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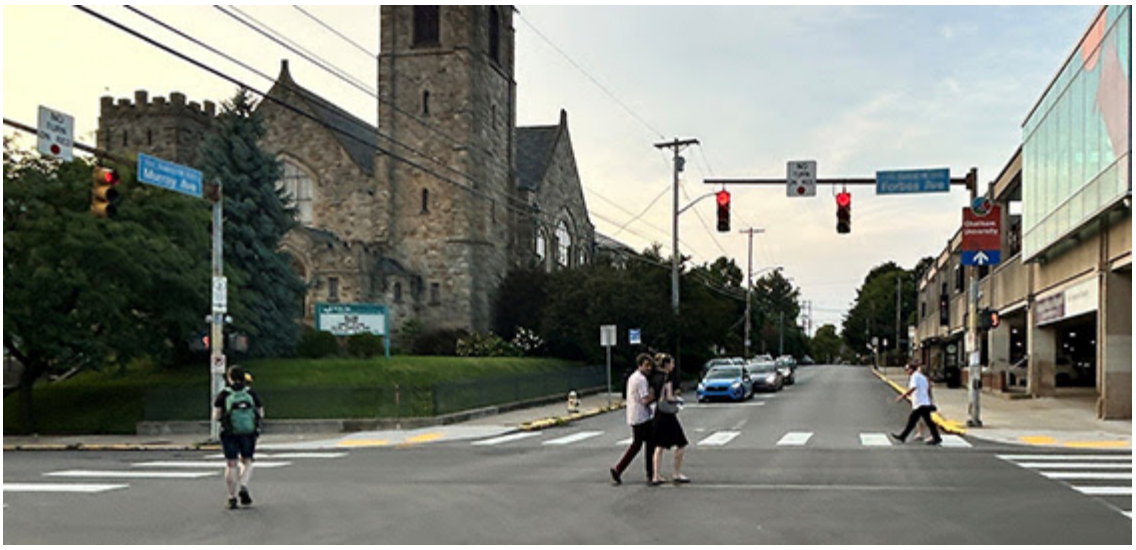


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FHWA Opens $787 Million PROTECT Grant Opportunity

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is accepting applications for up to $787 million in funding through the **Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant Program**. The program supports planning and projects involving resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure to help surface transportation withstand severe

weather, natural disasters, and other changing conditions. For at-risk coastal infrastructure grants, eligible projects may strengthen or improve the resilience of pedestrian walkways and bicycle lanes. The Notice of Funding Opportunity also states that the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) may prioritize projects that repurpose existing specialized travel lanes for bicycles, buses, or pedestrians for general-purpose motor vehicle use when the conversion meets the PROTECT program's purpose, reduces congestion, addresses safety, and satisfies other requirements. Applications are due October 9, 2026.

NPS Proposes Changes to Bicycle and E-Bike Access in National Parks

The National Park Service (NPS) **proposed changes to the rules governing bicycle and e-bike use in national parks**. The proposal would revise procedural requirements for designating roads and trails for bicycle use and establish a more consistent approach to bicycle and e-bike access on roads, in parking areas, and on trails throughout the National Park System. The proposed rule, identified as RIN 1024-AE97, is open for **public comment** through November 2, 2026.

NHTSA Releases 2024 Data on Child Pedestrian and Bicyclist Fatalities

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released **Traffic Safety Facts: Children 2024 Data**, reporting that 172 of the 1,032 children killed in traffic crashes in 2024 were pedestrians and 56 were bicyclists or other pedalcyclists. Most of these fatalities occurred in urban areas, away from intersections, and during daylight. The report also shows that child pedestrian fatalities decreased 27 percent between 2015 and 2024, while child pedalcyclist fatalities increased 22 percent.

APBP Accepts Proposals for 2027 Webinar Series

The Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) is **accepting proposals for its 2027 monthly webinar series**. APBP is seeking evidence-based presentations developed for professionals working on walking and bicycling topics, with preference given to innovative approaches that have achieved measurable results. Proposals featuring multiple presenters who can offer different perspectives or case studies are encouraged. Review the proposal guidelines and submit proposals by October 1, 2026.

