



# MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

Please be advised that the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization (VTPO) BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) will be meeting on:

DATE: Wednesday, May 9, 2012

TIME: 3:00 PM

PLACE: Volusia TPO  
2570 W. International Speedway Blvd.,  
Suite 100 (Conference Room)  
Daytona Beach, Florida 32114-8145

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Ms. A.J. Devies, Chairperson

## AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT/PARTICIPATION (*Length of time at the discretion of the Chairperson*)
- III. NEW BPAC MEMBER INTRODUCTION
- IV. ACTION ITEMS
  - A) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APRIL 11, 2012 BPAC MEETING MINUTES  
(*Contact: Stephan C. Harris*) (*Enclosure, pages 4-11*)
  - B) REVIEW AND RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2012-XX ADOPTING THE SUPPLEMENTAL LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH FDOT FOR BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN FEASIBILITY STUDIES (*Contact: Stephan C. Harris*)  
(*Enclosure, pages 12-14*)
  - C) REVIEW AND RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT FY 2012/13 TO FY 2016/17 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) (*Contact: Robert Keeth*) (*Enclosure, page 15*)

V. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) PRESENTATION ON VOLUSIA COUNTY'S NATIONAL TRAILS DAY CELEBRATION  
*(Contact: Amanda Vandermaelen, Volusia County Parks, Recreation & Culture Division) (Enclosure, pages 16-17)*
- B) PRESENTATION ON VOLUSIA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S WALKABLE COMMUNITIES WORKSHOP *(Contact: Suzanne Grubbs, Volusia County Health Department) (Enclosure, pages 18-23)*
- C) UPDATE ON THE SR 40 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY *(Contact: John R. Freeman, Kittelson & Associates & Mary McGehee, FDOT) (Enclosure, page 24)*

VI. STAFF COMMENTS *(Enclosure, page 25)*

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS *(Enclosures, pages 25-41)*

- Ø BPAC Attendance Record
- Ø Florida Safe Routes to School Updates – April 30, 2012
- Ø VTPO 2012 Priority Process Schedule

VIII. BPAC MEMBER COMMENTS *(Enclosure, page 25)*

IX. ADJOURNMENT *(Enclosure, page 25)*

**\*\*\**The next meeting of the BPAC will be Wednesday, June 13, 2012*\*\*\***

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III. New BPAC Member introduction

**Background Information:**

The Honorable Ed Kelley, VTPO Board member and Mayor of Ormond Beach, has appointed Mr. Jim Mascola to represent the City of Ormond Beach on the BPAC.

Welcome to the BPAC, Mr. Mascola!

*Action Requested:*

*As directed by the BPAC*

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IV. Action Items

A) Review and Approval of April 11, 2012 BPAC Meeting Minutes

Background Information:

Minutes are prepared for each meeting and must be approved by the BPAC. The April 11, 2012 BPAC meeting minutes are provided with this agenda packet for your review.

*Action Requested:*

*Motion to approve the April 11, 2012 BPAC meeting minutes*

**Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 11, 2012**

Members Present:

Holly Idler  
Rani Merens  
Tim Bustos  
Michelle Grenham  
Bob Storke  
Phyllis Campbell, Vice Chair  
Colleen Nicoulin  
Mike Chuven  
A.J. Devies, Chair

Representing:

Daytona Beach  
DeBary  
DeLand  
Edgewater  
Orange City  
Ponce Inlet  
Port Orange  
Volusia County, At-Large  
Volusia County, District 2

Non-Voting Technical Appointees Present:

Joan Carter  
Wendy Hickey  
William "Bill" McCord  
Amanda Vandermaelen  
Tina Skipper  
Melissa Winsett

Representing:

FDOT, District 5  
Orange City  
Port Orange  
Volusia County Parks, Rec. & Culture  
Volusia County School Board  
Volusia County Traffic Engineering

Members/Technical Appointees Absent:

Craig Wells  
Nick Mostert (excused)  
Roy Walters (excused)  
William "Bill" Pouzar (excused)  
Heather Blanck (excused)

Representing:

Flagler Beach  
Holly Hill  
Volusia County, At-Large  
Volusia County, District 5  
Votran

Others Present:

Steve Friedel  
Ron Saylor  
Marianne Gurnee  
Cheryl Stone  
Pamela Blankenship  
Karen Roch, Recording Secretary  
Stephan Harris  
Bobby King

Representing:

FDOT, District 5  
Orange City  
SunRail  
SunRail  
TPO Staff  
TPO Staff  
TPO Staff  
Volusia County Parks, Rec. & Culture

**I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Determination of Quorum / Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting of the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Chairperson A.J. Devies. The roll was called and it was determined that there was a quorum.

**II. Public Comment/Participation**

No public comments.

**III. New BPAC Member Introduction**

Ms. Devies welcomed Ms. Idler and Ms. Vandermaelen to the BPAC.

**IV. Action Items**

**A. Review and Approval of March 14, 2012 BPAC Meeting Minutes**

***MOTION:** A motion to approve the March 14, 2012 BPAC meeting minutes was made by Mr. Chuven. The motion was seconded by Ms. Merens and carried unanimously.*

**B. Review and Recommend Approval of Resolution 2012-XX reaffirming the Volusia TPO's policy for the establishment and maintenance of its project priority lists**

Mr. Keeth stated the TPO receives funds every year that are allocated to bicycle/pedestrian programs (30%), traffic operations/ITS/safety programs (40%) and transit programs (30%). The TPO also has a policy to protect the top projects on each priority list. The top three projects are protected on the XU bicycle/pedestrian priority project list.

Mr. Chuven noted the changes on Sections 10 and 11 regarding funding for projects without a bicycle/pedestrian component.

Mr. McCord asked which projects (other than the Oaklea Bridge) with non-bicycle/pedestrian components have been funded with XU bicycle/pedestrian funds. Mr. Harris responded the Flagler Beach Downtown Streetscape Project and the Lantern Park Bridge are the two other projects.

Mr. McCord stated capacity projects, such as the widening of Clyde Morris Blvd. could consume a large amount of XU bicycle/pedestrian funds. Mr. Cheney responded the TPO has not included capacity improvement projects in the Call for Projects for several years.

Mr. Cheney stated the priority list is divided into sidewalk and shared use paths and the top three projects can be both types. How can it be clarified what the top three projects are? Mr. Harris responded the “Tier A” projects are in the FDOT program and are not ranked. Projects in “Tier B” and “Tier C” are ranked according to project score.

Mr. Chuven stated it should be indicated that the top 3 sidewalks and the top 3 shared use paths should be protected in each category.

Ms. Carter stated sometimes Work Program has a certain amount of money to be put towards a project and that project may not be the next one in line on the priority project list.

**MOTION:** *A motion to recommend approval of Resolution 2012-XX with the following addition to Section 6: “Those projects...ranked 1 through 3 in Sidewalk and Shared Use Path [sections of Tier B and Tier C] on the Prioritized List of XU Bicycle/Pedestrian Set-Aside projects...was made by Mr. Chuven. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storke and carried unanimously.*

Mr. Keeth stated since the changes in the resolution don’t apply to “Tier A” projects, projects are moved from “Tier B” to “Tier A” when funding becomes available.

Mr. Cheney stated when FDOT is doing the work program, they start with “Tier A,” projects in the work program, before going to “Tier B.”

Mr. Cheney stated item 12 is not clarifying to [FDOT] how projects should be prioritized, it is a desire of how the project should be built. It is not appropriate for this resolution. Every department promotes safety.

Ms. Carter asked “What’s the harm [to leaving in item 12]?”

Ms. Skipper suggested moving item 12 to the “whereas” section of the resolution.

Ms. Idler asked if there are two different priorities and one of them is a safety issue, doesn’t item 12 give one of them a higher priority? Mr. Cheney responded each priority list ranks safety differently. It is appropriate to move item 12 to the “whereas” section.

**MOTION:** *A motion to move Resolution 2012-XX, Section 12 to “Whereas” Section was made by Mr. Chuven. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storke and carried unanimously.*

Mr. McCord stated item 13 is similar in wording. Mr. Cheney responded item 13 is different in that it refers to keeping everyone apprised of the situation.

Ms. Campbell suggested changing item 8 to clarify which projects will not be reprioritized.

**MOTION:** *A motion to clarify language in Resolution 2012-XX, Section 8 to specify which projects will not be reprioritized was made by Mr. Chuen. The motion was seconded by Ms. Grenham and carried unanimously.*

#### C. Appointment of BPAC Project Review and TIP Subcommittee Members

Mr. Harris stated the TIP subcommittee is responsible for assisting TPO staff in developing the TIP and updating the Traffic ops/ITS/Safety and Enhancement Priority Project Lists. The BPAC Project Review Subcommittee serves the same function in updating the XU Bicycle/Pedestrian Priority Project List. The Project Review Subcommittee currently has 4 members: Chuen, Devies, Skipper and Walters. The county's representative has been vacant since Suzanne Wilde left. Now that the county has filled her position with Ms. Vandermaelen, the BPAC can add a county representative. The TIP subcommittee has 3 members, but one of them, Mr. Rivera, is no longer on the BPAC. The TIP subcommittee currently has 3 members: Devies, McCord, Winsett. This action item is to add members, not replace the ones currently serving.

**MOTION:** *A motion to appoint Ms. Vandermaelen to the Project Review Subcommittee and Mr. Chuen to the TIP Subcommittee was made by Ms. Nicoulin. The motion was seconded by Ms. Merens and carried unanimously.*

### IV. Presentations and Discussion Items

#### A. Review of draft Volusia TPO Public Participation Plan (PPP)

Ms. Blankenship stated the Public Participation Plan (PPP) was last updated in 2007. There have been many changes since then. The PPP is available on [www.VolusiaTPO.org](http://www.VolusiaTPO.org) and open for public comment for 45 days, ending on May 11, 2012. Feel free to comment online or contact me with questions. The TPO Board will be considering it for adoption in May.

