost Share Program

The *National Park Service* (NPS) is matching grants of up to \$25,000 for a range of project ideas that serve urban communities, engage youth with National Parks, and connect people to the outdoors. Applications are due by July 1, 2016.