

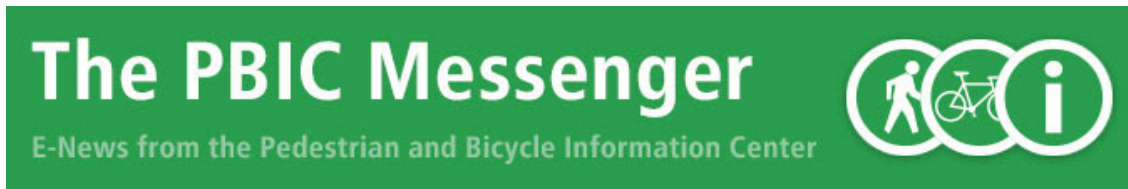


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PBIC Webinar Series Highlights Updated AASHTO Bike Guide

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center (PBIC) will host a three-part webinar series on the fifth edition of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) [Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities](#), published in December 2024. The series will present

updates to the Guide and discuss key considerations for planning, engineering, and designing bicycle facilities across a range of contexts. Sessions will take place [June 26](#), [July 31](#), and [September 11](#), 2025, and will be led by Jeremy Chrzan, Toole Design, who will provide technical presentations and address participant questions. Following the series, PBIC will offer additional “deep dive” sessions to explore topics identified during the webinars. Register for any or all of the three webinars.

PBIC Invites Cost Data Contributions to Support New Active Transportation Resource

PBIC is developing a national database of infrastructure and countermeasure costs to support walking, bicycling, and micromobility. This resource will help transportation professionals more accurately estimate project costs and plan for Complete Streets projects. PBIC invites agencies and partners to contribute cost data from their own projects to help build a robust, widely used database tool to use for planning, scoping, and cost estimation. Contributions should focus on start-up or installation costs and can be submitted through an [online form](#) or by emailing pbic@pedbikeinfo.org.

NHTSA Releases 2024 Early Estimates of Traffic Fatalities by Sub-Categories

Following its [earlier release of overall 2024 traffic fatality estimates](#), the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) published [additional projections of fatalities by person type and crash characteristics](#) based on preliminary Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) data. The updated estimates project a 4 percent decrease in pedestrian fatalities and a 5 percent decrease in bicyclist fatalities compared to 2023.

New Case Study Explores Quick-Build Success in Winterville, NC

A new [case study](#) from PBIC highlights how the Town of Winterville, North Carolina, used quick-build strategies to improve safety near schools and build long-term partnerships with the State DOT. The town installed bump outs and NCDOT installed high visibility crosswalks at key intersections near two schools. Town staff collaborated with NCDOT engineers, engaged local partners and volunteers, and collected data on driver behavior and speed before and after installation. The project strengthened local relationships with NCDOT and spurred ongoing improvements, including extended sidewalks; funding for future projects; and the formation of a Vision Zero task force.

Survey Seeks Input on Pedestrian Level of Traffic Stress

The Center for Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety and the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee invite responses to a [brief national survey](#) exploring how much stress people feel around automobile traffic when walking along or crossing different types of streets. The 10-minute survey will help refine a tool used by transportation agencies to assess streets and identify pedestrian safety

improvements. Responses are anonymous, and participants must be 18 or older and located in the United States.

New Bike Bus Guide Incorporates Advice from Bike Bus Leaders

The National Center for Safe Routes to School recently released a new [bike bus guide](#) with planning steps and advice grounded in interviews with bike bus leaders from around the country. Topics address choosing a route, safety expectations, promotions, and tips for success. The guide was made possible by General Motors.

News

TRB Updates Committee Structure (Transportation Research Board)

Announces that TRB adopted a new committee structure to align with its mission and responsibilities as a federally funded organization. The changes streamline committees to be more responsive to emerging transportation challenges. The organizational chart shows the Standing Committee on Pedestrians and the Standing Committee on Bicycle Transportation are part of the Safety, Human Factors, Pedestrians, and Bicycle Section within the Safety and Operations Group.

GHSA Proposes Priorities for Transportation Reauthorization (Governors Highway Safety Association)

Reports that GHSA's Executive Board approved [three proposed safety principles](#) to guide development of the next surface transportation reauthorization bill. The priorities focus on strengthening roadway safety through strategic investment, modernizing and streamlining grant administration, and promoting flexibility and State-centered innovation to help reduce traffic deaths.

Bipartisan Legislation in Congress to Support Safe Routes to School (Safe Routes Partnership)

Provides an overview of the [Safe Routes Improvement Act](#), a bipartisan bill that would require every State to have a Safe Routes to School coordinator and seeks to build support among members of Congress and key committees as part of the surface transportation reauthorization bill.