#### B. Presentation on SunRail Accommodations

[This presentation is available for reference purposes on the Volusia TPO website at <http://www.volusiatpo.org/resources/presentations/>]

[Ms. Gurnee introduced Ms. Cheryl Stone, who works on ADA issues.]



Ms. Merens asked why SunRail accommodates miniature horses. Ms. Stone responded recent changes to federal ADA requirements include recognition of miniature horses as service animals.

[Ms. Gurnee played a short video of the wheel chair lift and platform.]

- C. **Presentation on the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life**  
[This presentation was cancelled.]

- D. **Presentation on the US 17 (Center Street) Sidewalk Project in Pierson**

[This presentation is available for reference purposes on the Volusia TPO website at <http://www.volusiatpo.org/resources/presentations/>]

Mr. Harris stated the US 17 Sidewalk Project application was submitted by the Town of Pierson last year. The feasibility study was completed recently. The project begins at Hagstrom Road and ends at Washington Avenue. There are existing sidewalks between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, so the sidewalks fill in gaps between Washington Avenue and 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Hagstrom Road. No obstructions were identified in the corridor that the sidewalk cannot be built around. Portions of the roadway will be curbed to improve storm water drainage. The speed limit is 55 mph on the south end of the project and reduces down at the north end. There appears to be sufficient right-of-way to build the proposed sidewalk. Bike lanes are along both sides of the road in most of the corridor. Crosswalks will be marked and signage will be added as part of the project. The cost is estimated at approximately \$645,000. The Town of Pierson has submitted an application for funding of this project.

Mr. Cheney asked if the project is protected on the priority list. Mr. Harris responded the project is still in "Tier A" of the priority list. The BPAC Project Review Subcommittee will be ranking it for the "Tier B" portion of the priority list.

- E. **Presentation on the draft FY 2012/13 to FY 2016/17 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Comparison Report**

Mr. Keeth stated the draft TIP will be back for review and approval from the BPAC next month. Many bicycle/pedestrian projects will be dropping out of the TIP this year either because they have been completed or are not being funded at the current time. The door on programming new projects closed unexpectedly late last year, but the TPO is working with FDOT to program those projects for the next fiscal year. The sidewalks near Westside Elementary School have been deferred for design one year.

## **V. Staff Comments**

Mr. Harris stated the TPO's planning area is based on the urbanized area as determined by the U.S. Census. The 2010 Census expanded the urbanized area to include most of the City of Palm Coast and portions of Bunnell and Flagler County. The TPO Board has formed a Reapportionment Committee to determine new planning boundaries and the new board representation. The Volusia County Sheriff's Office is running a new public service announcement to prevent distracted motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians.

[Volusia County Sheriff's Office Public Service Announcement was played.]

Mr. Storke asked where the PSAs are airing. Mr. Harris responded the PSAs are airing on Hallmark, BET, FX, MTV, TNT, VH1. The Sheriff's Office hopes to air the PSA 400 times by the end of the school year.

## **VI. Information Items**

Ms. Devies noted the information items in the agenda packet.

## **VII. BPAC Member Comments**

Mr. Chuven stated Volusia County Schools are teaching bicycle and pedestrian safety in elementary and middle schools. Ms. Skipper noted that Bill Poniatowski is the contact for the program.

Mr. Cheney stated that there have been 3 additional crashes since the Sheriff's Office PSA was released. Although the TPO's planning area is expanding, there may not be an increase in funding due to the west side of the county not exceeding a population of 200,000.

Mr. Bustos stated the Florida Bicycle Association has had success with the Florida legislature with laws that require bicyclists to use bicycle lanes. A pilot project has started in Brevard County that would allow bicyclists access to limited access bridges when suitable alternatives don't exist.

Ms. Carter stated Volusia County Schools is requesting additional bicycle trailers and trainers for their bicycle safety program.

## **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

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Ms. A.J. Devies, Chairperson  
Bicycle /Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

**CERTIFICATE:**

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the Volusia TPO certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the April 11, 2012 regular meeting of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), approved and duly signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012.

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Karen Roch, Recording Secretary  
Volusia Transportation Planning Organization

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- B) Review and Recommend Approval of Resolution 2012-XX adopting the Supplemental Local Agency Program Agreement with FDOT for Bicycle/Pedestrian Feasibility Studies

**Background Information:**

The Volusia TPO requires the professional services of consultants to support its planning staff in developing Cost Estimate Feasibility Studies for XU-funded Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects.

Resolution 2012-XX is attached for your review.

*Action Requested:*

*Motion to Recommend Approval of Resolution 2012-XX*

# **VOLUSIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

## **RESOLUTION 2012-XX**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE VOLUSIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADOPTING THE SUPPLEMENTAL LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR XU BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN FEASIBILITY STUDIES**

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**WHEREAS**, Florida Statutes 339.175; 23 U.S.C. 134; and 49 U.S.C. 5303 require that the urbanized area, as a condition to the receipt of federal capital or operating assistance, have a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process that results in plans and programs consistent with the comprehensively planned development of the urbanized area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the duly designated and constituted body responsible for carrying out the urban transportation planning and programming process for Volusia County and the cities of Beverly Beach and Flagler Beach in Flagler County; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida Department of Transportation and the Volusia TPO desire to undertake Bicycle/Pedestrian Feasibility Studies utilizing the Volusia TPO's XU funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida Department of Transportation has requested the Volusia TPO to execute and deliver to the State of Florida Department of Transportation the Supplemental Local Agency Program Agreements for the aforementioned project (Bicycle/Pedestrian Feasibility Studies, FPN 421724-1-28-01, Contract AON 10).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization that:

1. Mr. Karl D. Welzenbach, Executive Director, is hereby authorized to make and execute the Supplemental Local Agency Program Agreement for the aforementioned projects, FPN 421724-1-28-01, Contract AON 10.

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2. The Executive Director is authorized to forward a copy of the Supplemental Local Agency Program Agreements to the Florida Department of Transportation.

**DONE AND RESOLVED** at the regular meeting of the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2012.

**VOLUSIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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**City of DeLand, Mayor Pro Tem Leigh Matusick  
Chairperson, Volusia TPO**

**CERTIFICATE:**

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the Volusia TPO, certified that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Volusia TPO held on May 22, 2012.

**ATTEST:**

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**Pamela C. Blankenship, Recording Secretary**

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- C) Review and Recommend Approval of the draft FY 2012/13 to FY 2016/17 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

**Background Information:**

The purpose of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is to identify all federal and state funded transportation projects that have been scheduled for implementation in the Volusia TPO planning area from FY 2012/2013 to FY 2016/2017. The projects listed in the TIP include improvements to the area's highway, transit and aviation systems. Regionally significant projects, as well as some of the area's locally funded projects, are included in the TIP for informational purposes. The TIP also identifies transportation-disadvantaged projects, as well as bicycle facilities, sidewalks and other enhancement projects scheduled during this time period.

The draft TIP and a report comparing the draft TIP to the currently adopted TIP are available on the TPO website at <http://www.volusiatpo.org/resources/tips/>

***Action Requested:***

***Motion to Recommend Approval of the draft FY 2012/13 to FY 2016/17 TIP***

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**V. Presentations and Discussion Items**

**A) Presentation on Volusia County's National Trails Day Celebration**

**Background Information:**

The first Saturday in June is designated as National Trails Day in the United States. Every year on that day, more than a million hikers, bikers, equestrians and others take part in thousands of events nationwide in celebration of America's trails. These events include new trail dedications, workshops, educational exhibits, equestrian and mountain bike rides, rollerblading, trail maintenance and hikes on America's favorite trails.

National Trails Day is organized nationwide by the American Hiking Society, a national non-profit trail advocacy group based in Washington, DC. All events, however, are planned and carried out at the local level by conservation and recreation organizations, trail clubs and land managing agencies. Originally established in 1993, National Trails Day has grown to approximately 3,000 events across the country.

Ms. Amanda Vandermaelen, Administrative Coordinator II for Volusia County Parks, Recreation & Culture Division, will deliver a brief presentation on Volusia County's National Trails Day Celebration.

***Action Requested:***

***No action is required unless otherwise directed by the BPAC***



# Join Volusia County for National Trails Day®



Experience Volusia's Trails



**Saturday, June 2, 2012**

**9:00 a.m.—11:30 p.m.**

**Green Springs Park**

**994 Enterprise-Osteen Rd,  
Enterprise**



- ♦ Guided Nature Hike
- ♦ Guided Historical Walking tour
- ♦ Free children's bicycle helmets
- ♦ Informational displays



For more information,  
please call 386-736-5953  
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B) Presentation on Volusia County Health Department's Walkable Communities Workshop

**Background Information:**

The Volusia County Health Department, in conjunction with the Volusia TPO and City of Daytona Beach, hosted a workshop on Walkable Communities on May 2, 2012. The workshop was facilitated by Renaissance Planning Group as part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Technical Assistance Program. Daytona Beach is one of 88 communities nationwide that are receiving assistance from EPA-funded private sector experts as part of the program. The technical experts work with the communities on actions they can take to improve the economy, the environment and quality of life. In addition to the workshop, a walking audit was held along portions of South Street, Keech Street and Orange Avenue. The walking audit and workshop will help form a vision for short and long-term improvements to sidewalks and streets.

