

Sent on behalf of Allysha Lorber and Lucy Joyce, Transportation PPN Co-Chairs, and Jean Senechal Biggs, PPN Officer & Communications Coordinator

The future of federal transportation and transit funding has many of us concerned as we hear how legislative priorities are taking shape in the Capitol. With this uncertainty, the need for landscape architects to advocate for less-costly, green infrastructure solutions and stable transportation funding that serves community needs is greater than ever before. In this quarterly newsletter, we're focusing on ASLA's <u>advocacy efforts</u> and encouraging our PPN members to bring their voices to the transportation priorities conversation.

# **ASLA Infrastructure Recommendations Released**

ASLA's 2017 Advocacy Agenda is taking shape. On March 9, ASLA released their top U.S. infrastructure recommendations: Landscape Architects Leading Community Infrastructure Design and Development. The report makes recommendations for supporting active transportation programs, expanding and increasing funding for the TIGER program, and investing in transit and transit-oriented development.

More recently, on March 17, ASLA released their <u>statement on President Trump's proposed budget</u> and called out the dramatic cuts to many of the federal programs and resources that strengthen our nation's infrastructure and economic development. ASLA will continue to work with legislators as the budget process unfolds and will carry forward a strong advocacy agenda.

How can you as a PPN member advocate for transportation funding and sound infrastructure solutions? If you haven't already, be sure to sign up for the <u>ASLA iAdvocate Network</u> so that you can support the Society's efforts to impact public policy at national, state and local levels. Once you <u>sign up</u>, email alerts are delivered to your inbox on issues important to landscape architecture that are being debated by lawmakers. With a few clicks, you can send a message to your Senators and Representative and make your voice a part of ASLA's advocacy efforts.

## **Current Issues Resource Library**

ASLA's Government Affairs staff needs your help! They are building a resource library on <u>Vision Zero</u>, **Autonomous Vehicles**, and **Climate Resilience** to access information about these emerging issues. If you have access to white papers, research, and publications, ASLA wants to hear from you. Please contact Alexandra Hay, Professional Practice Coordinator at ASLA, at <u>ahay@asla.org</u> with your information and resources.

## **PPN Website**

Have you visited the <u>Transportation PPN website</u>? In 2016, we updated the site and included a scrolling gallery of project photos from our members to showcase the work of transportation landscape architects. To have your project included, send one photo for your project and a caption of no more than 35 words to <u>ahay@asla.org</u>.



#### Looking to build your network and online presence?

The Transportation PPN offers members several ways to connect, share, and learn.

- Are you ready to share your expertise with a national audience? Have an innovative project or program to share with others? Write a post for <u>The Field</u> or offer an <u>Online Learning</u> webinar through ASLA. Please contact <u>ahay@asla.org</u> with your ideas.
- 2. Be a part of the conversation on <u>LinkedIn</u>. Our LinkedIn group has over 1,000 members and regular posts will help us keep this forum active. Add the ASLA Transportation PPN to your groups. Share news stories. Comment on roundtable discussions. Make new connections and expand your network.
- 3. Join the Transportation PPN Leadership Team. The team meets via conference call bimonthly to coordinate our activities and prepare for the PPN meeting at the ASLA Annual Meeting. If you're interested in serving as a PPN Officer, please contact <u>ahay@asla.org</u>.
- 4. **Make transportation a focus for your continuing education activities**. Attend a conference, participate in a webinar, get up-to-date on transportation news, and learn more from new case studies and guidelines. Listed below are relevant conferences, continuing education opportunities, news links, and publications.

Thank you for your continued interest and participation in the Transportation PPN. Our quarterly emails share relevant opportunities, events, and other information with our members. If you hear of any additional information you'd like to share with the PPN, please send it to <u>ahay@asla.org</u> so that it can be included in the next email.

Feel free to contact us with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Best,

Allysha Lorber, ASLA, and Lucy Joyce, ASLA Co-Chairs of the Transportation PPN

## **Transportation PPN Quarterly Listings**

#### Conferences

Vision Zero Cities Conference: Safe Streets Save Lives May 2-4, 2017, New York, NY

Congress for New Urbanism 25 May 3-6, 2017, Seattle, WA

2017 Smart Cities Connect Conference & Expo June 25-28, 2017, Austin, TX





American Public Works Association Public Works Expo (PWX) August 27-30, 2017, Orlando, FL

National Walking Summit September 13 – 15, 2017, St. Paul, MN

Rail~Volution September 17-20, 2017, Denver, CO

XVIII International Walk21 Conference on Walking and Livable Communities September 19-22, 2017, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

2017 International Cycling Safety Conference September 21- 22, 2017, Davis, CA

ASLA Annual Meeting and EXPO 2017 October 20-23, 2017, Los Angeles, CA

NACTO Designing Cities October 30-November 2, 2017, Chicago, IL

## Webinars & Continuing Education

<u>Getting from Vision Zero Plan to Vision Zero Progress: PBIC webinar</u> (FREE!) Tuesday, April 18, 2017 1:00 – 2:30 pm Eastern

Maintaining Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity in Work Zones: APBP webinar (\$) Wednesday, April 19, 2017 3:00 to 4:00 pm Eastern

Making Crossings Convenient, Safe and Inviting: APBP webinar (\$) Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:00 to 4:00 pm Eastern

America Walks Learning Center

Advocacy and technical resources for increasing walking and expanding walkable communities. Online library of case studies, research articles, white papers and other educational materials.

<u>Technology Transfer Center</u> UC Berkeley Institute for Transportation Studies Online and classroom courses for professionals

Friday Transportation Seminar Series: TREC (Free!) Fridays Noon – 1:00 pm Pacific Available online: recordings of previous sessions





#### News

Transportation for America

National Complete Streets Coalition

General FHWA news and links

FHWA Livability Initiative - Human Environment Email Digest

# **New Publications**

#### Metropolitan Pedestrian and Bicycle Planning Handbook

On March 8, 2017, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Planning published a new handbook. The purpose of this handbook is to provide Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) with practical information and examples, as they consider pedestrian and bicycle transportation in their regional planning activities. Based on research including interviews, this handbook covers integration of pedestrian and bicycle information into the metropolitan transportation planning process.

