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South Alabama Regional

There is a TCC/CAC meeting on Wednesday 6/29. If you are a Mobile MPO TCC/CAC member, please plan on attending.

We have announced a second round for both FTA 5310 and TAP Urban funding sources. The deadline is July 1st for TAP and July 15th for FTA 5310, AND **ALDOT FTA 5310 Funding is announced** (Please see *Funding Opportunities*). **MPO and TCC/CAC Meetings announced**; please see MPO updates. This week's *Just For Fun*, will leave you tunneling for more...

Have a great weekend!

Anthony Johnson, Monica Williamson, Tom Piper, and Kevin Harrison, PTP



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Mobile MPO Updates

MPO MEETING JULY 13th : TCC/CAC MEETING JUNE 29TH

There will be a Technical Coordinating / Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting on June 29th, and a MPO Policy Board Meeting on July 13th; please plan on attending. There are several items on the agenda, including bridge work on I-65 at Cottage Hill Rd, adopting FY 2017 UPWP, and recent TAP And FTA 5310 awards. The UPWP will have some slight changes since it was reviewed at the last MPO and TCC/CAC meeting. We have included a line item to purchase truck Origin-Destination data from Inrix. This will be extremely useful in our travel demand forecast model, and corridor studies.

FTA 5310 FUNDING

The Mobile MPO is the Designated Recipient of the FTA 5310 Urban Area funding. Available this fiscal year was \$110,042 (federal) for operating and \$387,964 (federal) for capital. We had \$342,500 applied for operating, although we only had available \$110,042. We only had \$32,000 applied for capital, which leaves a balance of almost \$356,000 available this year! Please see *Funding Opportunities* below if you are interested in FTA 5310 URBAN capital as we have announced a second round of funding. The deadline is the same deadline as ALDOT's 5310 application, July 15th, please see *Funding Opportunities*. Congratulations to the applicants that were awarded operating funds; Independent Living Center, City of Satsuma, and the Mobile ARC.

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) FUNDING

The Mobile MPO is also the Designated Recipient of Urban Area TAP funds. We had available this fiscal year \$551,000 (federal) and the deadline was June 3rd with two applications submitted and awarded. Congratulations to Mobile County for their ADA Compliance TAP Project, and the City of Mobile for Sidewalks along Bit and Spur form Old Shell Rd to University Blvd. Having only two applications submitted leaves a balance of \$192,095 (federal). We are opening a second round of funding for that amount, and all 9 local governments are eligible to apply. The deadline is July 1st, please see *Funding Opportunities*.

MPO FUNDING

The Mobile MPO apportionment was increased with the passing of the new FAST ACT Transportation Funding Bill. The per capita amount was \$6.8 Million per year under the bill MAP-21. That has been increased to \$7.1 million per year, which equates to being able to program almost \$9 million per year once the 20% local match is included. Our Attributable funding schedule has been moved around a bit; however, even though we had an increase in potential funding, we are still negative in terms of budgeting projects in year 2020 and 2021.

ADA TRANSITION PLANS

The FHWA has required that every city and county in the state have an ADA Transition Plan, and Urban Areas will have a one year deadline (July 20th, 2016). Each City in the Mobile MPO Study Area and Mobile County now has an appointed ADA Coordinator which creates a nine member ADA Subcommittee of the MPO.

The inventory is complete for all urban local governments within the Mobile MPO, and each City and Mobile County should have their draft ADA Transition Plan for Public ROW. We need these adopted by each local government, with public comment, ASAP. If you have not scheduled a public meeting to obtain public input, please do so as soon as you can. The City of Mobile had their public meeting last week, and it was well attended. Bayou la Batre's has their Plan adopted, the City of Satsuma's was July 21st, Mobile County's

public meeting is June 30th , and Saraland's is scheduled in early July. The deadline for Mobile County and the cities within the Mobile MPO to have an adopted ADA Transition Plan for public ROW, is this July. If you have any questions, please call Kevin Harrison.