Ms. Suzanne Grubbs, Volusia County Health Department, will deliver a brief presentation on the Walkable Communities Workshop.

*Action Requested:*

*No action is required unless otherwise directed by the BPAC*

# Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities

## Background

Many communities around the country are asking for tools and resources to help them achieve their desired development goals, improve the quality of life for their residents, and make their communities more economically and environmentally sustainable. In response to this demand, EPA developed the Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Program.

Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities seeks to provide quick, targeted technical assistance to communities using a variety of tools that have demonstrated results and widespread application. This technical assistance will help selected local and/or tribal governments to implement development approaches that protect the environment, improve public health, create jobs, expand economic opportunity, and improve overall quality of life. The purpose of delivering these tools is to stimulate a discussion about growth and development, strengthen local capacity to implement sustainable communities approaches, and provide ideas on how to change local policies and procedures to make communities more economically and environmentally sustainable.

The assistance will be offered in two ways in 2011:

1. EPA will select communities and provide direct assistance by EPA staff and private-sector experts based on tools that EPA has identified. Under this part of the program, each technical assistance project in a community will include:
  - o Public engagement—for example, a one-day workshop that is open to the public.
  - o Direct consultation with relevant decision-makers.
  - o A memo outlining specific steps the community could take if it wants to implement the ideas generated during the site visit.
2. EPA has awarded grants to four nonprofit organizations with extensive sustainable communities expertise. These organizations—Cascade Land Conservancy, Global Green USA, Project for Public Spaces, and Smart Growth America—will offer technical assistance to **communities based on tools they have chosen that support their organization's primary mission** while also supporting the goals of the Building Blocks program. Contact each organization directly to learn details about the assistance available and the application process (see "[Assistance from Grantees](#)" below).

[Frequent questions about the Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities program are answered here.](#)

**EPA hosted a webinar on October 6, 2011**, to answer questions about applying to the Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities and Smart Growth Implementation Assistance programs. [Click here for presentation slides from the webinar \(PDF\)](#). (24 pp, 2MB, [About PDF](#)) Answers to questions asked during the webinar are found on the Frequently Asked Questions pages for [Smart Growth Implementation Assistance](#) and [Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities](#).

# Direct Assistance from EPA

## Tools

The tools that will be used in the next round of direct assistance from EPA under the Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities program include:

- **Complete Streets:** Teaches communities how to set investment priorities, draft policies, and implement changes to make their streets safe and appealing to all users, including drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders.
- **Creating a Green Streets Strategy:** Leads communities through actions to manage stormwater while developing streets that serve all users.
- **Green Building Toolkit:** Assists local governments in identifying and removing barriers to sustainable design and green building in their permitting processes.
- **Linking Land Use to Water Quality:** Helps local governments protect water quality through innovative approaches to land use and development that will also save money, help spur economic growth, and improve the community's quality of life.
- **Parking Audit:** Assists communities with managing parking supply and applying strategies for making the best use of parking for existing and planned land uses.
- **Preferred Growth Areas:** Offers a process for communities to review values, opportunities, tools, and constraints to determine the most environmentally beneficial locations for growth.
- **Smart Growth Guidelines for Sustainable Design and Development:** Helps the community understand the key principles and decisions at the location, site, and building levels that can result in a more sustainable plan or development proposal.
- **Smart Growth Zoning Codes for Small Cities and Rural Areas:** Offers a menu of quick fixes that rural and small-town governments can make to their zoning codes and planning documents to get development that protects their character and quality of life.
- **Using Smart Growth to Produce Fiscal and Economic Health:** Helps communities get better economic results from development and investments.
- **Walking Audit:** Assesses the pedestrian environment in a community and helps form a vision for short- and long-term improvements to sidewalks and streets.

## Communities Selected in 2012

In 2012, EPA selected 56 communities in 26 states to receive technical assistance through the Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities program. Applications were drawn from calls for letters of interest in February and October 2011. The assistance will be delivered in a day-long workshop for each community that will provide ideas on local policies and procedures to improve the local economy, environment, and quality of life. Each community will receive a short "next steps" memo outlining options the community can consider as it moves forward.

- **Complete Streets:** Binghamton, New York; Burlington, Vermont; Cheyenne, Wyoming; Modesto, California; Pocatello, Idaho; and Roxbury, Massachusetts.
- **Green Building Toolkit:** Dunwoody, Georgia and Niles, Illinois.
- **Green Streets Strategy:** East Lansing, Michigan; Passaic County, New Jersey; Northampton, Massachusetts; and Surprise, Arizona.
- **Linking Land Use to Water Quality:** Campton Hills, Lakemoor, and Round Lake Heights, Illinois.
- **Parking Audits:** Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Greensburg, Pennsylvania; Hennepin County, Minnesota; Holyoke, Massachusetts; Roanoke, Virginia; Simsbury, Connecticut; and Trenton, New Jersey.

- **Preferred Growth Areas:** Dickinson, New England, and Richardton, North Dakota.
- **Smart Growth Guidelines for Sustainable Design and Development:** Greensboro, North Carolina; Hazel Crest, Lansing, and Olympia Fields, Illinois; and Salina, Kansas.
- **Smart Growth Zoning Codes for Small Cities and Rural Areas:** Dallas Center, Iowa; Hays, Kansas; Marietta, Pennsylvania; Onondaga County, New York; Onslow County, North Carolina; University City, Missouri; Van Meter, Iowa; Wakulla County, Florida; and Woodward, Iowa.
- **Sustainable Land Use Code Audit:** St. Joseph, Missouri.
- **Using Smart Growth to Produce Fiscal and Economic Health:** Fall River, Massachusetts; Henderson, Nevada; Kelso, Washington; Northampton County, Pennsylvania; Stony Point, New York; and Topeka, Kansas.
- **Walking Audit:** Blue Springs, Missouri; Contra Costa County, California; Corpus Christi, Texas; Daytona Beach, Florida; Jackson, Michigan; Jersey City, New Jersey; Lewes, Delaware; Newtown Borough, Pennsylvania; Olympia, Washington; and Port Arthur, Texas.



## Walking Audits (Walking Workshops)



**Walking Audits** are a powerful workshop tool for redesign and visioning. Popularized more than 10 years ago by Dan Burden of Walkable Communities, Inc. these 45 to 90 minute teaching events are fun, healthy, democratic and inspirational. The media loves to cover these events. Basics of walking audits include:

1. Select routes that include type of change needed in the neighborhood, town center, school, corridor or waterfront. Generally a distance of 1/2 mile to a mile is enough. Use a bus if a number of distinct sites will be visited. Limit stops if a number of people are in the workshop
2. For a large downtown it is possible to conduct up to four walking audits over two days (one quadrant a day).
3. Groups of 10 to 20 are common, but larger groups work. Use cameras, measuring tapes and wheels and discuss key issues of redevelopment.
4. Stop frequently and discuss things that work or fail to work for the last 200-400 feet. Multi-disciplinary groups come up with the best balance of ideas.





## Walking Audits (Walking Workshops)

1. **Role Playing.** Some walking audits include role playing. The police officer is pretending to be 8 years old, while the fire chief is pretending to be 80 years old. At stops role players explain what works or does not work for them.
2. **Stakeholders are the experts.** Although a key facilitator conducts the walk, stakeholders with specific insights on landscaping, conservation, placemaking help teach one another about preservation or development opportunities .
3. **Experts discover new answers.** Many times on walks specialists, such as fire chiefs, discover how a new tool such as a curb extension helps them gain access to roadways.
4. **Wheelchairs** are brought out on some walks so that all participants can learn the challenges of existing street conditions.
5. **Groups stop frequently** each time there are new teaching points on how to repair a corridor, create a crossing or make some other improvement.
6. **Create solutions on the spot.** Workshop members may pause in quiet locations to design a curb extension, mini-circle or other feature.



## Walking Workshops



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C) Update on the SR 40 Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study

**Background Information:**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District 5 is conducting this Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to evaluate alternative roadway concepts for the four lane to six lane widening of the segment of State Road (SR) 40 from Breakaway Trail to Williamson Boulevard, a distance of approximately two (2) miles. The study is being conducted as a State Environmental Impact Report (SEIR), as no federal funds are being sought for the improvements to this section of the corridor. The need for the project is based on accommodating future traffic demand within the corridor, partly involving planned development. The study will develop and evaluate concepts that address traffic operations, intersection improvements, safety and provisions for bicycles and pedestrians. The study will also evaluate the anticipated impacts and costs for each concept. This project has been identified in the City of Ormond Beach, City of Daytona Beach and Volusia County Comprehensive Plans, and is also part of the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization's 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). State Road 40 is a regionally significant, east-west arterial that originates on the west coast of Florida and terminates in Ormond Beach, a distance of over 90 miles. This section of SR 40 is part of the Florida Scenic Highway network as well as a designated hurricane evacuation route. This two (2) mile segment is composed of residential land use (west of I-95) transitioning to commercial land use (east of I-95). Improvements to the corridor will address the implementation of bicycle/pedestrian features, widening of the bridge over the Tomoka River, configuration of medians and utilization of existing right of way. The overall purpose of this study is to begin developing a transportation improvement project that satisfies the project purpose and need, minimizes social, economic and environmental impacts, incorporates community input and obtains and maintains project consensus from agency partners and stakeholders. Further information can be found at <http://www.stateroad40.com/>.

Mr. Jack Freeman, Kittelson & Associates and Mr. Chris Rizzolo, URS Corporation, will deliver a brief update on the SR 40 PD&E Study.

An Alternatives Public Meeting is scheduled *for* Thursday, June 7, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Riverbend Community Church in Ormond Beach.

