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NEWS

Due August 10, 2015: Caltrans Soliciting Self-Nominations for Active Transportation Program Technical Advisory Committee

Caltrans is currently soliciting self-nominations from representatives of various stakeholder groups to fill approximately twelve vacancies on the new Active Transportation Program (ATP) Technical Advisory

Committee (TAC). Self-nominees should be committed to serving the needs of all active transportation system users and embrace the overall purpose of the ATP. The ATP-TAC is expected to hold a minimum of four, full day meetings each year, which will be held in northern California primarily, with an occasional meeting in southern California. ATP-TAC members will be expected to attend in person and will not be reimbursed for travel and per diem. The deadline for nominations is August 10, 2015. For more information and the self-nomination form visit the Caltrans ATP [website](#).

Walk to School Day, October, 2015—Registration Now Open!

Registration is now open for the 19th annual Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 7, 2015. This annual event in the United States is part of an international effort to celebrate the many benefits of walking and bicycling to school. Walk to School Day event registration is free and open to individuals and organizations holding an October event. Events that are registered on the Walk to School website will be displayed on an interactive map, where neighboring communities, media, and other organizations can identify who is walking in their area. For more information and to register a Walk to School Day event, visit the Walk/Bike to School [website](#).

PeopleForBikes Announces Seven Community Grants

PeopleForBikes has announced the latest round of Community Grants, totaling nearly \$50,000. Grants range from \$800 to \$10,000 and will support infrastructure and advocacy initiatives in seven communities across the country. The PeopleForBikes Community Grants Program has funded more than 300 projects since 1999, including bicycle lanes, paths, parks and advocacy programs. To see a full list of grant recipients visit the PeopleForBikes [website](#). To apply for future PeopleForBike grants see [Funding Section](#) below.

RESEARCH AND RESOURCES

Rural Transit Fact Book 2015

North Dakota State University (NDSU) has released a new report [Rural Transit Fact Book 2015](#) that provides national and state-level statistics and information on rural transit in America. This publication includes rural demographic and travel behavior data as well as financial and operating statistics for agencies receiving Section 5311 funding. In addition to national level data, statistics are presented by state, region, tribe, and mode, as well as other agency characteristics. For more information visit the NDSU [website](#).

At the Intersection of Active Transportation and Equity: Joining Forces to Make Communities Healthier and Fairer

The SRTS National Partnership (NP) has released [At the Intersection of Active Transportation and Equity: Joining Forces to Make Communities Healthier and Fairer](#). This resource discusses why equity and active transportation matter, addresses tensions that may arise when the active transportation and equity movements intersect, describes opportunities for increasing equity in the field of active transportation, and explores some of the programs and initiatives that are doing this crucial work. For more information visit the SRTS NP [website](#).

Taking Back the Streets and Sidewalks: How Safe Routes to School and Community Safety Initiatives Can Overcome Violence and Crime

The SRTS NP has released a new resource entitled [*Taking Back the Streets and Sidewalks: How Safe Routes to School and Community Safety Initiatives Can Overcome Violence and Crime*](#). This resource provides a primer for Safe Routes to School professionals looking to address community safety threats that may discourage or endanger students walking or bicycling to school, explains the relevance of Safe Routes to School to violence prevention proponents, and sets out strategies for collaborating to reduce violence and crime and increase safety and health for children and youth. For more information visit the SRTS NP [website](#).

Development of a Nationally Representative Built Environment Measure of Access to Exercise Opportunities

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released a new report which describes the development of a county-level measure to evaluate residents' access to exercise opportunities. This measure is used in County Health Rankings and Roadmaps. The report also includes a national map showing county-level access to adequate exercise options. To view this report, visit the CDC [website](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Due July 31, 2015: The PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program

The PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program supports bicycle infrastructure projects and targeted advocacy initiatives that make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to ride a bicycle. PeopleForBikes accepts grant applications from non-profit organizations with a focus on bicycling, active transportation, or community development, from city or county agencies or departments, and from state or federal agencies working locally. The online Letter of Interest for the Fall 2015 Grant Cycle is due July 31, 2015. For more information visit the PeopleForBikes [website](#).

WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, AND SUMMITS

Due July 24, 2015: SRTS National Course Instructor Training—Call for Applications

Applications are now being accepted for participation in the SRTS National Course Instructor Training, to be held October 19-22, 2015, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Up to 12 individuals may be selected. Since 2004, the SRTS National Course has been taught throughout the country by instructors trained by the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center and the National Center for SRTS. This round of instructor training seeks to help meet demand and enable more communities to receive the National Course. For more details and to submit an application, visit the SRTS NP [website](#). Applications will be accepted until July 24, 2015, and all applicants will be notified of selection status by August 7, 2015.

