

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

USDOT Announces Every Place Counts Design Challenge

As part of the Ladders of Opportunity Initiative, the *U.S. Department of Transportation* (USDOT) announced the [Reconnecting Communities Design Challenge](#). Applicants must register by May 20, 2016 and applications are due on June 3.

Senate Appropriations Committee approves FY2017 THUD Bill

The *Senate Appropriations Committee* has approved the [FY2017 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies \(THUD\) Appropriations Bill](#) that includes \$16.9 billion in discretionary spending for the *U.S. Department of Transportation* (USDOT).

FHWA Releases NPRM to Propose National Performance Management Measure Regulations

On April 22, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) (NRPM) to propose national performance management measure regulations as required by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act ("FAST Act").

Bicycle/Pedestrian



Spring 2016 FHWA Pedestrian Forum Newsletter Published

The *Federal Highway Administration's* (FHWA's) "[Spring 2016 Pedestrian Forum Newsletter](#)" is now available online. This month's newsletter includes an update on the Mayors' Challenge as well as FHWA's effort to develop assistive technology for the visually impaired.

Guidebook for Developing Pedestrian and Bicycle Performance Measures Published

The *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) recently published a new "[Guidebook for Developing Pedestrian and Bicycle Performance Measures](#)" to help communities develop performance measures for their pedestrian and bicycle efforts, and to integrate those measures into their larger planning process.

New NHTSA Primer on Advancing Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

The *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* (NHTSA) published a new publication, titled "[Advancing Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety: A Primer for Highway Safety Professionals](#)," to illustrate infrastructure treatments and behavioral programs for addressing specific bicycle and pedestrian safety issues.

GHSA Report Released on Pedestrian Traffic Fatalities

The *Governors Highway Safety Association* (GHSA) recently published a new study, "[Pedestrian Traffic Fatalities by State: 2015 Preliminary Data](#)," which shows pedestrian deaths are growing even as total traffic fatalities decline.

Washington, DC, Offers \$5 Bikeshare Memberships to Low-Income Residents

Some lower-income residents of Washington, DC, will be able to sign up for [Capital Bikeshare memberships for \\$5 a year](#) under a new community partnership program. Participants will also receive a free Capital Bikeshare helmet.

Livability



April 2016 FHWA Livability Newsletter

The April 2016 edition of the *Federal Highway Administration's* (FHWA's) [Livability Newsletter](#) is now live. Some of the articles featured in this month's newsletter focus on integrating health in corridor planning and DOT's pilot connectivity project in West Baltimore.

Apply Today for Mobility on Demand Funding

The *Federal Transit Administration* (FTA) is offering the opportunity to apply for part of the \$8 million in funding available through the [Mobility on Demand Sandbox Demonstration Program](#). Grants will be awarded to projects that demonstrate innovative mobility solutions in public transportation.

One Year of LadderSTEP Brings Positive Impacts to Baltimore

The City of Baltimore (MD) participated in the [Ladders of Opportunity Transportation Empowerment Pilot \(LadderSTEP\)](#) program and developed the "Re-Connect West Baltimore" project to ensure safe and reliable transportation access to Baltimore residents.

Neat Streets Miami Announces Street Trees Matching Grant

Neat Streets Miami recently announced a [\\$100,000 matching grant program](#) to engage municipalities and organizations planting native or ecosystem-friendly trees on Miami-Dade's corridors and gateways.

Public Involvement



Iowa DOT Online Public Participation Doubles from Previous Efforts

Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) posted an online survey to guide its next long-range transportation plan (LRTP) and received [double the number of responses](#) as it received for its 2012 LRTP.