RPO Updates

Earlier in the month, SARPC hosted an Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Workshop. As you may be aware, the Federal Highway Administration has ramped up enforcement of ADA laws as they pertain to federal funding for road, bridge, sidewalks, and the like. Many of our member governments have been coming to us with ADA questions. There was a lot of good discussion that helped clear up what is expected in order to receive federal funding. One of the speakers was Mr. Graham Sisson, the Executive Director of GOOD, (Governor's Office on Disability). He will be speaking on the city/county responsibilities of municipal/county buildings, properties, etc. There were presentations on the ADA requirements of public ROW (sidewalks) and vertical, or buildings side of it as well.

Projects Within Region Let June 24th, 2016

Mobile County

For constructing the Bridge Replacement and Approaches on CR-63 (Wilmer-Georgetown Road) over Big Creek north of Wilmer. Length 0.672 mi. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$3,063,774 to \$3,744,613.

For constructing the Planing, Resurfacing, and Traffic Stripe on SR-42 (US-98) from the junction of Stimpson Lane to the intersection of SR-16 (US-90/Broad Street) in Mobile. Length 4.749 mi. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$1,724,649 to \$2,107,905.

Baldwin County

There are no projects at this time.

Escambia County

There are no projects at this time.

[What's Under Construction?](#)

Legislative Updates

The Senate is in session. The House adjourned two days early due to a sit-in by Democrats attempting to force a vote on gun legislation. They will return on July 5.

Chairman slams sit-in 'circus' after cancelled transportation markup

By [Melanie Zanona](#) - 06/23/16 02:20 PM EDT.

The top lawmaker on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee slammed the Democratic sit-in on the House floor, which forced his panel to cancel a markup of transportation bills Thursday morning.

Chairman Bill Shuster (R-Pa.) fired off a series of tweets in the afternoon shortly before Democrats ended their more than 24-hour effort to force a vote on gun control legislation.

Shuster dismissed the standoff as a political stunt, calling the event a "political circus" and urging his colleagues to "stop the stunt."

GOP leaders were forced to adjourn and begin the July 4 recess a few days earlier than planned, halting legislative action in the House and forcing the Transportation Committee to postpone a markup of several transportation bills that had been scheduled for Thursday morning.

Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.), ranking member on the transportation panel, was among the Democrats who participated in the sit-in. He delivered brief but fiery remarks from the House floor Wednesday.

"Today we have loopholes big enough to deliver truckloads of guns to people who are currently legally prohibited from buying guns, but they don't have to undergo background checks," DeFazio said. "They can buy them, and then take them out, and commit crimes, massacres and other things."

[Smart City Challenge Winner](#)

Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) announced this week that Columbus, Ohio was named the winner of the USDOT Smart City Challenge. Columbus will receive \$40 million from USDOT and \$10 million from Vulcan, Inc. to implement its winning plan to increase electric vehicle access, test autonomous vehicles, and improve access to transportation in low-income neighborhoods. USDOT and Vulcan also plan to provide support to the other six cities to push their plans forward.

[Transportation Dictionary](#)

USDOT released a searchable online dictionary that includes over 9,000 transportation terms and acronyms. The terms were collected from a variety of public and private transportation publications and databases.

[National Aging and Disability Transportation Center Celebration & Briefing](#)

Wednesday, the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a), Easterseals, and FTA celebrated the launch of the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC). Speakers at the celebration, including CEOs Randy Rutta of Easterseals, Inc. and Sandy Markwood of n4a, emphasized how essential transportation is for the independence, health, wellbeing, and quality of life for the elderly and those with disabilities and thanked the many partners, groups, and individuals who helped the center become a reality. The NADTC will work to offer technical assistance, training, and research to ensure that transportation is both available and accessible to older adults and people with disabilities.

Funding Opportunities

2016 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Announcement - due July 1st at noon

We only had 2 applications turned in last Friday for TAP. We have \$192,095 (federal) available for FY 2016. We have announced a "*call for projects*" OPEN TO ALL 9 ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS. Those that applied for the first round that was due June 3rd, are eligible to apply for this money as well. One project will be selected.

The Mobile Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) as the recipient of Urban Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding, is announcing the availability of the FY 2016 TAP funding. The maximum amount that can be applied for with Mobile Urbanized TAP funds is \$192,095 (federal) and the minimum match is 20% **only cities and counties that are members of the Mobile MPO may apply.**

New this round of funding is that estimates for the application's budget must be developed by a professional engineer registered in the State of Alabama.