Trail Apprentice Program Opens for Applications

The Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS) is accepting applications for the **Trail Apprentice Program**. The program offers young adults opportunities to build skills and explore careers involving trails and public lands. Apprentices will complete a project with PNTS and a National Scenic or Historic Trail, participate in virtual training and career exploration, and receive financial support to attend an in-person event. Applications are due October 7, 2026.

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy Releases TrADE Report

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) released the fiscal year 2025 **Transportation Alternatives Data Exchange (TrADE) Report**. The report tracks spending from the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) program and examines funding transfers, technical assistance, matching requirements, and investments in connected transportation networks.

News

Federal Data Exclude Some Pedestrian Deaths in Parking Lots and Driveways (State Smart Transportation Initiative)
Notes that off-street crashes are omitted from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System because these locations are generally classified as private property. Estimates that the omission leaves one in eight pedestrian deaths out of the national data used to inform planning, funding, and safety decisions.

Funding Opportunity: NHTSA Offers $20 Million for Traffic Safety Enforcement Projects (USDOT)
Announces funding for developing, testing, and evaluating scalable approaches to address speeding, aggressive and distracted driving, impaired driving, occupant protection, and unsafe driving around school zones and other high-activity areas. Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis through September 1, 2027, subject to available funding.

Maryland: Awards $11.3 Million for Walking, Bicycling, and Trail Projects (Maryland DOT)
Details 24 projects that will support Safe Routes to School improvements, trail and boardwalk rehabilitation, protected bicycle lanes, shared use paths, and other infrastructure intended to improve safety and expand connections.

Virginia: Opens First Segment of Eastern Shore Rail-to-Trail Project (AASHTO Journal)
Features a new 2.2-mile shared use path connecting Cape Charles with Route 13. Notes that it is the first completed portion of a planned 49.1-mile trail that will eventually extend from Cape Charles to Hallwood.

Seattle, WA: Advances 70 School Route Safety Projects (KIRO 7)
Highlights improvements funded through the city's voter-approved transportation levy, including sidewalks, marked crosswalks, all-way stops, longer crossing times, accessible pedestrian signals, and protected bike lane upgrades. More than 30 projects have been completed.

Orlando, FL: Hospital Reports Increase in Children's E-Bike and E-Scooter Injuries (Fox 35)
Cites hospital data showing that admissions involving serious injuries increased from approximately 50 in 2023 to 125 in 2024, with another 120 children admitted during the first six months of 2026. Notes that 15 percent of the seriously injured children were wearing helmets.

Albuquerque, NM and Portland, OR: Use Traffic Signals to Encourage Safer Speeds (Associated Press)

Explains a “rest in red” approach in which signals remain red until a vehicle approaches and provide an earlier green light to drivers traveling at or below the speed limit. Highlights reductions in crashes and injuries along an Albuquerque corridor and a decrease in average speeds from 39 mph to the posted 30 mph limit at an initial Portland installation.

Las Vegas, NV: Pilots AI-Enabled Crosswalk Technology (8 News Now)
Describes technology that uses artificial intelligence to detect when people are preparing to cross and activate lighting that makes them more visible. Notes that the city will evaluate the technology as part of its efforts to reduce pedestrian crashes.

Nashville, TN: Partnership Uses Real-Time Data to Identify Pedestrian Safety Risks (WTVF-TV)
Highlights a partnership between Lipscomb University and the Nashville DOT to analyze pedestrian, vehicle, crowd, and event data in the Lower Broadway area. Findings could help officials anticipate safety risks and make decisions about traffic management and staffing during major events.

Jackson, MS: Breaks Ground on Bridge Connecting Parks and Museums (The Clarion-Ledger)
Describes plans for a bridge across Lakeland Drive that will provide a safer connection for people walking and bicycling between parks, trails, museums, and other destinations in the LeFleur Museum District.

