

Human Environment Digest

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Welcome to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Human Environment weekly 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

2015 Environmental Excellence Award Winners Announced in the Successes in Stewardship Newsletter

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announced the winners of the 2015 Environmental Excellence Awards in the July edition of the "[Successes in Stewardship Newsletter](#)."

USDA's Strategic Economic and Community Development Program Grant Opportunity

The U.S Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Strategic Economic and Community Development Program is now [accepting grant applications](#). The application deadline is 5:00 PM ET on July 31, 2015.

Partners for Places Round 7 Grant Opportunity

Partners for Places is a [matching grant program](#) that improves U.S. and Canadian communities by building partnerships between local government sustainability leaders and place-based foundations. Grants are between \$25,000 and \$75,000, with a 1:1 match required. It is anticipated that 8-12 projects will be supported over a 12-month period this round. Proposals are due July 27, 2015 by midnight in the applicant's local time zone.

Bicycle/Pedestrian



Host an NHI Training Course on Pedestrian Facility Design in Your Area

The National Highway Institute (NHI) recently updated its "[Pedestrian Facility Design](#)." If you are interested in hosting this new course, contact nhicustomerservice@dot.gov with inquiries.

New Report Documenting the First Two Years of Citi Bike

The Rudin Center for Transportation Policy and Management at New York University examined the existing travel modes and characteristics of Citi Bike users in the report, "[Citi Bike: The First Two Years](#) ." Citi Bike in New York City is the largest bikeshare program in the United States.

Health



NHTSA Published Traffic Safety Fact Sheet on School-Transportation-Related Crashes

The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) created a brief fact sheet about "[School-Transportation-Related Crashes from 2004 to 2013](#)." Compiling data between 2004 and 2013, NHTSA found that 1,344 people were killed in school-transportation-related crashes, an average of 134 fatalities per year.

New Guidance on How to Integrate Physical Activity into Community Design

The Designed to Move Coalition published a report called "[Active Cities: A Guide for City Leaders](#) ." This document outlines why and how cities can incorporate healthy physical activity into community design

Livability



FHWA's Fostering Livable Communities Newsletter July Edition

This month's [Fostering Livable Communities Newsletter](#) is now available online. The newsletter highlights Cleveland MPO's multimodal transportation planning and Atlanta's work on creating walkable communities.

FHWA's HEP Research Summer Quarterly Newsletter

The Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Office of Planning, Environment, and Realty (HEP) published its quarterly research newsletter. This edition highlights the Transportation Capacity Building (TPBC) program as well as Community Visioning Metrics and PlaceFit, two recently released [FHWA livability tools](#).

New Report Examining Achievements of HUD's Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI)

A new report, "[Better Plans for Better Places](#)" details the achievements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI). The report investigates how the \$250 million of Federal investment has worked to improve the lives of 145 million people living in the grantee communities.

Partnership for Sustainable Communities



EPA's Four Reports from their Greening America's Capitals Program

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Greening America's Capitals program released four reports about the cities selected for its 2013 program. Those four cities are: [Lansing, MI](#); [Madison, WI](#); [Montpelier, VT](#); and [Olympia, WA](#). The Greening America's Capitals Program is in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) through the Partnership for Sustainable Communities.

Public Involvement



Broward MPO Video as Communication Tool

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) created a [YouTube video](#) to engage its constituents. The 45-second video quickly explains what an MPO is in a visual and captivating format.