Public Transit Ridership Hits Post-Pandemic High (SmartCitiesDive)

Describes an American Public Transportation Association report finding that transit ridership reached 85 percent of pre-pandemic levels in early 2025 despite still-low office occupancy.

Ohio: Grants Nearly \$52 Million to Local Communities to Improve Bike and Pedestrian Infrastructure (Office of Ohio Governor)

Announces that Ohio will provide nearly \$52 million over four years through the Transportation Alternatives Program for projects that improve safety for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, transit access, recreational trails, and Safe Routes to School projects.

Washington: New Shared Streets Law Example for Pedestrian-Friendly Design (State Smart Transportation Initiative)

Reports that Washington became the first State in the country to authorize shared streets, giving pedestrians and bicyclists priority, slowing vehicle traffic to 10 miles per hour, and removing jaywalking restrictions. The **law** also removes State preemption barriers that have limited local pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

Montana: Enacts Laws to Address Pedestrian Crossings and Speed Limits (Daily Montanan)

Reports that Montana passed two new laws focused on pedestrian safety and speed limit flexibility. One law clarifies driver responsibility at pedestrian crossings with flashing beacons and establishes fines for violations. A second law allows counties to lower speed limits to 25 mph, expanding local control in urban districts.

St. Paul, MN: School District Launches Mobile Bike Fleet (CBS New Minnesota)

Reports that the St. Paul, MN, school district is the first in the State to introduce a mobile bike fleet of about 100 bicycles, including adaptive bikes, to give students, including those who may not otherwise have the opportunity, a chance to learn and ride during school programs.

Nashville, TN: Report Calls for Action on Street Safety (Walk Bike Nashville)

Reports that Walk Bike Nashville released its first **State of Our Streets** report calling on city leadership to implement six short-term actions to improve safety and mobility in the city's transportation system.

Dallas, TX: Approves New Bike Plan and Hundreds of Bike Lane Miles (Dallas Observer)

Reports that Dallas approved its first updated **bike plan** in 14 years, adding hundreds of miles of new bicycle infrastructure in phases through 2045. The plan aims to build a safer network for riders of all ages and abilities and support the city's Vision Zero goals.

Resources

Updated Speed Prevention and Enforcement Campaign Materials (NHTSA)

Provides resources for year-round social norming and high-visibility enforcement campaigns addressing the risks of speeding. Materials include the **Speeding Catches Up With You** and **Speeding Slows You Down** campaigns. The national paid media buy is scheduled for July 7-31, 2025.

Evaluating Transportation Affordability (ITE)

Provides guidance for evaluating transportation affordability impacts in planning and policy analysis, considering household ability to meet travel needs while covering other basic expenses.

Reauthorization 201 (Transportation for America)

Offers a guide to help community members engage in the Federal reauthorization process, build relationships with Congress, and promote transportation policies that reflect community needs.

Data Integration, Sharing, and Management for Transportation Planning and Traffic Operations (Transportation Research Board)

Presents tools, methods, and case studies to improve transportation data integration, sharing, and management for planning and operations.

Improving Guidance for Speed Safety Camera (Oregon DOT)

Synthesizes speed safety camera practices from multiple jurisdictions and offers recommendations for Oregon's program, including potential legislative changes and future research.

E-Bike Online Course and Youth E-Bike Rider Readiness Checklist

(PeopleForBikes)

Offers a self-paced, two-hour online course covering e-bike safety, riding concepts, traffic awareness, and riding strategies. Includes a **Readiness Checklist** for parents to help assess if their children are prepared to ride e-bikes.

Updated Bike Parking Resources (League of American Bicyclists)

Provides updated bike parking resources, including guidance for e-bike storage and charging, adaptive cycles, cargo bikes, and nonstandard bicycles. Includes an updated Bike Parking Best Practices Map with examples.

Bike Parking Pods Offer Secure Storage Option (Next City)

Describes a company that builds secure bike parking pods accessed by keycard or app. The pods hold 8 to 80 bikes depending on the model and are primarily funded through advertising, with options for cities or property owners to contribute.

Milwaukee, WI: Traffic Calming Case Study (AARP)

Presents a video case study showing how AARP Wisconsin and local partners used a temporary traffic calming circle to reduce speeds on a residential street. After installation, the share of drivers exceeding 35 mph dropped from 18 percent to less than 1 percent. The project, supported by an AARP Community Challenge grant, led to a permanent installation.

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims November 16

Announces that communities worldwide will observe the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims on Sunday, November 16, 2025, to honor those killed or injured in roadway crashes. A **national planning call** for local event organizers is scheduled for August 13, 2025.