The TAP provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, and environmental mitigation; recreational trail program projects; safe routes to school projects; and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways.

Ten (10) copies of the application are due no later than 12:00 p.m., Friday, July 1st, 2016. Applications (paper only) are due to the Transportation Planning Department of the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission (SARPC) at:

SARPC
110 Beauregard Street, Suite 207
Mobile, AL 36602

You can pick up an application at our offices, or we can mail you the application and guidelines. Electronic versions of the applications are available online at www.mobilempo.org. Click the Mobile MPO tab, then the Transportation Alternatives tab.

ALDOT's Rural FTA 5310 (Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Funding

due July 15th

ALDOT has announced the annual grant application for federal assistance provided through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. The "Vehicle Inventory Form" is provided in the application in Microsoft Word, but is upon request also available electronically in Excel. Applications are turned into to the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission (SARPC) by July 15th, as SARPC must endorse the application.

Please note that the one-year sit out rule is waived for this grant application cycle.

All projects funded through Section 5310 must be derived from locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation planning process. ALDOT has designated the 12 Regional Planning Councils to coordinate transportation services in their regions.

Please read the application in its entirety before starting to complete it. Immediate attention must be given to the public hearing requirements, authorizing resolution, and the required Planning Council endorsement (contact information is located in Appendix A).

ALDOT mailed the applications, and it will soon be available on the ALDOT web page. You can contact Kevin Harrison for ALDOT's application for FTA 5310 Rural at kharrison@sarpc.org.

Completed *ALDOT grant applications* must be submitted to the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission by **noon on July 15th, 2016**. Applications received after the established deadline will be returned. **Postmarked submissions will not be accepted.**

Mobile MPO Urban FTA 5310 (Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Funding due July 15th

The Mobile MPO regular round of FTA 5310 Urban funding for FY 2016 was due June 3rd. Of the available \$110,00 of operating, we have \$342,000 applied for; *there are no more operating funds available* this FY. However, of the \$387,000 available for capital, we still have \$350,00 available. We have announced another round of CAPITAL ONLY funding due July 15th at noon.

The Mobile Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the Designated Recipient for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 *Urban*

Area Funding for the Mobile Urban Area. Our funding under the FAST ACT has been increased to \$314,000 annually.

The South Alabama Regional Planning Commission (SARPC) is now accepting Applications for funding consideration through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. FTA provides funding for transit related services that assist the Mobile Urban Area's population of seniors & individuals with disabilities.

The application package provides specific eligibility requirements, match requirements, and eligible activities. The application and program management plan can be found at <http://www.mobilempo.org/5310.html>. (web site says June 3rd, but applications are due July 15th)

Completed grant applications must be submitted to the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission by **noon on July 15th, 2016**. Applications received after the established deadline will be returned. **Postmarked submissions will not be accepted.**

EDA releases FY 2016 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Funding Opportunity, announces new grant process to stream application process

EDA recently released the Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) notice announcing the availability of funding through the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs. The Public Works program is designed to provide funding for design, construction, or renovation of critical public infrastructure needed to create or retain jobs in a locality. The Economic Adjustment Assistance Program provides resources for both design, construction and renovation as well as technical assistance to support long-term job creation/retention in cases of sudden and severe economic events.

This funding solicitation also announced that EDA is moving towards a two-step application process where applicants can submit a proposal at any time to determine alignment with EDA priorities before submitting a full application. This means there are **no longer any quarterly deadlines for the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs**. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact EDA's state representative to develop their project and EDA application. To learn more about EDA's grant programs and opportunities, please feel free to contact Diane Burnett at dburnett@sarpc.org.

Industrial Access Road and Bridge

Industrial access funds are intended to provide adequate public access to new or expanding distribution, manufacturing and industrial firms. The industry must be committed to new investment and the creation of new jobs. The new access must be on public right of way for public use (state, city or county) and the project sponsor (city or county) must maintain the completed facility unless the facility consists of turn lanes, crossovers, etc., that are located on state highways. Industrial access funds are limited to construction, construction engineering and inspection costs. The project sponsor is responsible for all preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation costs.

