

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

USDA Housing Preservation Grants Open

The *United States Department of Agriculture* (USDA) Rural Development division is [now accepting applications](#) for its Housing Preservation Grant program. Applications are due by 5:00 PM Local Time on July 6, 2015.

SHRP2 Round 6 Implementation Assistance Still Open

Applications for the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2) [Round 6 Implementation Assistance Program](#) are open. The application period closes June 26, 2015.

Bicycle/Pedestrian



Secretary Foxx Highlights Cities Adopting Bicycle Investment to Move Beyond Traffic

The *United States Department of Transportation* (USDOT) highlighted examples of cities that are [investing in bicycle infrastructure](#) and seeing the benefits of those projects. Cities, particularly those part of the Secretary's Mayor's Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets, are increasingly looking for ways to invest limited funding to reduce roadway congestion. Investing in bicycle infrastructure is a solution some communities are implementing.

Environmental Justice



EPA's New EJSCREEN Tool

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a new tool called the [EJSCREEN](#). EJSCREEN is an environmental justice mapping and screening tool. The tool uses maps and reports to generate environmental indicators, demographic indicators, and environmental justice indices.

Health



APA-APHA's Second Round of Applications for CDC Community Health Funding

The *American Planning Association* (APA) and the *American Public Health Association* (APHA) released a Request for Proposals for the organizations' [Plan4Health project](#). Plan4Health projects are funded through the Centers for Disease and Prevention Control's (CDC) Division of Community Health.

Grant Winners Announced as part of FTA's Rides for Wellness Initiative

The *Federal Transit Administration's* (FTA) [Rides to Wellness Initiative](#) supported the National Center for Mobility Management in awarding nearly \$400,000 to 16 different communities to connect residents to healthcare services. Innovative mobility solutions can assist in lowering health care costs and ensuring patients can access the healthcare services they need.

Livability



FHWA's Successes in Stewardship Newsletter

The *Federal Highway Administration's* (FHWA) [Successes in Stewardship Newsletter](#) is available online. This edition highlights a tool developed by the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2) that assists States departments of transportation (DOTs) and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) improve collaboration for better decision making.