Research

Comparison of Midblock Pedestrian Signal Systems and Other Crossing Treatments (Accident Analysis & Prevention)

Evaluates midblock pedestrian signals (MPS) compared to pedestrian hybrid

beacons, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, and flashing beacons in Florida. Finds that MPS systems produced greater reductions in pedestrian-vehicle conflicts, suggesting they may offer a promising option for upgrading or installing midblock pedestrian crossings.

Evaluating E-Bike Safety at Unsignalized Roundabouts (Accident Analysis & Prevention)

Analyzes interactions between e-bikes and vehicles at unsignalized roundabouts to assess factors affecting e-bike safety. Finds that entering conflicts between e-bikes and vehicles are most severe, with higher speeds and more lanes linked to greater conflict risk. Identifies options for improving safety, including dedicated lanes, speed limits, and rider education.

Measuring Demand on Walking and Bike Paths in Central Pennsylvania (TR News)

Describes a trail count program led by a metropolitan planning organization in Pennsylvania using infrared counters to collect data on trail use across several regional facilities. Finds that trail use peaks in spring and fall, with higher use on weekends and during daylight hours. Notes that the data are supporting decisions about maintenance, funding applications, and future trail improvements.

Systematic Review Examines Child Pedestrian Safety in School Zones (Transportation Research Part F: Traffic Psychology and Behaviour)

Analyzes 53 studies on how behavior, demographics, infrastructure, and traffic affect child safety in school zones. Finds that infrastructure and traffic calming help reduce risks, while risk-taking increases with age and peer presence. Identifies limited research in developing countries and calls for child-focused design approaches.

Immersive Virtual Reality Training for Young Pedestrians (Safety Science)

Evaluates a virtual reality-based training method to teach children safe street crossing behavior. Finds that children who received VR-supported lessons were less likely to cross against the signal, ran less while crossing, and showed better gap judgment. Notes the approach may offer a scalable option for school-based pedestrian safety education.

Injury Severity of Older Pedestrian Traffic Crashes in Urban Environments (Journal of Transport & Health)

Uses crash data from Spain to study factors influencing injury outcomes for older pedestrians in urban areas. Finds that severe outcomes increase with age, poor lighting, truck involvement, and intersection density. Suggests lighting and signage improvements in areas with older residents to help lower crash risk.

Building Housing in Walkable Neighborhoods: Are U.S. Cities and States Making Progress? (Turner Center for Housing Innovation UC Berkeley)

Reviews national and regional housing development patterns and transportation trends to assess progress in adding housing in areas that support more walking and transit use. Finds that while national progress has been modest, some regions have added more housing in lower-VMT

neighborhoods in recent years. Highlights the potential role of State and local land use policies in supporting these trends.

[Design Guidance for On-Street Bicycle Facilities](#) (Transportation Research and Education Center)

Presents two new resources to help agencies select context-appropriate design features for on-street bicycle facilities. The **[guidebook](#)** offers a data-driven framework for improving safety on separated and non-separated bike lanes, while the **[companion report](#)** summarizes how agencies are deploying these designs. Both documents are based on crash data analysis, literature review, and field studies across multiple U.S. cities.

[The Link Between Low-Stress Bicycle Facilities and Bicycle Commuting](#) (Nature Cities)

Uses six years of data from 28 U.S. cities to compare changes in bicycle commuting across different facility types. Finds that protected bicycle lanes were associated with substantially larger increases in commuting than standard bike lanes, shared-lane markings, or areas without bicycle facilities.

[Accessible Bus Stop Design in the Presence of Bike Lanes](#) (Massachusetts DOT)

Examines rider and bicyclist interactions at floating bus stops to identify design features that improve accessibility and reduce conflicts. Uses focus groups, community outreach, and field studies from Boston-area bus stops to develop recommendations such as wider platforms, bike lane deflection, fencing, and signage to better separate users, manage bicyclist speed, and support wayfinding.

Webinars

Upcoming Webinars

- **[Advocating for Active Transportation: Introducing Rails to Trails Conservancy's Reauthorization Agenda](#)** (Rails to Trails Conservancy)
June 25, 2025, 3:00 pm ET, free
- **[AASHTO Bike Guide Series Part 1: Evolution of Bicycle Infrastructure and the AASHTO Bike Guide](#)** (Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center (PBIC))
June 26, 2025, 1:00 pm ET, free
- **[Data-Driven Decision Support for Trail Planning and Management](#)** (American Trails)
June 26, 2025, 1:00 pm ET, free, donations appreciated
- **[TrailNation Spotlight: Cuyahoga Greenways](#)** (Rails to Trails Conservancy)
June 26, 2025, 2:00 pm ET, free
- **[2025 City Ratings: Great Rides Start at Home](#)** (PeopleForBikes)
June 26, 2025, 2:00 pm ET, free
- **[From Standards to Support: Understanding the Access Board's Role in Accessibility](#)** (US Access Board)
July 3, 2025, 2:30 pm ET, free