September 25-26, 2015: 2015 National Open Streets Summit

The Alliance for Biking and Walking will host the 2015 National Open Streets Summit, which will take place September 25-26 in Atlanta, Georgia. The summit will feature sessions and networking opportunities for both novice and experienced open streets organizers, led by experts from the [Open Streets Project](#), [8-80 Cities](#), [Atlanta Streets Alive](#), and other local organizers. Participants will also have the opportunity to take part in Atlanta's very own open streets initiative, Atlanta Streets Alive on Sunday, September 27, 2015. The program will focus on the health benefits of Open Streets in communities. For more information visit the Alliance for Biking and Walking [website](#).

October 28-30, 2015: Second Annual National Walking Summit

America Walks and Every Body Walk! are pleased to announce the Second National Walking Summit, which will take place October 28-30, 2015, in Washington D.C. The National Walking Summit is the premier opportunity for national organizations, companies, agencies, and local partners to convene to share best practices and stories, increase the visibility of key issues, build support among federal agencies, and create momentum for walkability moving forward. For more information and to register visit the National Walking Summit [website](#).

October 31-November 4, 2015: American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition

The American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Exposition will take place from October 31 through November 4, 2015, in Chicago, Illinois. During this event, over 15,000 public health professionals will share the latest research and information, promote best practices, and advocate for public health issues and policies grounded in research. Visit the APHA Meeting and Exposition [website](#) for more information.

WEBINARS

July 21, 2015: “Active Transportation and Equity: Key Challenges and Opportunities from the Field” Webinar

On Tuesday, July 21, 2015, from 10 to 11 a.m. PT the SRTS NP will host a webinar to discuss why equity is crucial in the world of active transportation, how equity is being prioritized in the field, and best practices in bridging the gap between community need and active transportation benefits. Join Sara Zimmerman, Technical Assistance Director, SRTS NP, Pedro Arista, Program Manager, Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum, Tamika Butler, Executive Director, Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, and Alyia Smith-Parker, Senior Associate, Institute for Youth, Education, and Families, National League of Cities for a discussion of these issues that have come to the forefront in the world of walking, bicycling, and SRTS. For more information and to register visit the SRTS NP [website](#).

July 23, 2015: “Examining Biking and Walking through a Racial Justice Lens” Webinar

On Thursday, July 23, 2015, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. PT the Alliance for Biking and Walking will present a webinar that will explore some of the fundamental underpinnings and terms to help organizations better represent equity, diversity, and inclusion in their internal structures and external efforts. The webinar will strive to build participant confidence on starting and sustaining productive conversations around race that move the organization and its work forward. For more information and to register visit the Alliance for Biking and Walking [website](#).

July 27, 2015: “Building Your Fundraising Leadership Towards Walkable Communities” Webinar

On Monday, July 27, 2015, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. PT America Walks will host a webinar focusing on fundraising—one of the biggest challenges for local community change agents. Join presenters Brigid O'Keane, Interim Director with the Alliance for Biking and Walking, and David Weinberger, City Partnerships Director with ioby, for this webinar, which will highlight top tips for major revenue streams for pedestrian advocacy and introduce resources to sustain efforts. Topics covered will include grant writing, local fundraising, and earned income. For more information and to register visit the America Walks [website](#).

July 30, 2015: “Safe and Accessible Pedestrian Routes for Older Adults” Webinar

On Thursday, July 30, 2015, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. PT the National Center on Senior Transportation (NCST) will host a webinar focusing on community initiatives to design streets that are safer for older adults—and for everyone walking, regardless of age or ability. In addition to design techniques, presenters will discuss meaningful ways to include the perspectives of older adults in transportation planning and design. For more information and to register visit the NCST [website](#).

September 15, 2015: A Free Webinar on the New *California Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Curriculum for Grades 4 and 5*

On Tuesday, September 15, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. PT, CA SRTS TARC will host a free webinar on the new *California Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Curriculum for Grades 4 and 5*. This introductory webinar will provide an overview of the Curriculum for school district and school administrators, teachers, parents and community stakeholders interested in increasing the number of students who safely walk and bicycle to and from school and other neighborhood destinations. In addition to showcasing the Curriculum and its on-line training, the webinar will also share strategies on how to best utilize the Curriculum in support of Walk to School Month activities in October 2015. For more information and to register visit the CA SRTS TARC [website](#).

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