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NEWS

Victory in California for Safe Routes Funding

California budgeted a 35% increase in funding for walking, bicycling, and Safe Routes to School through the adoption of a new Active Transportation Program (ATP). The ATP will award \$130 million per year in state and federal funds to pedestrian and bicycle projects, with at least \$24 million per year from the new program to fund Safe Routes to School projects. [Read more in the SRTS National Partnerships' \(National Partnership\) blog](#) and [see the press release on the funding victory](#).

Governor Signs “Three-Foot Law” Requiring Drivers Give Bicyclists Space

California Governor Jerry Brown signed legislation requiring motorists to give bicyclists at least three feet of space when passing on a California roadway. Assembly Bill 1371, by Assemblymember Steven Bradford, D-Gardena, requires motorists to slow down if they can't give room and makes failing to comply an infraction punishable by a fine of \$35.

RESEARCH and RESOURCES

New Documentary Film Reveals the Powerful Impact of Walking

The Walking Revolution, a 30-minute documentary film released by Every Body Walk! details the health benefits of walking, what makes communities walkable, and how walking and walkability supports a healthier environment, strong local economies, and a vibrant community life. Powered by Kaiser Permanente, Every Body Walk! is a campaign and collaborative effort aimed to encourage the American public to walk (or roll, for those who are unable to walk), on a regular basis to improve their health and have fun in the process.

The American Public Health Association, CDPH, and Partners Release New Health in All Policies Guide for State and Local Governments

The American Public Health Association (APHA), CDPH, the California Endowment, and the Public Health Institute released "[Health in All Policies: A Guide for State and Local Governments](#)," which is designed to improve the public's health and safety by incorporating health considerations into decision-making across all sectors and policy areas. The guide features strategies for achieving good health and sustainability across the community and tips for engaging stakeholders, building relationships, and making joint decisions across sectors. The publication also includes guidance on developing messages around health in all policies, as well as examples of benefits that can be attained through strong public health policy.

Americans Know Walking Is Healthy But Don't Walk Enough

According to a recent [survey](#) conducted by GfK Research on behalf of Kaiser Permanente, Americans know that walking is good for their overall health, but many are not walking enough to meet recommended guidelines for health benefits. To view the article and the [infographic](#) with the summarized results, please visit the [Every Body Walk! Website](#).

Millennial Generation Desires Multi-Modal Transportation System

Millennials & Mobility: Understanding the Millennial Mindset and New Opportunities for Transit Providers, a study released by the American Public Transportation Association, shows that according to 54 percent of millennials (people aged 18-34) polled, car-sharing, bike-sharing, walking, and car ownership all play a part in the multi-modal network, and rank public transportation as the highest and best mode to connect to all other modes. To view the entire article, please visit the [APTA website](#).

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND SUMMITS

Youth for the Environment and Sustainability Conference

The Spare the Air Youth program has announced that the Youth for the Environment and Sustainability (YES) Summit on climate change and transportation will be held on November 2, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. PT. This event is co-sponsored by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and will be hosted by MTC in Oakland, California. For more information or to register for this free conference, please click [here](#).

Transportation Sessions at American Public Health Association Annual Meeting

The American Public Health Association (APHA) [Annual Meeting & Exposition](#) will take place November 2-6, 2013, in Boston, Massachusetts. The APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition attracts more than 13,000 national and international physicians, administrators, nurses, educators, researchers, epidemiologists, and specialists and will include numerous sessions on transportation, health, and equity issues. A list of 35 sessions and papers on transportation topics can be found on the [APHA website](#). Many more may be found through the [online program](#).

California by Bike Summit

The California by Bike Summit will be held November 7-10, 2013, in Oakland, California. For more information, please visit the [California by Bike website](#).

Change in Date for the Upcoming California Unintentional Injury Prevention Conference: Planning for a Safer Future

The 2013 Unintentional Injury Prevention Conference originally slated for December 9-10, 2013, is postponed until spring 2014. More details will be forthcoming.

2014 New Partners for Smart Growth Conference in Denver, Colorado

The New Partners for Smart Growth Conference will take place February 13-15, 2014, in Denver, Colorado. This multi-disciplinary program includes 80 plenaries, breakouts, and workshops, and will feature cutting-edge policies and programs, projects, and best practices, as well as strategies and implementation tools that address the challenges of implementing smart growth development principles. Early-bird rates are available now through November 24, 2013. Visit www.NewPartners.org to register and for more details on the conference program, tours, special events and opportunities, featured speakers, travel and hotel information, and local attractions.

Active Living Research Annual Conference

The Active Living Research (ALR) Annual Conference will be held March 9-12, 2014, in San Diego, California, at the Paradise Point Hotel. The theme of the 2014 conference, "Niche to Norm," recognizes the importance of advancing active living from an emerging research field with limited results and impact to well-accepted findings that regularly guide decision-making across sectors to create more active communities. Visit the [ALR website](#) for conference information.

WEBINARS

November 7th Webinar – "Shared Use: Is It In You? Engaging Key Stakeholders in Shared Use Strategies"

The National Partnership will host a webinar entitled "Shared Use: Is It In You? Engaging Key Stakeholders in Shared Use Strategies" on November 7, 2013, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. PT. Making use of school facilities that would not otherwise be used after school hours allows for a more efficient use of public space and money, and is a promising strategy to combat childhood obesity. This webinar will focus on providing tools to engage key stakeholders in the discussion around shared use agreements. For details and registration, please click [here](#).

November 12th Webinar – "How to Add More Activity into the School Day"

On November 12, 2013, from 12:00 to 1:15 p.m. PT, Action for Healthy Kids (AFHK) will host a webinar entitled "How to Add More Activity into the School Day" as part of the AFHK Parent Leadership Series. Experts recommend that children get at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day. There are many opportunities for physical activity during the school day, and this webinar will address how parents can help promote and support more movement in the classroom, on the playground, and beyond. For details and registration, please visit the [AFHK website](#).

November 20th Webinar - "Is there Safety in Numbers for Cyclists and Pedestrians?"

The Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) will host a webinar entitled "Is there Safety in Numbers for Cyclists and Pedestrians?" on November 20, 2013, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. PT. The webinar will explore if evidence supports the suggestion that there is safety in numbers or awareness in numbers for vulnerable road users, as has been found by higher mode share and lower crash rates for pedestrians and bicyclists in some European cities. Several cities will share preliminary findings about the correlation between investments in walking and bicycling facilities and improved safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. The cost is \$50 for APBP members and \$85 for non-APBP members. For details and registration please visit <http://bit.ly/17j6b4y>.

November 21st Webinar – "Empowering Lower-income Communities to Take Advantage of MAP-21 Funds"

The National Partnership will host a webinar entitled "Empowering Lower-income Communities to Take Advantage of MAP-21 Funds" on November 21, 2013, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. PT. More street scale projects can be built in lower-income communities and diverse communities by training advocates nationwide on how to have successful meetings with local elected officials about existing funding for pedestrian and bicycle projects, including the new MAP-21 funds. This webinar will focus

on the tools the National Partnership has created and the need to activate the National Active Transportation Diversity Task Force and other partners at the local and state level. To register for this free webinar, please click [here](#).

December 18th Webinar – “Integrating Equity in Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning”

APBP will host a webinar entitled “Integrating Equity in Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning” on December 18, 2013, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. PT. This webinar will consider equity in the context of three pillars of sustainability: economic, environmental, and social. Learn how to define equity and integrate it as a planning factor and what the standards and requirements are for transportation equity. The cost is \$50 for APBP members and \$85 for non-APBP members. For details and registration, please visit the [APBP website](#).

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