

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. For more information on any of these topics, see the FHWA Related Links on the sidebar.

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Bicycle/Pedestrian



Nice Stations: An Exploration of Nice Ride Bike Share Accessibility and Station Choice

The University of Minnesota Center for Transportation Studies released this study, which evaluates how people navigate from place to place using the Nice Ride Minnesota bike share system in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area.

Economic Development



Transportation Investments in Response to Economic Downturns

The Transportation Research Board (TRB) released the final version of this report, which provides guidance for Federal and State officials on the best ways to use stimulus funds for transportation in the future and methods for evaluating such investments.

HUD Rural Gateway and Economic Development Programs Resources Pages Available

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) launched a variety of resource pages on the OneCPD Resource Exchange.

Environmental Justice



CalEPA Announces Draft Community Environmental Health Screening Tool

The California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) announced the availability of the draft Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool: CalEnviroScreen Version 2.0, which can be used to help identify California communities that are disproportionately burdened by multiple sources of pollution.

Health



FHWA Statewide Transportation Planning For Healthy Communities

This white paper presents insights and a flexible framework for State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) that choose to integrate public health considerations into their transportation planning and decision-making.

Livability



The Parent's Supervised Driving Program

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation released a booklet designed to improve teen driver safety by providing parents and guardians with a methodical approach to teaching the requisite driving skills.

Autonomous Vehicle Technology: A Guide for Policymakers

The RAND Corporation released a report that provides guidance for maximizing the possible social benefits of autonomous vehicles while minimizing the possible disadvantages.

Partnership for Sustainable Communities



Special Smart Growth Technical Assistance Projects

Five Appalachian communities have been selected by EPA, the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to receive technical assistance and implementation support through the Livable Communities in Appalachia program.

Public Involvement



Equity Mapping and the Geography of Opportunity

HUD stakeholders and partners are using Geographic information systems (GIS) at the local, regional, and State levels to help decisionmakers transform data into compelling portrayals of their communities.

Draft Second Round Promise Zone Application Materials Posted for Public Comment

The Department of Housing and Urban Development published a Notice requesting public comment on the proposed selection process and criteria for the second round of the Promise Zone initiative. [Read](#)

The Charrette Handbook, 2nd Edition

The National Charette Institute will launch the new edition at the APA conference in Atlanta next week. This edition is a complete desktop reference for planning and conducting charettes.