Resources

MUTCD Microlearning Video Series and Training Modules (FHWA)
Offers six introductory videos and 19 technical training modules covering the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Includes downloadable details and vector graphics for more than 1,000 standardized signs in the 11th Edition.

All Americans Outside Initiative (Bureau of Land Management)
Outlines a nationwide effort to expand outdoor recreation opportunities on public lands through youth and veteran career programs, volunteer engagement, and partnerships supporting recreation and stewardship. The initiative launches September 25, 2026.

CPBS Year 2 Research Reports (Center for Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety)
Provides six newly released reports addressing transit access, built-environment factors, changes in pedestrian and bicyclist injuries, abnormal driving detection, emerging data sources, and the application and validation of a Pedestrian Level of Traffic Stress method.

Recommendations from the Safe System Consortium (Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy)
Presents recommendations for future road safety policy developed by a consortium of researchers, transportation practitioners, vehicle and roadway designers, law enforcement representatives, and other safety stakeholders.

A Missing Piece in Your Vision Zero Plan: Vehicle Safety (Vision Zero Network)
Highlights strategies under local control for incorporating vehicle safety into Vision Zero efforts, including fleet and procurement policies, contractor standards, Intelligent Speed Assistance, side and rear guards, and selecting appropriately sized vehicles.

Podcast Explores Systemic Approaches to Speed Management (Institute of Engineers (ITE) Talks Transportation)
Discusses how agencies can use operating speeds, roadway conditions, and conflict points to address speeding proactively. The episode also covers speed limit setting, aligning roadway design with safer speeds, and communicating the purpose of speed management measures.

Active Transportation Case Studies: Identifying Opportunities for State and Local Governments (ChangeLab Solutions)
Provides case studies examining how jurisdictions fund and implement walking and bicycling infrastructure through voter-approved measures, grant programs, and planning processes. Identifies opportunities for public health agencies to support funding, implementation, and community engagement.

8 80 Cities Resources and Toolkits (8 80 Cities)
Shares resources developed through 20 years of programs and projects, including guides addressing School Streets, Open Streets, civic engagement, winter cities, and designing communities for young children and families.

Safe Routes to Libraries Resources (Safe Routes Partnership)
Provides tools to help libraries improve access for people walking, bicycling, rolling, and using transit. Includes funding approaches, information about potential community partners, and a GIS tool for examining transportation infrastructure around libraries.

Cities Investing in Biking for Youth Riders (PeopleForBikes)
Profiles youth cycling initiatives in five cities and describes the Youth Cycling Coalition, a network of 18 organizations working to expand riding opportunities and support young riders through high school.

Toolkit for Generating Trail Tourism (Rails-to-Trails Conservancy)
Offers strategies to help communities connect trails with local businesses, services, and visitor experiences and encourage trail users to become customers, patrons, and future advocates.

Research

What Drives Urban Transportation Safety? Exploring the Role of Modal Composition and Travel Exposure (Journal of Transport and Sustainability)
Analyzes transportation, behavioral, demographic, and built-environment data from 227 U.S. urban areas. Finds that lower driving exposure and greater use of multimodal travel options are strongly associated with lower per capita traffic

fatality rates, while noting that travel patterns should complement proven roadway design and speed management strategies.

What Vision Zero Did and Did Not Change (Micromobility)
Examines fatal crash trends in 18 early Vision Zero cities from 2007 to 2019 and provides more recent updates from six cities. Finds limited evidence of statistically significant reductions during the study period, with decreases in total traffic deaths in two cities and pedestrian deaths in one city, while several cities experienced increases.

Attitudes Toward Speeding: Insights from Focus Groups and a National Survey of U.S. Drivers (AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety)
Combines focus groups and a national survey to examine how drivers perceive speed limits and explain their speeding behavior. Finds that roughly three in ten drivers view speeding as normal and identifies motivations such as keeping pace with traffic, passing slower vehicles, shortening travel time, and expecting to avoid consequences.