***Action Requested:***

***No action is required unless otherwise directed by the BPAC***



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## Florida Updates: State

**Inaugural Bike to School Day Event:** The inaugural National Bike to School Day will be held next Wednesday, May 9! If you haven't already done so, be sure to register your events at [www.walkbiketoschool.org](http://www.walkbiketoschool.org) so we get credit for them!

This newly-designed website provides organizers access to a variety of downloadable materials, including stickers, certificates, badges and classroom activities, and provides the opportunity to win a bike rack. Under the Go tab, click on Who's Biking 2012 to see the latest list of registered events. As of today, 36 Florida schools were included in the 510 events registered, 7% of the national total! Way to go, Florida!

The press release for Bike to School Day was also posted on Florida DOT's Facebook page and Twitter feed. Click on the mini web link at the end of the posting to download the Florida version of the press release, which says:

*An announcement from the Florida Department of Transportation's Safe Route to School program: Registration Now Open for Inaugural National Bike to School.* <http://ow.ly/d/zV7>

See also the national news section of this Update for more on this event and what's on the new Bike and Walk to School website.

**Things to consider when making the transition to bike commuter:** Although this article from the Gainesville Sun was written for bicycle commuters, the advice it contains can also apply to bicycling to school. The article includes this quote:

*Normally viewed as a sport or occasional recreational activity, biking is often a forgotten mode of transportation in our society. But by embracing all that biking has to offer, you can pedal past that notion and create a positive commuting lifestyle for yourself.*

The article goes on to give good tips on how to plan your bicycle trips. Read more at: <http://tinyurl.com/6rsmwpe>.

**Design Update Training Now Posted:** These webinar-based training sessions for the updates to FDOT design standards are now posted at: <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/rddesign/Training/Webinar12/Pres12.shtm>. The two most important sections for those interested in pedestrian and bicycle standards are:

- [Bicyclist and Pedestrian PPM Updates](#) - Green Bike Lanes, Shared-use Paths, US Bike Routes by Mary Anne Koos: [WMV](#) 39mb, and
- [Pedestrian Bridges](#) by Tom Andres: [WMV](#) 9mb

**State passes bills aimed at increasing safety for bicyclists, pedestrians:** This recent article from the Bradenton Herald includes these quotes:

*Four bills recently passed by the Florida Legislature are aimed to increase safety for bicyclists and pedestrians...*

*The state Department of Transportation is planning to launch a statewide safety initiative for bicyclists and pedestrians this summer that will be directed by District 1 secretary Billy Hattaway. Hattaway's district includes Manatee and Sarasota.*

*"Engineering alone won't fix the problem," Hattaway said.*

Read more at: <http://www.bradenton.com/2012/04/08/3986992/state-passes-bills-aim-to-increase.html>.

**From Worst to First:** This is an article from the April 4, 2012 issue of Bike Bits:

*More advocacy news, this time it's from the Sunshine State. Mike Lasche of Florida Walks and Bikes contacted Bike Bits to tell us that while his organization recognizes Florida is at the bottom of the heap regarding its safety record for walking and bicycling, it also sees great potential for the state to become a leader in this realm. As such, Florida Walks and Bikes has adopted the slogan of "Taking Florida from Worst to First." To read about some of the work the organization has been doing to influence bicycle/pedestrian legislation, click on this link:*  
<http://floridawalksandbikes.wordpress.com/category/state/legislative>.

Here you can learn about new laws affecting bicycling and walking, which were passed in the 2012 Legislative session.

**Support for Florida's Communities:** this is the theme for two webinars to be held in May by the *Future is Now Foundation*. Webinars will be held with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (the successor to Department of Community Affairs) and the Florida Department of Transportation. There is a \$15 charge for each webinar.

The first webinar featuring the new Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will be held from 2:00-4:00 on May 9, and is entitled *DEO Up-Close: Issues, Insights & Priorities*. This is your opportunity to meet top officials of this new agency and hear their presentations on a range of timely topics important for communities, including integration of community planning and economic development.

For more details and to register, see: [http://www.forthepublic.org/Future\\_of\\_Florida.html](http://www.forthepublic.org/Future_of_Florida.html). Watch this website for an announcement on the FDOT webinar to be held later in May.

**"Growing the Florida East Coast Greenway for Transportation, Tourism and Health":** This is the title of a free webinar to be hosted by the DEP Office of Greenways & Trails and the East Coast Greenway Alliance. The webinar will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2012, from 10:00-11:00 am, EDT.

This free, one-hour webinar will focus on the East Coast Greenway and its contribution to Florida's national reputation as the inaugural recipient of American Trails' Best Trails State award. The webinar will address:

- the economic benefits and impacts of trails in communities
- how multi-modal transportation systems advance safe, efficient travel, recreation and tourism
- the advantages to connecting trails locally, regionally and nationally
- how East Coast communities can support and become involved with the Greenway

Panelists will share valuable information about trail-related hot topics. Participants will learn how to benefit from helping close East Coast Greenway gaps through their cities and have the opportunity to ask many questions.

Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/525746362>. For more information, see [FloridaGreenwaysAndTrails.com](http://FloridaGreenwaysAndTrails.com) or call the Office of Greenways and Trails, (850) 245-2052.

## Florida Updates: Local

**Transit Oriented Development Workshops:** Florida DOT is sponsoring three one-day workshops on this topic in the next couple of months. These workshops will answer the following questions, among others:

- What is Transit Oriented Development (TOD)?
- How do we plan for it in the Florida context?
- What are the key considerations at the system, corridor, station area and site scales?

*Explore these questions and more at a day-long, interactive workshop focused on planning and implementation of TOD in Florida. This workshop will pull from the "Framework for Transit Oriented Development" guidance document developed by the FDOT ([www.fltod.com](http://www.fltod.com)) in Spring 2011.*

Tallahassee – Friday, May 18, 2012

Ft. Myers – Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Daytona Beach – Tuesday, June 12, 2012

To register for one of these workshops, please click on the location and link below.

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=rmd5v7hab&oeidk=a07e5unnk9y2487e707>

**News from District 7:** Thanks in part to a national grant from NHTSA, District 7 FDOT has been one of the most active Districts in addressing pedestrian and bicycle crash problems. Here is some of the recent news from District 7:

- **Pedestrian safety campaign continues:** This article from TBN weekly.com includes these quotes:

*LARGO – City officials will continue a partnership with the state Department of Transportation that provides funding for a pedestrian safety enforcement campaign.*

*The state agency has agreed to allocate \$70,000 to the city of Largo for the program, stemming from its success in previous years, city officials said...*

*Officers often focus on areas around schools, Carroll said.*

*"Because if we can change behavior when pedestrians are younger, then that might be a lifelong change," he said.*

Read more at: [http://www.tbnweekly.com/pubs/largo\\_leader/content\\_articles/040512\\_lle-01.txt](http://www.tbnweekly.com/pubs/largo_leader/content_articles/040512_lle-01.txt).

- **Bike, pedestrian safety classes set:** This article from TBNweekly.com begins:

*The Florida Department of Transportation is offering free bicycle and pedestrian safety educational classes through its WalkWise Tampa Bay campaign at the Treasure Island Community Center, Gulf Boulevard and 106th Avenue.*

Read more at: [http://www.tbnweekly.com/pubs/beach\\_beacon/content\\_articles/041012\\_bhb-06.txt](http://www.tbnweekly.com/pubs/beach_beacon/content_articles/041012_bhb-06.txt).

- **Safety features added to Hillsborough Avenue:** This article from TBO.com begins this way:

*With a road safety audit as their guide, city and state highway officials say they are taking steps to improve conditions for pedestrians on East Hillsborough Avenue from 22nd to 34th streets.*

*Increased lighting, new signage and repairs to ramps and sidewalks are among recommendations included in the audit recently completed by officials with the city of Tampa, Hillsborough County schools and Florida's Department of Transportation.*

The Road Safety Audit was begun following the death of a Middleton High School student, and ten students from this school participated in the RSA. Read more at: <http://tinyurl.com/6r5cew6>.

- **Drivers worried about safety of students on busy Clearwater road:** This article from Bay News 9 includes these quotes:

*Drivers on a busy Clearwater road say they have to dodge students walking in the road during the pre-dawn hours, and it's only a matter of time before someone gets hurt...*

*Good news is on the horizon, though. Tom Washburn, who oversees school traffic safety for Pinellas County, said help is on the way.*

*"We are currently designing a sidewalk along the south side of Sunset Point Road between Douglas and Kings Highway," he wrote in an email.*

*A "Safe Routes to School" grant will pay for construction, which is scheduled to start the summer of 2013.*

Read more at: <http://tinyurl.com/7syffqa>.

**In brief: Transportation expo planned at library:** The Northwest Regional Library in Cape Coral recently hosted a Transportation & Safety Expo, in partnership with FDOT's Commuter Services program. The Transportation & Safety Expo focused on all types of transportation topics and issues ranging from transportation planning, young drivers, transit and carpooling services, and road safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers. Read this article at: <http://tinyurl.com/czgvpdj>.

**Road Safety Around Manatee Schools a Complicated Task:** This article from the Bradenton Herald illustrates some of the many challenges to making school-related infrastructure improvements. The article includes these quotes:

*One might assume that the safety of school children would make sidewalk, crosswalk and other road safety improvements a top priority that moves quickly through the government system. But the challenges of ensuring a child can safely walk to and from school is fraught with complications that make almost every effort to address them stretch out for years and sometimes even decades, Anderson says.*

*With more than 40 schools and hundreds of roads around them that could be safer, prioritizing which needs are most urgent is difficult. Even after top priorities are identified, the school district needs to convince the government body that is in charge of the roadways surrounding a school. Sometimes, that could be three or more entities: cities, counties and the state.*

Read more at: <http://tinyurl.com/7sz9y52>.