Prior to the date the qualifying (new or expanding) project is "placed in service," the sponsoring entity or its local development agency must notify the Alabama Department of Commerce of its intent to claim the incentives under Section 41-9-202.1, Code of Alabama 1975. Effective October 9, 2008, the Industrial Access Road and Bridge Corporation application submittal should include the notification acknowledgment letter from the Secretary of Commerce. For more info, see [HERE](#)

Just For Fun

In South Alabama, we know tunnels. We are familiar with tunnels, and driving through tunnels. There are a select few locals that are very familiar with installing tunnels (i.e., Mr. Joe Ruffer, P.E.). The Wallace Tunnels started construction on October 9, 1969, and were open to traffic on February 9th, 1973, and at the time was an engineering marvel. Now, almost 50 years later, watch this video of a Dutch construction company install a tunnel in 3 days!! (granted it's not over Mobile River, but still pretty incredible) [HERE](#)



<http://www.express.co.uk/news/world/676139/time-lapse-netherlands-tunnel-building>

In the News

On patrol with the BCSO Interstate Interdiction Task Force

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By John Underwood john@gulfcoastmedia.com | [0 comment](#)

ROBERTSDALE, Alabama — If you've been out riding on one of Baldwin County's interstates or major highways lately, chances are you've seen them.

They were out in full force on Memorial Day weekend, making nearly 600 traffic stops in a five-day period while focusing mainly on the Baldwin Beach Express, giving citations and warnings for a wide-variety of violations from speeding and reckless driving, driving with a suspended or revoked license to seat belt warnings and citations.

"We had no less than 10 deputies out at any one time over the weekend," said Lt. Tony Nolve. "Our main objective was to make our presence felt, to let people know we were out in full force to keep people safe over the busy weekend."

While their main focus is to patrol Baldwin County's two interstates, I-65 north from the Mobile County line and I-10 from Mobile east to the Florida state line, the Baldwin County Interstate Interdiction Task Force's impact is felt throughout Baldwin County and beyond.

The task force falls under the BCSO's Patrol Division, headed by Capt. John King, with Nolve as second in command. The patrol division is split into four squads. At full strength each squad is comprised of 12 officers and headed by a patrol sergeant.

In addition the patrol division provides support for local police departments, including providing patrols in Magnolia Springs and assisting to support departments such as Silverhill and Summerdale with vacancies.

"At full strength we have a total of 58 patrol officers available to work cases in Baldwin County," Nolve said. The task force operates independently under the Patrol Division, under the direction of patrol Sgt. Randy Younce and is comprised of six deputies from the Sheriff's Department, along with two patrol officers from the Daphne Police Department, who work alongside deputies from the Mobile County Sheriff's Department. The Saraland Police Department in Mobile County has also been a part of the task force, Nolve said.

"Our main focus is Baldwin County, but we can be called in to assist Mobile County if needed and we can call on deputies in Mobile County to assist when needed," Nolve said.

While their main focus is interstate patrol, the task force can be called upon to help wherever they're needed within the department, Younce said. "We've been called on to help with everything from giving demonstrations in schools and other areas to providing protection for visiting dignitaries," he said. The task force has also assisted the U.S. Marshall's office in tracking fugitives who cross into Baldwin County and with drug trafficking and other contraband transported between state lines.

The task force also provides support for the county's School Resource Division, offering assistance in schools and for the annual BCSO Shining Star Camps, which began this week with the newest camp at Spanish Fort Middle School. Additional camps will be held June 29 through July 2 at Fairhope Intermediate, July 20-23 at Central Baldwin Middle School and Aug. 3-6 at Baldwin County High School.

"Each division within the Sheriff's Department has its own specific task which it performs," said Deputy Shane Robinson. "Our specific task is that we don't have a specific area which makes us available to step in and respond wherever needed."

Each officer assigned to the task force is an experienced officer who has proven to be self-motivated and willing to go the extra mile, Robinson said. "All of these officers have received some type of commendation for going above and beyond the call of duty," he said. "We are a very close-knit group and everyone here has a good attitude and a willingness to work to get the job done."

