

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



Bikesafe 2014: Bicycle Safety Guide and Countermeasure Selection System

The FHWA released an updated version of Bikesafe, a [Bicycle Safety Guide and Countermeasure Selection System](#). First established in 2005, Bikesafe seeks to provide practitioners with the latest information and tools on how to improve the safety and mobility of cyclists.

UTCs to Play Key Role in Advancing Bike-Ped Safety Initiative

Last month Secretary Foxx announced a new Bicycle-Pedestrian Safety Initiative. To help advance this initiative, USDOT is using its already established partnership with the University Transportation Centers (UTCs). Greg Winfree, the Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Research and Technology, [explains further in his USDOT Fast Lane post](#).

Health



Health and Transportation Corridor Planning Framework Fact Sheet

The FHWA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are seeking transportation agencies to test a new tool to assist with [incorporating public health into transportation decisions](#) at the corridor planning level. Interested agencies must submit a letter of interest that describes the proposed corridor and how incorporating public health might improve their current process. Up to five agencies will be selected to beta test the tool. Email victoria.martinez@dot.gov or faith.hall@dot.gov with any questions.

Livability



FHWA's Fostering Livable Communities October 2014 Newsletter

The *FHWA's Fostering Livable Communities October 2014* Newsletter is now available online. This edition includes a spotlight on *FHWA* Region 2 as well as other noteworthy livability projects across the country.

The National Center and the Safe Routes to School National Partnership Released Information Brief on the Role of the Comprehensive Plan

The *National Center* and the *Safe Routes to School National Partnership* [released an information brief](#) explaining the importance of comprehensive planning in defining the local government's support for safe walking and biking to school. The document explains how including considerations and action steps on walking and biking to school in comprehensive plans can promote and increase safe, active travel to school.

More than \$1 Billion in Funding and Technical Assistance Available for State, Local, and Tribal Governments

The [State and Local Climate and Energy Program Newsletter](#) reported that more than \$1 billion is available in funding and technical assistance for State, local, and tribal governments from various Federal grant programs. Programs administered by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, Department of Energy, Department of Agriculture, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, and Department of Housing and Urban Development are receiving applications for their respective grant programs that address climate and energy initiatives. The [EPA calendar of grant opportunities](#) summarizes the grant programs and application due dates.

U.S. PIRG's Millennials in Motion Report

The U.S. Public Interest Research Group published a report titled, "[Millennials in Motion](#) : Changing Travel Habits of Young Americans and the Implications of Public Policy." The report highlights the multi-modal preference of Millennials and encourages transportation policy to accommodate and support the demands of the new generation.

Public Involvement



FTA Online Dialogue on Private Sector Participation

From October 22, 2014 to November 26, 2014, the *FTA* is hosting an [Online Dialogue on Private Sector Participation](#). The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) included Private Sector Participation provisions. This online dialogue seeks to help the *FTA* implement these provisions. Those wishing to [participate can register here](#).