#### **News from Jacksonville:**

- **Jacksonville Students Walk/Bike to School Today:** On February 23, Jacksonville held a special Bike/Walk to School day. This article from First Coast News.com says:

*"Jacksonville Walk/Bike to School Day" was organized in conjunction with a visit from the organization "Ride America for Safe Routes." They are biking 5,000 miles from Key West to San Francisco to raise awareness of bike safety issues. The team stopped in Jacksonville Wednesday evening and rode with students this morning before resuming their trip across the country.*

Read more and be sure to see the video at: <http://tinyurl.com/7gjrxd>.

- **Cyclists, Jacksonville Transportation Officials Hope 'Sharrows' Increase Safety:** This article from the Florida Times-Union explains the placement of Sharrow or Shared-Lane markings being used for the first time in Jacksonville. The article includes this quote:

*The markings aren't introducing any new rules of the road, according to Christopher LeDew, assistant district traffic operations manager with the Florida Department of Transportation in Jacksonville. Instead, they're simply reinforcing existing law concerning cyclists and motorists, and they're being painted in limited situations to help raise driver awareness.*

Read more at: <http://tinyurl.com/764x9mm>.

**School safety campaign picking up momentum:** In response to 10 traffic crashes involving young pedestrians and bicyclists in Orange City and more in other areas of Volusia County, the Orange City community, schools and FDOT have been working on a school safety campaign. This is the way a recent editorial on this topic ends:

*The new streetlights and sidewalks and an improved crosswalk at 17-92 and East Ohio Avenue are among the changes already made. This prompt action speaks well for the area's leaders.*

*But safety involves more than road improvements. Children and parents must be briefed on the benefits of reflective clothing and keeping at least one ear free from music players as students walk or bike to and from school.*

*Motorists must learn -- perhaps with the aid of tougher traffic law enforcement -- to drive with extra caution in areas around schools.*

*Orange City is making progress. The county as a whole must keep up the momentum of the safety campaign.*

Read more at: <http://tinyurl.com/7mwyedy>.

## News from Other States and Countries

**Indiana Schools Take Strides Toward Safe Routes to School:** This is the title of Secretary LaHood's blog today. The article includes this quote:

*On Friday I was lucky enough to join Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, Mike Cline, the Commissioner of the Indiana DOT, and my own grandchildren for a walk to school and a community conversation about Safe Routes. Although it was a bit chilly, it was a terrific way to start Grandparents Day.*

Read more at: <http://fastlane.dot.gov/2012/04/indiana-schools-take-strides-toward-safe-routes-to-school.html>.

**Car Tax:** The SRTS Coordinator in Washington, D.C. announced a new twist for Bike to School Day:

*I'm just learning that Stokes Public Charter School in the Brookland neighborhood of Washington, DC is adding a special feature to their Bike to School Day celebration: a car tax. Parents who directly access the school in a car on Bike to School Day will be asked to contribute a \$1 car tax. They are making it easy to avoid that car tax by providing parent volunteers at a remote drop-off location to help kids travel to school.*

What a creative idea, which perhaps some Florida schools might want to copy! Jennifer didn't say what the car tax would be used for, but one idea is to have it go to the PTA so they can purchase bicycle and pedestrian educational and promotional items for future SRTS events.

**Iowa Girl Wins National Poster Contest:** Isabell Gehrt, a fifth grader from West Bend-Mallard Elementary in Iowa, won the 2012 national poster contest sponsored by Saris Cycling group of Madison, WI. Isabell will receive a free 3-day trip to the 2013 National Bike Summit, and her school receives bike racks for parking 20 bikes and "[The Hub](#)," a web-based system that tracks and encourages active transportation. There were more than 6,300 entries from 25 states in this national competition. To learn more, visit: <http://www.sariscyclinggroup.com/postercontest>.

**SF's Biggest Bike to School Day Yet Marks a Growing Trend Among Students:** This April 12 Bike to School Day was reported on at SFStreetsBlog.org. The article begins:

*Kids at 40 schools this morning participated in San Francisco's biggest Bike to School Day yet. The level of participation, in the event's fourth year, reflects steady growth in levels of biking and walking to schools throughout the year.*

*San Francisco Bicycle Coalition (SFBC) Executive Director Leah Shahum said an enthusiastic group of more than 50 kids rolled in on two "bike trains" at this morning's ride to Sunnyside Elementary School, despite pouring rain.*

*The citywide attendance numbers aren't in yet, but organizers anticipated about 2,000 participants this year – a sharp rise since [the city's first event in 2009](#), which saw about 600.*

Read more at: <http://tinyurl.com/7pnmusv>.

**Seattle, WA Public Schools Officially Get It: Pupil Transportation to Include Safe Routes to School!** This article from the Feet First website begins:

*With a unanimous vote of the Seattle School Board on February 1, 2012, the Seattle Public Schools (SPS) officially made Safe Routes to School a key part of their transportation strategy. The School Board voted to adopt new language into their Transportation Service Standards, integrating walking and biking into the pupil transportation plan. Titled "Safe Routes to School / Biking & Walking Student Wellness Plan," the new provision intends to:*

- 1. Continue employing adult crossing guards within the K-8 school boundaries;*
- 2. Conduct an annual mode choice survey in every K-8 school in the district; and*
- 3. Identify [safe walking routes](#) for [Walking School Buses](#) at every K-8 school beginning in the 2013-2014 school year.*

Read more at: <http://tinyurl.com/bpjs9dt>.



## National News

**Registration Now Open for Inaugural National Bike to School Day:** The announcement from the National Center for SRTS on this topic says:

*The National Center for Safe Routes to School, in partnership with the League of American Bicyclists, is pleased to be organizing the first-ever National Bike to School Day on May 9, 2012. Let the bike bells ring – event registration is now open at [www.walkbiketoschool.org](http://www.walkbiketoschool.org)!*

*Schools, communities and families can join others across the country in this inaugural event and registered events and resources will get the chance to win a bike rack. There are several ways to get involved in Bike to School Day:*

- *Be a pioneer. Free event registration is available at [www.walkbiketoschool.org](http://www.walkbiketoschool.org) for individuals and/or organizations planning a 2012 Bike to School Day event in the United States. Registering an event provides organizers access to a variety of brand new downloadable materials, including stickers, certificates, badges and classroom activities.*
- *Be a resource. Do you have free expertise, time, materials, information, funding or other resources to share? [Register as a Resource](#) and help others find you!*
- *Be a winner... Did we mention you could win a bike rack?*

### **What is Bike to School Day?**

*The inaugural National Bike to School Day will be the first opportunity for communities across the country to join together to bicycle to school on the same day. The event builds on the excitement surrounding National Bike Month, led by the League of American Bicyclists each May, as well as the popularity of Walk to School Day, coordinated by the National Center for Safe Routes to School every October.*

*The National Center is also pleased to launch a newly redesigned website – [www.walkbiketoschool.org](http://www.walkbiketoschool.org) – to support celebration of Bike to School Day in May, Walk to School Day in October and walking and biking to school every day. The updated website includes new event planning resources as well as a brand-new, GIS-powered mapping tool. [Map-a-Route](#) allows users to create and share bicycling or walking routes to school via easy-to-use maps!*

### **Enter to Win a Bike Rack**

*Need an extra incentive to participate in this inaugural event? Registered schools and communities will be entered into the [Bike to School Day Bike Rack Giveaway](#)! Each Wednesday beginning April 18, two registrants will be selected to win a Saris bike rack for the school of their choice. A total of 10 bike racks will be given away. The sooner an event coordinator registers, the more chances he or she has to win a bike rack for the school or community. At the end of Bike Month, a registered resource person will win a bike rack for the school of his or her choice.*

*National Bike to School Day is an exciting first for both those who are new to the experience and to those who have been celebrating a trip to school on two wheels for years. Stay tuned at [www.walkbiketoschool.org/go/whos-biking/2012](http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/go/whos-biking/2012) to see “Who’s Biking” in 2012.*

*Here’s to a safe and fun – and first ever—National Bike to School Day!*

**Bicycle materials available from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:** Since May is National Bike Month, Paula Bawer from NHTSA recently sent out a list of suggested materials to use for bicycling events. These are listed below. Note that the age breakdowns are largely mine, so you might want to explore all of these materials:

- For young children (up to age 6): Chuggington materials on traffic safety:
  - Online training game: <http://www.chuggington.com/safety/pledge/>
  - Traffic safety activity book: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/parents/main/NHS1-33758%20SafeActivBook3-2.pdf> . Note that you are free to print and distribute these materials; it is only the Chuggington symbols which are copyrighted.