Mayor Stimpson to kick off City of Mobile's Zoning Overhaul

June 14, 2016

"When we embarked on the Map for Mobile planning process, we promised to use it as a 'living document' with action plans developed and reviewed on an annual basis. This next step will outline methods and approaches the City will follow to implement zoning, land use, code and ordinance changes. These improvements will foster growth and be a catalyst for economic development." - Mayor Stimpson.

Mayoral Action:

As directed by the Map for Mobile, Mayor Stimpson has launched an overhaul of the zoning code led by White & Smith, LLC, a national land use law practice. To jumpstart the two-year process and to gain additional insight about the City of Mobile, the City is hosting a kickoff week for the firm.

Kickoff Week Events:

Meetings with City staff, technical committees and other stakeholders
Presentations before the City Council and Planning Commission
Tours of Mobile's neighborhoods

Map for Mobile: Framework for Growth

Last year, the City completed the community-wide planning process, Map for Mobile: Framework for Growth. This process identified the community's desired vision for growth, specifically regarding land use and transportation issues. The Mobile Planning Commission adopted the Map for Mobile on November 5, 2015 as the City's new comprehensive plan.

Map for Mobile's core principles:

Strong neighborhoods
Functional roadway corridors
Strategic infill and redevelopment
A connected community
High quality design of the built environment
A strong downtown
Greater opportunities to Enjoy Natural and Recreational Assets

Documents to be generated by White & Smith include:

Subdivision Regulations
Development Ordinances
Major Street Plan
Future Land Use Plan

- See more at: <http://www.cityofmobile.org/news.php?view=full&news=2669#sthash.iJYKCG7.dpuf>

Should eastbound I-10 on-ramp at Water Street be closed? ALDOT taking comments



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The corkscrew that takes drivers from Water Street onto eastbound I-10 and into the Wallace Tunnel may be the least-loved interstate on-ramp in Mobile, and on Tuesday evening the public got its first formal look at a proposal to close it.

The Alabama Department of Transportation held a public comment session Tuesday to lay out the plan, which it has said could be implemented in time for the next summer travel season. ALDOT officials didn't make a formal presentation as such, during the session in a conference room at the International Trade Center, opting instead to engage interested citizens one-on-one.

Currently, eastbound drivers starting at the foot of Government Street take a single lane that curves sharply to the right, ending with a merge onto I-10 in the middle of a turn taking interstate traffic into the tunnel. The new concept would close that on-ramp completely, though not demolish it.



In this ALDOT illustration, the red arc shows the current on-ramp from Water Street to eastbound I-10, which would be closed. The hook-shaped blue line shows the suggested path of tunnel traffic along Claiborne Street to Texas Street, where it would turn back toward downtown and merge onto I-10 using a straight ramp. (Courtesy of ALDOT)

Instead, drivers would stay at ground level, taking two lanes of Water Street under the interstate and past the cruise terminal, curving around the bend onto Canal Street and back under I-10. At the intersection with Claiborne, drivers would turn left and follow Claiborne along two existing lanes all the way down to Texas Street, a run uninterrupted by lights, stop signs or cross traffic. The Texas-Claiborne intersection will be reconfigured so that drivers coming down Claiborne can turn left without crossing Texas Street traffic, looping under the interstate to come up a long, straight on-ramp on the other side. More [HERE](#)

Federal, state highway officials seek dismissal of I-20/59 bridge project lawsuit



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on June 18, 2016 at 11:38 AM, updated June 18, 2016 at 12:20 PM

Federal and state highway officials on Friday asked a federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit aimed at halting work on a [project to replace, widen, and reduce the number of exits off Interstate 20/59](#) through downtown Birmingham. The [federal lawsuit was filed last fall](#) by a group of city and community leaders who say the project could kill the progress downtown Birmingham's business district has made.

The plan calls for construction of an elevated 10-lane highway – expanded from six lanes – and remove all but one exit. Preliminary work on the project has already started. The project is expected to take about four years and cost about \$450 million.

