

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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Bicycle/Pedestrian



FHWA Releases "FHWA Works" Video on Walking and Bicycling Safety

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) [released the fourth "FHWA Works" video](#) titled "FHWA Works: How the Federal Highway Administration Makes Walking and Bicycling Safer." The video illustrates how FHWA and its partners work together to make walking and biking more accessible and an integral part of livable communities.

Economic Development



Open Communities Releases Report on Growing Economies through Equitable Transit Oriented Development

Open Communities and the Center for Neighborhood Technology released "[Quality of Life, \(e\)Quality of Place](#)," a report that considers the tools and policies that communities can utilize to meet state and Federal requirements for equitable growth around transit assets.

Environmental Justice



EPA Seeks Applications for Environmental Justice Small Grants Program

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking [applications to support activities designed to empower and educate communities to understand environmental and public health issues](#) and to identify ways to address these issues at the local level. The funding will focus on proposals supporting community-based preparedness and community climate resiliency efforts. Applications are due on January 9, 2015.

Livability



USDOT and CNCS Release Youth Workforce Development Partnerships Fact Sheet

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) hosted the [Creating Access to Opportunity Webinar](#) on December 9, 2014. A corresponding [fact sheet](#) highlights AmeriCorps and other Youth Service and Conservation Corps best practices and includes information regarding implementation of MAP-21 section 1524.

EPA Seeks Applications for Environmental Education Grants Programs

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting [grant proposals to support environmental education projects](#) that promote environmental awareness and stewardship (due February 2, 2015). EPA is also accepting grant proposals for [Environmental Education Local Grants](#) (due March 6, 2015) to support locally-focused environmental education projects that increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues.

HUD Announces National Disaster Resilience Competition

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) [National Disaster Resilience Competition](#) has made \$1 billion available to states with counties that experienced a Presidentially Declared Major Disaster in 2011, 2012, or 2013. Applications that address unmet needs as well as vulnerabilities to future extreme events, stresses, threats, hazards, or other shocks in areas that were most impacted and distressed as a result of the effects of a qualified disaster will be accepted until March 16, 2015.