

## 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

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### Secretary Foxx Announces New Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Initiative

Secretary Foxx announced at the recent Pro Walk, Pro Bike, Pro Place Conference a [new initiative to reduce the growing number of pedestrian and bicyclist injuries and fatalities](#). The comprehensive approach will address infrastructure safety, education, vehicle safety, and data collection. *US Department of Transportation (USDOT)* field offices in every State will conduct road safety assessments and will produce resources to help communities build streets that are safer for pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transportation users. [Click here to read more about the Secretary's Action Plan on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Initiative.](#)

### Safe Routes to School National Partnership Now Accepting Applications for Free Technical Assistance

The *Safe Routes to School National Partnership* is [offering free technical assistance to successful applicants](#) who are working in underserved communities on campaigns that support policies promoting walking, bicycling, and Safe Routes to School. Applications are due by September 26th by 5:00 PM ET.

### New York City DOT Protected Bicycle Lane Analysis

*New York City Department of Transportation (DOT)* has installed over 30 miles of protected bicycle lanes throughout the city since 2007. The Department analyzed the safety, mobility, and economic growth impacts of these routes in the report, "[Protected Bicycle Lanes in NYC.](#)"

## Community Impact Assessment

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## Deadline Nears for Call for TRB CIA Posters

The *Transportation Research Board (TRB) Committee on Social and Economic Factors of Transportation (ADD20)* and the *Community Impact Assessment (CIA) subcommittee* are still accepting poster applications for the upcoming TRB annual Meeting in Washington, DC on January 11-15, 2015. The CIA poster session is intended to showcase innovative CIA practices, particularly through the use of technology and sustainable transportation planning efforts. Submissions are being accepted until September 26th.

## Economic Development

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### Transportation Secretary Foxx Announces 72 TIGER 2014 Recipients

Secretary Foxx announced the 72 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Program (TIGER) 2014 Recipients. In total, the USDOT is providing \$600 million across 46 States and the District of Columbia in TIGER funding in 2014. USDOT received 797 eligible applications, requesting a total of \$9 billion for transportation projects from 49 States, U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.

### NACo Develops Interactive Map Tool

The *National Association of Counties* developed a new interactive mapping tool called County Intelligence Connection 2.0. The large map includes over 60 different data sets and almost 500 indicators that users can apply. The tool includes detailed transportation data and offers a separate map called Road Ahead Interactive. Road Ahead Interactive depicts county transportation funding and financing, and the funding impacts of the new MAP-21 programs on counties and local governments.

## Health

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### TRB Publishes Travel Training for Older Adults Parts 1 and 2

The *Transportation Research Board's (TRB) Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP)* released Report 168: Travel Training for Older Adults. Part 1 of the report is a handbook that provides a roadmap for transit agencies and other human service providers to design effective travel training programs for the elderly. Part 2 is composed of the research plan used to produce the report and case studies.

## Livability

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### MAP-21 Research Quarterly Newsletter - Summer 2014

The *FHWA's Office of Planning, Environment, and Realty* published the Summer 2014 MAP-21 Research Quarterly Newsletter. This issue highlights several FHWA-produced items that are related to livability such as PlaceFit, the Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program, and the Partnership for Sustainable Communities' 5-year report.

### ACEF's Interactive Lessons on Multi-Modal School Transportation Planning

The *American Clearinghouse on Education Facilities (ACEF)* produced two interactive lessons on Multi-Modal School Transportation Planning. Part 1 in the series addresses why and how schools can improve active transportation access. Additionally, the lesson explores ways to best communicate these benefits to decisionmakers. Part 2 in the series provides school leaders with tools to implement walking and bicycling improvements.

### Evaluating Public Transportation Local Funding Options

Published in the *Journal of Public Transportation*, "Evaluating Public Transportation Local Funding Options" assesses 18 potential funding options for local public transportation under eight criteria. The article details the advantages and

disadvantages of each funding source and concludes that a variety of funding options should be used to ensure a stable and sustainable funding stream.

### **September 2014 CTPP Status Report**

The *Census Transportation Planning Products (CTPP)* [published an update on the group's recent activities](#). The CTPP is supported by the USDOT, FHWA, Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and TRB.