- [**Planning a “Show Congress” Event**](#) (League of American Bicyclists)
July 8, 2025, 3:00 pm ET, free
- [**Volunteer Trail Builders**](#) (American Trails)
July 10, 2025, 1:00 pm ET, free, donations appreciated
- [**Funding for Walkability: Finding New Partners to Build Walkable Communities**](#) (America Walks)
July 10, 2025, 2:00 pm ET, free
- [**Changemakers Training: How Your Story Makes an Impact**](#) (Rails to Trails Conservancy)
July 15 and 17, 2025, 7:00 pm ET, free
- [**Understanding the Bike-Train Connection: Best Practices and How to Collect Data on Experiences**](#) (Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP))
July 16, 2025, 3:00 pm ET, fees apply
- [**National Trails Legislative Update 2025**](#) (American Trails)
July 24, 2025, 1:00 pm ET, free, donations appreciated
- [**AASHTO Bike Guide Series Part 2: Design Principles of High-Comfort Bikeways**](#) (PBIC)
July 31, 2025, 1:00 pm ET, free
- [**Trail Towns 101: Strategies, Tools and Inspiration to Make Trails Work for Your Community**](#) (The Harbinger Consultancy)
August 5, 2025, 1:00 pm ET, fees apply
- [**Safety vs. Safety: Understanding and Overcoming Conflicts between Street Safety and Fire and Emergency Response**](#) (Center for Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety)
August 20, 2025, 2:00 pm ET, free
- [**Documenting Pedestrian Infrastructure; Lessons from the Maryland Sidewalk Data Collaboration**](#) (APBP)
August 20, 2025, 3:00 pm ET, fees apply
- [**What Can Police Stop Data Tell Us About Traffic Safety?**](#) (Center for Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety)
August 26, 2025, 2:00 pm ET, free
- [**National Collaboration Efforts on Federal Trail Data and Tools**](#) (American Trails)
September 4, 2025, 1:00 pm ET, free, donations appreciated
- [**2025 U.S. Federal Policy Webinar - 3rd Quarter**](#) (APBP)
September 10, 2025, 3:00 pm ET, free
- [**AASHTO Bike Guide Series Part 3: Additional Advances in Bicycling Design**](#) (PBIC)
September 11, 2025, 1:00 pm ET, free
- [**Spatial and Temporal Shifts in Pedestrian Serious Injuries and Fatalities**](#) (Center for Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety)
September 17, 2025, 2:00 pm ET, free
- [**Designing, Delivering, and Scaling an Income-Tiered E-Bike Rebate Program from Local to Provincial Implementation**](#) (APBP)
September 17, 2025, 3:00 pm ET, fees apply
- [**Branding 101: The Importance of Finding Your Why**](#) (American Trails)
September 18, 2025, 1:00 pm ET, free, donations appreciated

Archived and Recorded Webinars

Call for Proposals, Presentations, Abstracts

Notice of Funding Opportunity: [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#) (USDOT)

Deadline: June 26, 2025

Call for Applications: [Transit Innovations Deserving Exploratory Analysis \(IDEA\)](#) (Transportation Research Board)

Deadline: July 1, 2025

Call for Applications: [Bicycle Friendly University](#) (League of American Bicyclists)

Deadline: August 7, 2025

Call for Applications: [Vision Zero Network Recognition Program](#) (Vision Zero Network)

Deadline: August 31, 2025

Upcoming Events

- [Outride Research Summit](#)
July 28, 2025, Morgan Hill, CA, and Online
- [ITE Annual Meeting: Innovative Pathways to Safer Transportation](#) (ITE)
August 10 - 13, 2025, Orlando, FL
- [2025 GHSA Annual Meeting](#) (Governors Highway Safety Association)
August 23 - 27, 2025, Pittsburgh, PA
- [Initiative for Bicycle and Pedestrian Innovation Workshop: Comprehensive Bikeway Design](#) (Transportation Research and Education Center)
August 25 - 29, 2025, Portland, OR
- [AMPO Annual Conference](#) (Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations)
September 15 - 19, 2025, Providence, RI
- [APBP Virtual Summit](#) (Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals)
September 25 - 26, 2025, Online
- [TrailNation Summit 2025](#) (Rails to Trails Conservancy)
October 27 - 29, 2025, Cleveland, OH
- [AASHTO Safety Summit and Peer Exchange](#) (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials)
October 27 - 30, 2025, New Orleans, LA
- [2025 Safe Routes to School Virtual Summit](#) (Safe Routes Partnership)
October 28 - 30, 2025, Online
- [World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims in the US](#)
November 16, 2025

- [AASHTO Annual Meeting](#) (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials)
November 17 - 20, 2025, Salt Lake City, UT

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