Evaluating the Influence of Flashing Speed Limit Signs in School Zones on Driver Behavior (Journal of Safety Research)
Uses a driving simulator modeled on two Oregon roadways to examine how flashing beacons and pedestrian presence affect driver behavior near a 20 mph school zone crossing. Finds the greatest speed reductions and highest yielding rates when the beacon was active and both a child and an adult were waiting to cross. Suggests that optimal sign placement may vary with roadway speed and context.

Speed Impacts from Roundabouts and Other Traffic-Control Devices (Minnesota Department of Transportation)
Compares travel speeds near roundabouts, traffic signals, and all-way stop-controlled intersections. Finds that drivers begin slowing farther upstream of roundabouts and travel at lower speeds downstream compared with the other intersection types.

Police Reports Undercount Cellphone Use Before Crashes (Insurance Institute for Highway Safety)
Uses telematics data from nearly 17,000 crashes to compare drivers' cellphone activity with information recorded in police reports. Finds that phone use during the 30 seconds before a crash was undercounted by a factor of at least seven, with tapping, swiping, and other physical manipulation rarely documented.

Automation for Safer Pedestrian Street Lighting at Intersections (Safety21)
Introduces an open-source Python toolkit that helps practitioners evaluate pedestrian intersection lighting designs. Uses automated analysis to identify designs that meet visibility and safety needs while also considering energy use and light pollution.

Impact of Cycle Lanes and Public Bike Parking on Bicycle Commuting (Transport Policy)
Assesses how bicycle infrastructure near homes and workplaces relates to commuting by bicycle in France. Finds that additional cycle lanes and public

bicycle parking are associated with greater likelihood of bicycle commuting and emphasizes the importance of where infrastructure is located.

Bicycling in an Autonomous Vehicle Future? (Transportation Research Today)
Explores how autonomous vehicles could affect roadway safety, infrastructure, public transportation connections, land use, and other conditions that influence bicycling. Identifies potential safety benefits from reducing human driving errors, along with unresolved challenges involving communication between bicyclists and automated vehicles, curb management, roadway design, and travel patterns.

Webinars

Upcoming Webinars

- **How 11th Street Bridge Park Connects Recreation and Community** (Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals)
  September 23, 2026, 2:00 pm ET, free
- **TrADE Talk: Transportation Alternatives Lessons Learned and Future Guidance** (Rails-to-Trails Conservancy)
  September 24, 2026, 2:00 pm ET, free
- **Commingling Paratransit and General Public Trips in Microtransit Service** (Transportation Research Board)
  September 28, 2026, 1:00 pm ET, free
- **Validating and Using Nonmotorized Traffic Data** (Transportation Research Board)
  September 30, 2026, 1:00 pm ET, fees apply
- **Celebrating National Preparedness Month – Build Back Better: How to Rebuild Trail Infrastructure for Resilience After Disaster Strikes** (Rails-to-Trails Conservancy)
  September 30, 2026, 2:00 pm ET, free
- **Food and Culture Along the Trail** (Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals)
  September 30, 2026, 2:00 pm ET, free
- **Urban Feasibility and Breaking Down Barriers** (American Trails)
  October 1, 2026, 1:00 pm ET, free, donations appreciated
- **Vision Zero National Advocacy Call: Bike/Walk Central Florida's Best Foot Forward program** (Vision Zero Network)
  October 7, 2026, 1:00 pm ET, free
- **Research-Driven Visitor Management at Niagara Glen** (Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals)
  October 7, 2026, 2:00 pm ET, free
- **The Fall Line Trail: Secrets from a Transformative Regional Trail in the Richmond, VA Region** (APBP)
  October 21, 2026, 3:00 pm ET, fees apply
- **Prescription Trails: Leveraging the Science of Trail Therapy** (American Trails)

October 29, 2026, 1:00 pm ET, free, donations appreciated
- **Leveraging Technology for Traceable Trail Management** (American Trails)
  November 5, 2026, 1:00 pm ET, free, donations appreciated
- **2026 U.S. Federal Policy Webinar - 4th Quarter** (APBP)
  November 10, 2026, 3:00 pm ET, free
- **Building Community Through Bike Repair and Placemaking** (American Trails)
  November 12, 2026, 1:00 pm ET, free, donations appreciated
- **MnDOT's Separated Bike Lane Guidance: When and How to Implement** (APBP)
  November 18, 2026, 3:00 pm ET, fees apply