- For grades K-4:
  - Bicycle helmet pledge for parents and children: [www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/nti/bicycles/pdf/pledge.pdf](http://www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/nti/bicycles/pdf/pledge.pdf)
  - Color Sarah on her bicycle: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/nti/pdf/sarahsbike.pdf>
  - Paul's Amazing Trip: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/nti/pdf/paul.pdf>
  - What's Wrong With this Picture: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/nti/pdf/whatswrong.pdf>
  - Bike Riding Dangers: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/nti/bicycles/pdf/bikingdangers.pdf>
  - Bicyclists Make Safe Choices: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/nti/bicycles/pdf/bicyclistsafechoices.pdf>
  - On Top of My Bicycle: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/DOT/NHTSA/NTI/SRTS/7505-09-OnTopOfMyBicycle.pdf>
- For 5<sup>th</sup> grade up:
  - The new "Roll Model" materials which are scheduled to be posted on NHTSA's website on May1.
  - Choose Route (Walking and Biking): <http://www.nhtsa.gov/DOT/NHTSA/NTI/SRTS/7505-10-ChooseSafeRoutes.pdf>
  - Ideas to Promote Bicycle Safety: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/DOT/NHTSA/NTI/SRTS/7505-01-PromoteBikeSafety.pdf>
  - Bike Rap (for older kids): <http://www.nhtsa.gov/DOT/NHTSA/NTI/SRTS/7505-03-BikeRap.pdf>
- For all elementary and middle school ages:
  - Cycling Skills Clinic, directions on how to put on a Bicycle Rodeo: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Driving+Safety/Bicycles/CyclingSkillsClinic>. Be sure to look at the Appendices as well as the main book.
  - The Bicycle Safety Activity Kit divides materials for younger age and older age categories and includes Spanish translations: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Driving+Safety/Bicycles/Bicycle+Safety+Activity+Kit>.
  - Rules of the Road: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/nti/bicycles/pdf/6124-B-v2-rules.pdf>
  - Word Scramble: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/DOT/NHTSA/NTI/SRTS/7505-15-WordScramble.pdf>
  - Message Decoder: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/DOT/NHTSA/NTI/SRTS/7505-08-MessageDecoder.pdf>
  - ABC Bike Check: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/DOT/NHTSA/NTI/SRTS/7505-06-ABCQuickCheck.pdf>

**Ideas for Middle School Promotional items:** This was a recent topic of discussion on the national SRTS list serve. Of course, some of these will have to be locally donated, since not all are eligible for SRTS funding.

Since we are trying to promote physical activity and healthy eating, most recommendations were to stay away from fast food coupons. But some good food-related ideas included coupons for healthy smoothies, frozen yogurt, granola or energy bars, or coupons for a free school breakfast or lunch.

Some good physical activity-related ideas included bike shop gift certificates for a tune up, bike lights, pedometers, day passes to the local YMCA, water bottles, passes to pools or roller skating rinks, certificates for a free game of bowling, or bike trail passes.

Some good relationship-focused rewards included breakfast or lunch with the principal or superintendent, a visit from a college basketball team to a PE class, a visit from a local celebrity like a news anchor or the mayor, ride-alongs with traffic enforcement officers, one-on-one visits with a magician who did a safety assembly, or selection to attend a Board of County Commissioner meeting and teach them a safety rhyme.

Some good general promotional items included cool pencils, brain erasers for pencils, wrist bands, reflective shoe laces, gift certificates to the school store, stickers, t-shirts, lanyards, day-glo key chains, blinkers (small and large), duffle bags, sling packs, vests, helmet ornaments and bike decals. One school invested in a button maker which allowed them to make buttons, zipper pulls and magnets personalized for their school.

So even though it may initially seem harder to get middle school students excited about walking and biking to school, the sky is really the limit in selecting good promotional items for them. If you want to get good ideas like these directly, join the SRTS National Partnership's list serve at <http://www.saferoutespartnership.org/resourcecenter/srts-list-serve>.

**Updates on Transportation Bill:** Below are some of the latest developments in this process:

- **Congress approves 90-day highway bill, sends to President Obama:** This article from the March 29 edition of The Hill begins:

*The House on Thursday morning approved a 90-day extension of federal highway programs over the objections of angry Democrats. The Senate on Thursday afternoon also passed the extension. The bill will now go to President Obama. The White House has indicated the president will sign the bill.*

Read more at: <http://tinyurl.com/6tmgsxr>. Another article on the same event is **Congress averts shutdown of highway program for three months** at: <http://tinyurl.com/6v6ogxj>.

- **Transportation funding extension passes U.S. House:** This April 18 article in the Washington Post gives one opinion of the next development. Here is an excerpt:

*The House approved what appeared to be the 10th extension of transportation funding since the last long-term bill expired more than two years ago. As a carrot for its most conservative members, the extension included non-transportation measures they support.*

*But everyone knew that once the extension reached the Senate, it would be stripped bare and replaced with a two-year transportation bill the [Senate approved](#) earlier this year. That bill would land in the lap of a conference committee.*

Read more at: <http://tinyurl.com/79qxxws>.

- **From Minnesota to Mississippi, America Tells Congress to Preserve Bike-Ped Funding:** You may also be interested in viewing this short video on why federal transportation funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects is important: <http://vimeo.com/39277175>.

**Celebrate Screen-Free Week: April 30-May 6:** This announcement begins:

*This coming April 30-May 6, PTAs around the country will take part in Screen-Free Week, the annual celebration (formerly TV-Turnoff) where children, families, schools, and communities turn off screens and turn on life. What would you and your family do with an extra 20, 30, even 50 hours a week? Please visit [www.screenfree.org](http://www.screenfree.org) to learn how you can get involved and join in the fun.*

Read more at: <http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1104540460460-184/Screen+Free+Week.pdf>.

**Weight of the Nation Public Health Campaign:** As previously announced in this Update, the CDC is sponsoring a conference called *Weight of the Nation: Moving Forward, Reversing the Trend* in Washington, D.C. on May 7-9. To find out more about this conference, see: <http://tinyurl.com/7ok5jep>.

In conjunction with this conference is a greater *Weight of the Nation Public Health Campaign*. There will be a four-part documentary series on different aspects of this health problem and its solutions, shown on HBO and HBO.com, beginning on May 14 and 15. The topics of the four films will be *Consequences*, *Choices*, *Children in Crisis* and *Challenges*. Supporting these films will be advertising, press releases, major market screening events, robust social media, bonus short videos online, DVD screening kits and online community action resources. Also on the HBO family network, three half-hour films will be shown, focused on children who have taken action against obesity personally and in their communities. HBO channels will be available free the week of May 14 so everyone can see these films.

This campaign is sponsored by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and [HBO](#), the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), the [National Institutes of Health](#), the [Michael & Susan Dell Foundation](#), and [Kaiser Permanente](#). If you are interested in being involved in this larger campaign, you can sign up for an advance screening kit and electronic newsletter, and read more about the campaign at: <http://theweightofthenation.hbo.com/#>. This is also one place you can view the films beginning May 14. The kits include the entire series, discussion guides in English and Spanish, and tips and supplemental materials for hosting screenings. CDC and its partners hope these essential tools will catalyze and support local efforts in communities that combat obesity across the country. This would be a great project for local health departments and SRTS coordinators based at hospitals to undertake.

The press release on this project can be read at: [The Weight of the Nation - Press Release](#), and their Facebook page is <http://www.facebook.com/theweightofthenation>.

**FEDERAL FUNDING 101:** The [Safe Routes to School National Partnership](http://saferoutespartnership.ilinc.com/register/svhvcfb) is hosting a free webinar with this title from 2:00-3:00 pm Eastern time, on Thursday, May 3, 2012. This webinar will include an overview of the basic federal funding process for walking and bicycling and Safe Routes to School. It is the first in a series of monthly webinars on topics related to SRTS and other policy and program initiatives that can increase walking and bicycling to school and in daily life. For more information and to register, see: <https://saferoutespartnership.ilinc.com/register/svhvcfb>.

**SSTI Technical Assistance Spotlight: Kansas School Siting Project** This is the name of an excellent webinar presented last week by the State Smart Transportation Initiative, a collaboration of transportation planners from 19 Departments of Transportation and based in Madison, Wisconsin. To quote their website:

*The mission of the State Smart Transportation Initiative (SSTI) is to promote "smart transportation" (ST) practices that promote environmental sustainability and equitable economic development, while maintaining high standards of governmental efficiency and transparency.*

The webinar presented results of SSTI's work with the state of Kansas on a school siting project. The recorded webinar is available at: [http://www.ssti.us/wp/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Webinar\\_SSTI\\_KS\\_School\\_Siting.wmv](http://www.ssti.us/wp/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Webinar_SSTI_KS_School_Siting.wmv). To find out more about SSTI and its many resources, see <http://www.ssti.us/about-ssti/>.

**Other School Siting News:** Sara Zimmerman, Senior Staff Attorney for the National Policy & Legal Analysis Network to Prevent Childhood Obesity recently reminded us of school siting resources which NPLAN has developed to balance the goals of walkability and diversity in schools. Sara said:

*Public Health Law & Policy has developed a package of school siting policies for school districts that want to ensure that their school siting decisions support the educational success, physical health, and overall well-being of students and their community. Download our model policies and accompanying fact sheet ("Smart School Siting") here: <http://www.nplanonline.org/nplan/healthy-school-siting>.*

**Women bicycling across US for Safe Routes to School:** This recent article by US Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood's *Fast Lane* includes these quotes:

*The journey from Key West to San Francisco takes about 6 hours by plane, or 3 days by car. Jane Ward, Jeanie and Chelsea Ward-Waller, and Stephanie Palmer are completing the trek of more than 5,000 miles in a little less than 3 months--on their bicycles...*

*Both Jeanie and Jane rode their bikes to school as children. "Active commuting, starting early in childhood can become a lifelong habit," Jane says. "Children who exercise on the way to school and during the school day, do better in school."*

As these ladies rode through Florida, they held educational and encouragement events in a number of locations, which some of you helped plan. Read more at: <http://tinyurl.com/7xsxk5u>.