The Alabama Department of Transportation and ALDOT Director John R. Cooper filed a motion Friday requesting a federal judge dismiss the lawsuit or issue an order granting summary judgment in their favor.

No one disputes that the Interstate I-59/20 bridge that passes through downtown Birmingham is failing," ALDOT's motion states.

"ALDOT originally proposed to repair the bridge deck but, after coordination with the City of Birmingham, Jefferson County and other stakeholders, elected to broaden the project to also address several traffic and safety issues," ALDOT states in the motion. "Plaintiffs wish to change the project dramatically, either by "sinking" the elevated interstate section through downtown or by relocating it to a different route entirely. ALDOT investigated and determined that neither alternative is currently feasible due to the cost (estimated in the billions of dollars) and the delay required to construct them (twenty-plus years)." More [HERE](#)

Mobile County Citizens Academy Returns in the fall

June 13, 2016

If you would like to know how county government works and meet the decision-makers, then the Mobile County Commission invites you to attend the 2016 class of the Mobile County Citizens Academy starting in September.

Participants will meet all the top decision-makers in the county, including elected officials and top administrators. They will learn about the lines of authority and who is accountable for what. They will get a look at the all budgeted dollars and weigh in on how to spend them. There will be special extra-curricular options that include passes to the county regional parks and a jail tour.

Participants will meet eight times over a two-month period. Most programs will be held on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m., with light refreshments. The classes will take place at various venues, as dictated by the subject matter for the evening.

The program is open to all Mobile County residents 21 years of age or older, including those living in municipalities within the county. Interested persons may apply by downloading an application below or picking one up at Government Plaza, 205 Government St., South Tower 10th floor. Class size will be limited and all applications must be postmarked by July 12.

Click the link below to view the application.

[View PDF](#)

Transportation Research

Advancing Collaborative Planning: Summary of a Focus Group on Transportation and Economic Development

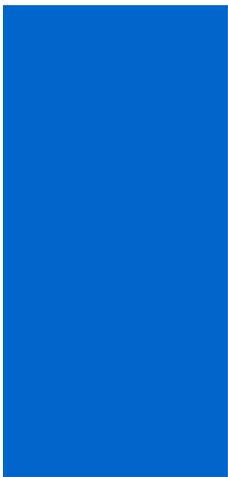
by Carrie Kissel

In March 2016, the NADO Research Foundation held a focus group on the link between transportation and economic development, and how state departments of transportation and regional planning and development organizations can work together to better plan for those issues in an integrated way. The focus group participants included regional, state, and federal agency staff and others with experience in both transportation and economic development programs. During the conversation, the focus group participants developed a definition of economic development that emphasizes doing economic development and transportation planning differently, and can be used to help frame related planning efforts:

Economic development in transportation involves deliberate interventions to produce tangible benefits that are specific to the context, are sustained over time, and make a place more resilient.

This new report, [Advancing Collaborative Planning: Summary of a National Focus Group on Transportation and Economic Development\(PDF\)](#), explores how the participants' definition of economic development can be applied in transportation planning. The report documents the themes of the focus group discussion, including economic development impacts, resilience, and state department of transportation (DOT) and regional planning and development organization roles in working together. Read about the highlights of the discussion and about noteworthy practices shared by participants that can institutionalize consideration of transportation and economic development together.

Pursuing Equity in Pedestrian and Bicycle Planning



FHWA released a new [report](#) for transportation practitioners and decision-makers on considering equity in transportation planning. The paper defines equity in the bike and pedestrian program context, highlights recent research, and shares best practices and resources for fixing inequity.

2015 American Community Survey Release Schedule Announced

The U.S. Census Bureau has announced it will release the [2015 one-year American Community Survey \(ACS\) census data](#) on September 15 and the 2011-2015 five-year estimates on December 8. Census will release supplemental materials on July 21 with the 2014 ACS 1-Year Supplemental Estimates and 2010-2014 ACS 5-Year Replicate Estimates. The supplemental estimates will consist of 58 detailed tables and will be released on American FactFinder (AFF) and the application program interface (API). The replicate estimates will consist of the original estimate and the 80 replicate estimates for 107 tables and will be released on the FTP site with links available on AFF.

[See the Future of Transportation](#)