Archived and Recorded Webinars

Call for Proposals, Presentations, Abstracts

Call for Applications: **Vision Zero Network Recognition Program**
Deadline: September 30, 2026

Call for Proposals: **2027 APBP Webinar Series** (Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals)
Deadline: October 1, 2026

Call for Applications: **2027 Trail Apprentice Program** (Partnership for the National Trails System)
Deadline: October 7, 2026

Call for Applications: **2026 PROTECT Competitive Grants** (FHWA)
Deadline: October 9, 2026

Call for Abstracts: **Conference on Rural and Tribal Transportation** (Transportation Research Board), July 19 - 21, 2027, Westminster, CO
Deadline: October 9, 2026

Call for Applications: **Bicycle Friendly Business** (League of American Bicyclists)
Deadline: October 28, 2026

Call for Applications: **National Recreational Trails and National Water Trails Designation** (National Recreation Trails)
Deadline: November 1, 2026

Call for Submissions: **2027 Safe Mobility Conference** (Safety21), March 22 - 24, 2027, Boston, MA
Deadline: November 9, 2026

Upcoming Events

- **AASHTO Safety Summit** (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials)
  September 28 - 30, 2026, Hartford, CT
- **National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) Annual Conference**
  September 29 - October 1, 2026, Philadelphia, PA
- **Veterans Outdoor Recreation Summit** (Association of Outdoor Recreation & Education)
  October 1 - 3, 2026, Park City, UT
- **Week Without Driving** (Nondrivers Alliance and America Walks)
  October 1 - 8, 2026
- **International Society for Physical Activity and Health (ISPAH) Congress 2026**
  October 5 - 8, 2026, Mérida, Mexico
- **Walk & Roll to School Day 2026** (National Center for Safe Routes to School)
  October 7, 2026
- **Pacific Northwest Transportation Consortium (PacTrans) Transportation Conference** (University of WA)
  October 9, 2026, Anchorage, AK
- **World Trails Conference 2026** (World Trails Network)
  October 19 - 22, 2026, Perth, Australia
- **2026 Safe Routes to School National Conference** (Safe Routes Partnership)
  October 20 - 22, 2026, Minneapolis, MN
- **1st Global Convening on Informal and Shared Mobility** (Shared-Use Mobility Center)
  October 26 - 28, 2026, Bangkok, Thailand
- **2026 Vision Zero Cities Conference** (Vision Zero Network)
  October 28 - 29, 2026, New York City, NY
- **APHA 2026 Annual Meeting and Expo** (American Public Health Association)
  November 1 - 4, 2026, San Antonio, TX
- **14th International Cycling Safety Conference**
  November 3 - 5, 2026, Knoxville, TN
- **World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims** (WDoR)
  November 15, 2026
- **TransportationCamp DC** (Transportation for America)
  January 9, 2027, Washington, DC
- **TRB Annual Meeting** (Transportation Research Board)
  January 10 - 14, 2027, Washington, DC
- **2027 National Bike Summit**
  March 9 - 11, 2027, Washington, DC
- **2027 Safe Mobility Conference**
  March 22 - 24, 2027, Boston, MA
- **International Trails Summit** (American Trails and Professional Trailbuilders Association)
  April 13 - 15, 2027, Durham, NC
- **Designing Cities Conference** (NACTO)
  May 11 - 14, 2027, Nashville, TN
- **Velo-city** (European Cyclists' Federation)
  May 25 - 28, 2027, Matsuyama, Ehime Prefecture, Japan

- **CNU 35** (Congress for the New Urbanism)
  June 15 - 18, 2027, Twin Cities (Minneapolis & St. Paul), MN
- **Conference on Rural and Tribal Transportation** (Transportation Research Board)
  July 19 - 21, 2027, Westminster, CO

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