**Toward environments and policies that promote injury-free active living—it wouldn't hurt:** This is an excellent research paper which includes many references to bicycling, walking and SRTS. I highly recommend at least a quick glance. Here is a quote from Section 5 of the paper:

*The primary goal of this paper is to make the case for incorporating injury prevention strategies into active living initiatives so that successes in promoting activity are not undermined by failures to prevent activity-related injuries. The complementary goal is to encourage consideration of promoting physical activity in injury prevention initiatives.*

Here is another quote, from Section 6:

*Efforts to increase physical activity optimally occur in partnership with safety, so that all individuals can maximize their activity with the lowest possible risk of injury. Safe environments help ensure that while people are more active (our desired result) the risk of injury for any given exposure is reduced (also our desired result).*

This paper gives you a lot to think about, and the References give you even more to explore if you wish. Read more at: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1353829211001262>.

**Kids Will Have to Cut Serious Calories To Halt Obesity Trend:** Although this is the title of a recent NPR article, the reality is that big changes can be made in children's weight with only modest daily changes:

- According to this [new study](#) published in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, children and teens need to cut their calorie intake by 41 calories a day, to stop the weight gain trend. Otherwise, children and teens will weigh about four pounds more across the board.
- In order to have the same 5% obesity rate which existed in 1980:

*America's children would have had to have cut an average of 120 calories a day – 33 calories for preschoolers, 149 calories for grade-schoolers, and 177 calories a day for teens.*

*For teens, that would mean jogging at least 30 minutes a day, or cutting out a 16-ounce soft drink. That may sound simple, but anyone who's dieted can tell you it's not so easy to maintain day after day.*

- In setting the Healthy People 2020 goals, the feds were more pragmatic. They hope to reduce the childhood obesity rate by 10 percent of the 2005-2008 levels, to 14.6 percent of children and teens. Getting there would require kids to cut 23 calories a day, on average. Teens, who are more likely to be obese than young children, would have to cut more.

Cutting a few calories a day and/or exercising a little more can get us to these goals! Cutting 23 to 177 calories a day should not be that hard! Read more at: <http://tinyurl.com/7sf7d6e>.

**Bicycle Facilities:** The Federal Highway Administration has created a web page showing the status of bicycle signs, markings, signals, etc. in the 2009 MUTCD. See [http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bikeped/mutcd\\_bike.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bikeped/mutcd_bike.htm) for more details.

**Signalized Intersection Enhancements that Benefit Pedestrians:** This report by America Walks summarizes a wide array of potential treatments for a variety of signalized intersections. It is intended to educate decision makers, planners, engineers, and citizens on signalized intersection enhancements that can improve pedestrian safety and convenience. You can download the report at: <http://tinyurl.com/865n6fb>.

## Florida & National Calendar of Events & Training Opportunities

✓ Indicates new items      Calendar items are repeated until events are held      All times are Eastern unless noted

### 2012:

#### May:

- ✓ **May 3, 2:00-3:00, free webinar: *FEDERAL FUNDING 101*:** The [Safe Routes to School National Partnership](#) is hosting a free webinar which will include an overview of the basic federal funding process for walking and bicycling and Safe Routes to School. This webinar is the first in a series of monthly webinars on topics related to Safe Routes to School and other policy and program initiatives that can increase walking and bicycling to school and in daily life. For more information and to register, see: <https://saferoutespartnership.ilinc.com/register/svhvcfb>.
- **May 3-4, Pedestrians Count! 2012**, Los Angeles, California: This conference promotes pedestrian safety, transit access, healthy environments and sustainable communities coordinating with cutting edge research. More info: [https://californiawalks.org/Peds\\_Count\\_2012.html](https://californiawalks.org/Peds_Count_2012.html) and <http://www.smartgrowth.org/engine/events.php/pedestrians-count-2012>.
- **May 7-9, Weight of the Nation Conference: *Moving Forward, Reversing the Trend***, Washington, DC, sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity. More info: <http://www.weightofthenation.org/>. Registration ended April 25.
- ✓ **May 9, Bike to School Day.** See the newly redesigned website <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/> to register your Bike to School Day events, and for a wealth of event planning resources.

- ✓ **May 9, 2:00-4:00 pm, webinar *DEO Up-Close: Issues, Insights & Priorities***, sponsored by *the Future is Now Foundation*. This is your opportunity to meet top officials of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (the successor to the Department of Community Affairs) and hear their presentations on a range of timely topics important for communities, including integration of community planning and economic development. There is a \$15 charge for the webinar. More info and register at: [http://www.forthepublic.org/Future\\_of\\_Florida.html](http://www.forthepublic.org/Future_of_Florida.html). Also, watch this website for an announcement on the webinar focused on FDOT to be held later in May.
- **May 9-11, Women's Transportation Seminar National Conference: Denver, CO.** More info: <https://www.wtsinternational.org/networking/annual-conference/>.
- **May 9-12, CNU 20: The New World**, West Palm Beach, FL. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> national conference sponsored by the Congress of New Urbanism. More info: <http://bit.ly/r35AAW>.
- ✓ **May 9-11, Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) National Conference**; Denver. More info: <https://www.wtsinternational.org/networking/annual-conference/>.
- ✓ **May 10, 10:00-11:00 am, free webinar: *Growing the Florida East Coast Greenway for Transportation, Tourism and Health***: hosted by the DEP Office of Greenways & Trails and the East Coast Greenway Alliance. More info and register at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/525746362>.
- **May 14-17, 8th International Conference on Diet and Activity Methods (ICDAM)**, Rome, Italy. More info: <http://bit.ly/sopd4p>.
- **May 14-18, Bike To Work Week.** More info: <http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bikemonth/>.
- ✓ **May 17-19, American Institute of Architects Conference, Washington, DC.** More info: <http://www.aia.org/conferences/index.htm>.
- ✓ **May 18-20, AASHTO Spring Meeting, Traverse City, MI.** More info: <http://www.michigan.gov/aashto2012>.
- **May 20-24, 49<sup>th</sup>, International Making Cities Livable Conference**, Portland, OR. More info: <http://www.livablecities.org/conferences/49th-conference-portland>.
- **May 23-26, 2012 Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) Conference**, Indianapolis, Indiana. More info: <http://www.nusa.org/>.
- ✓ **May 23-24, 2012 FICE Transportation Conference**, Orlando: This conference was formerly called the FICE Consultants' Conference, and is the premier networking event for Florida transportation engineers and key FDOT personnel. More info: [FICE Seminar Website](#).
- **May 30-June 1, National ADA Symposium**, Indianapolis, IN. This conference is co-hosted by the Great Plains and Great Lakes ADA Centers. More info: <http://adasymposium.org/>.

#### June:

- **June 2, National Trails Day.** More info: <http://www.americanhiking.org/NTD.aspx>.
- ✓ **June 6-8, Working together to Achieve Livable Cities Conference; Geelong, Australia.** More info: <http://www.healthycities.com.au/>.
- **June 10-14, 46th Annual Conference and Exhibition, sponsored by NARC - National Association of Regional Councils**; St. Petersburg, FL. Watch for more info at: <http://narc.org/events/conferences.html>.
- **June 13-16, Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities**, Orlando, FL. This is the premier US traffic safety conference, which includes a couple of sessions on pedestrian and bicycle issues. More info: <http://www.lifesaversconference.org/>.
- ✓ **June 20-22, 2012 Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference**, New Orleans, LA. More info: <http://tinyurl.com/7e7byoq>.



- **June 24-27, ITE Midwestern District and TRB 4th Urban Street Symposium**, Chicago, IL. More info: <http://bit.ly/mQHvBT>.
- ✓ **June 24-29, Built Environment Assessment Training Institute 2012**, Boston, MA. More info: <http://www.med.upenn.edu/beat/>.
- ✓ **June 26-28, American Public Health Association 2012 Midyear Meeting**, Charlotte, N.C. More info: [www.apha.org/Midyear](http://www.apha.org/Midyear).
- **June 26-29, Velo-City Global 2012 Conference**, Vancouver, British Columbia, CA. More info: <http://www.velo-city2012.com/>.
- **June 27-30, Sustainable Futures Conference: Architecture and Urbanism in the Global South**, Kampala, Uganda. More info: <http://sfc2012.org/>.

#### July:

- ✓ **July 11-13, National Association of County and City Health Officials – Annual Conference**, Los Angeles, CA. More Info: <http://www.nacchoannual.org/>.
- ✓ **July 13-17, National Association of Counties – Annual Conference**, Pittsburgh, PA. More info: <http://www.naco.org/Pages/default.aspx>.
- ✓ **July 16-19, Health Impact Assessment summer training course, Oakland, Ca**: The overall goal of the course is to provide current and future practitioners of HIA experience using available procedures, regulations and tools to implement an HIA. Registration is open through July 1st. More info at: <http://www.sfphe.org/services/hia-training>.

#### August:

- ✓ **August 6-9, National Conference of State Legislatures – Legislative Summit**, Chicago, IL. More Info: <http://www.ncsl.org/meetings/legislaturesummit12/overview/general.aspx>.
- ✓ **August 12-15 Institute of Transportation Engineers Annual Meeting**, Atlanta, GA. More info: <http://www.ite.org/annualmeeting/default.asp>.
- ✓ **August 14-17, Annual Transportation and Infrastructure Summit & 5<sup>th</sup> Global HSR Forum**, Irving, TX. More Info: <http://transportationsummit.com/about.asp>.
- ✓ **August 26-29, American Public Works Association – Congress and Expo**, Anaheim, CA. More Info: <http://www.apwa.net/congress/>.
- ✓ **August 26-29, Governors Highway Safety Association - Annual Meeting**, Baltimore, MD. The 2012 GHSA Annual Meeting will explore highway safety from the public health perspective, focusing on how to apply successes in public health and highway safety to continue improving safety on our nation's roadways. More Info: <http://www.ghsa.org/html/meetings/annual/2012/index.html>.

#### September:

- ✓ **September 10-12, 5<sup>th</sup> International Urban Design Conference**, Melbourne Australia. More Info: <http://www.urbandesignaustralia.com.au/>.
- **September 10-13, Pro Walk/Pro Bike® 2012**, Long Beach, California. This is the premier US Pedestrian and Bicycle Conference, produced by the National Center for Bicycling & Walking, and Project for Public Spaces. For 2012, the conference theme is Pro Walk/Pro Bike: Pro Place. Walking and biking are community-building tools; community is built around place. More info: <http://www.bikewalk.org/2012conference/index.php>, or email Mark Plotz at [mark@bikewalk.org](mailto:mark@bikewalk.org).
- ✓ **September 11-14, Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations – Annual Conference**, Saratoga Springs, NY. More Info: <https://www.ampo.org/content/index.php?pid=261>.
- ✓ **September 12-14, Transportation Planning for Small and Medium-Sized Communities**, Big Sky, MT. More

Info: <http://trbtoolsofthetrade.org/>.

- ✓ **September 21-24, International Downtown Association – Poised to Compete**, Minneapolis, MN. More Info: <https://www.ida-downtown.org/eweb/>.
- ✓ **September 20-22, AARP – Life@50+**, New Orleans, LA. More Info: [http://www.aarp.org/about-aarp/events/national\\_event/schedule/](http://www.aarp.org/about-aarp/events/national_event/schedule/).
- ✓ **September 26-28, Child in the City**, Zagreb, Croatia. More Info: <http://www.childinthecity.com/page/6099>.
- ✓ **September 27-28, Networks for Mobility**, Stuttgart, Germany. This event provides the opportunity for representatives from the sciences, industry, and politics meet together to discuss the future of mobility and transportation. More Info: <http://www.uni-stuttgart.de/fovus/>.
- ✓ **September 28-October 1, American Society of Landscape Architects – Annual Meeting and EXPO**, Phoenix, AZ. The ASLA 2012 Annual Meeting and EXPO in Phoenix will be the largest gathering of landscape architecture professionals in the world. More Info: <http://www.asla.org/ads/expo.html>.
- ✓ **September 20-October 3, American Public Transportation Association- Annual Meeting**, Seattle, WA. The industry's premier event. More Info: <http://www.apta.com/mc/annual/Pages/default.aspx>.
- **September 30-October 4, Walk21 Conference, Mexico City**. More info: [http://www.walk21.com/conferences/mexico\\_city.asp](http://www.walk21.com/conferences/mexico_city.asp).

#### October:

- ✓ **October 1-4, World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion**, Wellington, New Zealand. More Info: <http://www.conference.co.nz/worldsafety2012>.
- ✓ **October 3, International Walk to School Day**. More info: <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>.
- ✓ **October 7-10, International City/County Management Association – 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**, Phoenix, AZ. This event will help develop and advance professional local government management to create sustainable communities that improve lives worldwide. More Info: [http://icma.org/en/conference/events/evening\\_events](http://icma.org/en/conference/events/evening_events).
- ✓ **October 9-12, Canadian Institute of Planners – The Great Exchange**, Banff, AB, Canada. The Great Exchange 2012: Putting Ideas into Action will bring together a wide array of professionals involved in planning to discuss how we are getting things done on the ground. More Info: <http://cip2012.cip-icu.ca/english/index.htm>.
- **October 14-16, 7th Annual Land Bank Conference**, Kalamazoo, Michigan. More info: <http://tinyurl.com/79g93fv>.
- **October 14-17, Rail-Volution**, Los Angeles, California. Rail-Volution is a conference for those who want to engage in thoughtful discussion about building livable communities with transit. More info: <http://www.railvolution.com>.
- ✓ **October 18-20, 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Civil Engineering Conference**, Montreal, QC, Canada. More Info: <http://content.asce.org/conferences/annual2012/index.html>.
- ✓ **October 18-21, Urban Land institute – ULI Fall Meeting and Urban Expo**, Denver, CO. More Info: <http://www.ulifall.org/>.
- **October 23-24, Smart Cities 2012 Conference**, Amsterdam. More Info: <http://www.smartcitiesglobal.com/events/amsterdam/>.
- **October 27-31, 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, *Prevention and Wellness across the Lifespan***, San Francisco, CA. More info: <http://apha.confex.com/apha/140am/oasys.epl>.
- ✓ **October 28-31, ATSIP – 38<sup>th</sup> Forum on Traffic Records & Highway Information Systems**, Biloxi, MS. More Info: <http://www.trafficrecordsforum.org/>.
- ✓ **October 31, Global Youth Traffic Safety Month**, sponsored by National Organizations for Youth Safety.

More info: [http://www.noys.org/global\\_youth\\_traffic\\_safety\\_month\\_2012\\_partners.aspx](http://www.noys.org/global_youth_traffic_safety_month_2012_partners.aspx).

**November:**

- ✓ **November 8-10, Sustainable Futures for Global Cities and Suburbs**, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY. The conference will focus primarily on the New York metropolitan area, though we also seek participation from experts working in other cities around the world. More Info: [https://www.hofstra.edu/Community/culctr/culctr\\_events\\_sustainability.html](https://www.hofstra.edu/Community/culctr/culctr_events_sustainability.html).
- ✓ **November 11-14, ASCE – 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Urban Transportation Systems**, Paris, France. More Info: <http://content.asce.org/conferences/tdi/utsconference/call.html>.
- ✓ **November 14-16, Urban Planning, Regional Development, and Information Society – International Conference**, Venice, Italy. More Info: <http://www.waset.org/conferences/2012/venice/icuprdis/>.
- ✓ **November 15-19, AASHITO – Annual Meeting**, Pittsburg, PA. More Info: <http://www.transportation.org/meetings/352.aspx>.
- **November 27-12/1, 2012 Congress of Cities and Exposition**, Boston, MA. More info: <http://www.nlc.org/events/coc>.

**December:**

- ✓ **December 5-9, National Conference of State Legislatures – Fall Forum**, Washington, DC. The meeting will focus on how best to advance the States' Agenda and tackle the difficult policy issues of our time, including budget gaps, health care coverage, education affordability, transportation funding, energy costs and many others. More Info: <http://www.ncsl.org/meetings.aspx?tabs=2638,122,920>.

**2013:**

- ✓ **July 17-19, 20<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Transportation and Traffic Theory**, Noordwijk, The Netherlands. The ISTTT series is the premier gathering for the world's leading transportation and traffic theorists, and for those who are interested in contributing to or gaining a deeper understanding of the field. More Info: <http://www.ertico.com/20th-international-symposium-on-transportation-and-traffic-theory/>.





## 2012 Priority Project Process Schedule

### February 2012

- TPO staff issues **call for new projects** – application packets sent out to all interested parties (Tuesday, February 7)
- **Except as noted below, local governments are NOT required to submit a new application for a candidate project already on one of the VTPO's Priority Project lists. However, if a local government would like for its project(s) to remain on a list for funding, that local government must submit a letter to the VTPO reaffirming its support for the project(s). Candidate projects on the list of projects ready for Feasibility Study will not be moved to the list of projects ready for Project Implementation until a Feasibility Study has been completed AND the local government has submitted an application for Project Implementation to the VTPO.**
- TPO staff hosts **workshops** with local governments to discuss the Priority Project process and application requirements: East Volusia and West Volusia (dates, times and locations to be determined).

### March/April 2012

- **Deadline** to submit Priority Project applications and/or letters of support for “candidate project(s)” **5:00 p.m. Friday, April 13, 2012**

### May 2012

- TCC/CAC/BPAC - TIP Subcommittee meets to rank Transportation Enhancement and Traffic Ops/ITS/Safety projects (Tuesday, May 1)
- BPAC Ranking Subcommittee meets to rank XU Bicycle/Pedestrian projects (Tuesday, May 1)
- BPAC 1<sup>st</sup> review of draft XU Bicycle/Pedestrian and Transportation Enhancement Priority Project Lists (Wednesday, May 9)
- CAC 1<sup>st</sup> review of Transportation Enhancement and Traffic Ops/ITS/Safety Priority Project Lists (Tuesday, May 15)
- TCC 1<sup>st</sup> review of draft Transportation Enhancement and Traffic Ops/ITS/Safety Priority Project Lists (Tuesday, May 15)

### June 2012

- BPAC 2<sup>nd</sup> review of draft XU Bicycle/Pedestrian and Transportation Enhancement Priority Project Lists (Wednesday, June 13)
- CAC 2<sup>nd</sup> review of draft Transportation Enhancement & Traffic Ops/ITS/Safety Priority Project Lists (Tuesday, June 19)
- TCC 2<sup>nd</sup> review of draft Transportation Enhancement & Traffic Ops/ITS/Safety Priority Project Lists (Tuesday, June 19)
- 30-day public notice for public to Review the draft Priority Project Lists (Friday, June 22)
- TPO 1<sup>st</sup> review of draft Priority Project Lists (Tuesday, June 26)
- TPO staff transmits draft Transportation Enhancement list(s) to FDOT for review (Friday, June 29)

### July 2012

- Submit draft Priority Project Lists to TPO Board for 2<sup>nd</sup> review (July 10)
- TPO Board holds a Public Hearing on the Draft Priority Project Lists (Tuesday, July 24, unless meeting canceled, then Tuesday, August 28)
- **TPO Board adopts Priority Project Lists** (Tuesday, July 24, unless meeting canceled, then Tuesday, August 28)

### August 2012

- TPO staff compiles all of the prioritization process information (including the adopted priority lists) and transmits this information to FDOT prior to the October 1, 2012 deadline