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STATE & FEDERAL HIGHLIGHTS

APA TO HOLD NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FIELD HEARING AS PART OF APA FLORIDA"S PUBLIC POLICY WORKSHOP

Through its National Infrastructure Investment Task Force, the American Planning Association is working to engage members, APA components, and allies and partners in a national conversation about how to address our infrastructure crisis and increase investment in building communities of lasting value. The mission of the task force is to evaluate current conditions and challenges affecting the nation's vital infrastructure, develop a new vision for the nation's infrastructure, and identify specific recommendations for changes in public policy, funding, and planning practice needed to meet the infrastructure needs of the 21st century. The task force's work and recommendations will become linked to key legislative initiatives, federal infrastructure commissions, existing and potential programs, and funding mechanisms. A series of regional field hearings is being conducted throughout the United States during the fourth quarter of 2008 and the spring of 2009. One of these hearings will be held during APA Florida's Public Policy Workshop on February 4, 2009 and will focus on identifying major issues of local regional concern related to infrastructure policy and investment. All workshop registrants are encouraged to come prepared to share their thoughts and concerns. To learn more about APA's initiative, go to http://www.planning.org/policy/infrastructure/.

REPORT ON EQUITABLE IMPLICATIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

PolicyLink, a national research and action institute advancing economic and social equity, recently released a report on the equity consequences and implications associated with global warning. Titled *Understanding Climate Change: An Equitable Framework,* this report discusses the impacts of climate change both on people and communities, and addresses a number of planning concepts in terms of potential mitigation. This report puts an interesting slant on the issue, and can be read at http://www.policylink.org/documents/climatechange_final.pdf?msource=EDU34&tr=y&auid=3948971.

IMPROVING MEASUREMENT OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE

The Surface Transportation Policy Project has released a study identifying ways to better measure and report on regional transportation performance. Focusing on the Twin Cities area, *Transportation in the Twin Cities Region:Providing a More Complete and Understandable Picture* explores five new areas of transportation performance indicators related to financial transparency, efficient land use, transportation access, health impacts, and environmental impacts. The underlying premise is that improved reporting and new performance indicators will give state and regional agencies, local governments, and individuals a better picture of the costs and impacts of various transportation modes, enabling them to make both short and long-term decisions that make sense for the kind of communities desired. Go to http://www.transact.org/PDFs/Twin_Cities_Transport-07-2008.pdf to download or read the report.

INTERIM REPORT ON NONMOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION PILOT PROJECT

This interim report to Congress, *Interim Report to the U.S. Congress on the Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program, SAFETEA-LU Section 1807*, summarizes the progress and initial results of the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) and the four pilot communities' participation in the Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTPP) from its inception through May 2007. Section 1807 of the Safe, Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), P.L. 109-59, established the NTPP in August 2005. Over the span of 4 years, the legislation provides $25 million for each of the NTPP's four pilot communities (Columbia, Missouri; Marin County, California; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Sheboygan County, Wisconsin) "to construct ... a network of nonmotorized transportation infrastructure facilities, including sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and pedestrian and bicycle trails, that connect directly with transit stations, schools, residences, businesses, recreation areas, and other community activity centers." The report estimates that walking and bicycling for utilitarian purposes reduce driving by about 1 to 4 percent, depending on the community. Because of the large populations involved and the ongoing nature of this reduction, the total reduction in all four program communities, over the course of an entire year, is estimated to be in the range of 156.1 million miles of avoided driving. The research and evaluation techniques used to reach this conclusion are found at http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bikeped/ntpp/toc.htm.

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REPORTS, PUBLICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

HAS WAL-MART BURIED MOM AND POP?

A recent study, conducted by academics at West Virginia University, claims that there is no evidence that Wal-Mart has had a negative impact on the small business sector. A short version of the study can be read at

http://www.cato.org/pubs/regulation/regv31n1/v31n1-1.pdf. In rebuttal, the Institute of Local Self-Reliance reviewed the study and concluded that there were serious flaws in it -read their analysis at http://www.newrules.org/retail/wm-smallbusiness.pdf.

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APA FLORIDA / APA / AICP NEWS & INFORMATION

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR APA NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE

Go to http://www.planning.org/nationalconference/index.htm to register for the National Planning Conference to be held in Minneapolis in April.

EXPERIENCING A TECHNICAL PROBLEM WITH YOUR CM LOG?

APA is working to resolve the technical issues that have occurred with the launch of the new website. However, if a member experiences a technical problem with their CM log, to assist with the technical issue, please report the issue to CMTechnical@planning.org and include the following:

> Approximate date and time the problem occurred
>The web address (URL) where the problem occurred (paste from web browser)
> Member ID number

>Description and details of the problem, including as much of the text that appeared in the error message (if you get one)
>Optional: Please copy and paste a screenshot where you are experiencing the problem

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Applications are now available on APA's website for their 2009-10 scholarships and fellowships. Use this site as your first resource for information on these and other planning scholarships and additional sources of financial assistance. Go to http://www.planning.org/scholarships/apa/index.htm.

MAY 2009 AICP EXAM REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The AICP Exam will be offered May 11-25, 2009. The deadline for registration is January 20, 2009. Go to http://www.planning.org/certification/2009/may/index.htm for details.

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OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA 2009 PLANNING FORUM TO BE HELD IN 7 LOCATIONS AROUND THE STATE

The University of Florida's Urban and Regional Planning Department, a PAB-accredited graduate planning program, has developed a diverse training curriculum for Zoning Administrators, Planners and Planning Officials, Professional Engineers and Architects. The Planning Officials Training (http://buildgreen.ufl.edu/cecampus/htmlemail/planning_officials.html) is intended for those elected and appointed officials charged with the responsibility for making planning and growth management decisions in Florida. AICP Planning sessions (http://buildgreen.ufl.edu/cecampus/htmlemail/planners.html) focus on law and ethic requirements and are approved for the law/ethic CM requirement. The Zoning Administration course (http://buildgreen.ufl.edu/cecampus/htmlemail/zoning.html) provides an opportunity to learn the practices and techniques for effective land development regulation from seasoned zoning administrators. The course is designed for public administrators and private sector practitioners engaged in the process of land development regulation and is certified for AICP Certification Maintenance (CM) credits. The Low Impact Development Practices for Florida: Stormwater (http://buildgreen.ufl.edu/cecampus/htmlemail/LID.html) is also certified for AICP CM credits. All of the above courses will be held in January-February, 2009. Use the links identified above to get further details and register.

DOI CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE DRAFT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

In March 2007, Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne established the DOI Climate Change Task Force, with three subcommittees. The three subcommittees were Land and Water Management, Law and Policy, and Science. The three Draft DOI Climate Change Task Force subcommittee reports highlight a series of questions and issues (and options for addressing them) that may become increasingly important as a result of climate change. DOI is making the draft reports of these three subcommittees available to the public on line through January 18, 2009 as part of an informal information exchange and review process. If you are interested in providing comments or reading the reports, go to http://www.usgs.gov/global_change/doi_taskforce.asp.

COMMENTS SOUGHT ON FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION STRATEGIC PLAN

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation is currently working on an update to their Strategic Plan. The updated plan must respond to current conditions and developing trends over the next 3,5 and 10 years. Their goal is to agree on what the organization must do as a result of the major issues and opportunities facing Florida Housing in the coming years. They have posted a series of questions on their website to solicit public input as they move forward. Comments are due by January 16, 2009. Details can be found at http://www.floridahousing.org/Home/AboutUs/2009+Strategic+Planning+Process.htm.

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RFPs/RFQs, GRANTS, AWARDS, ETC.

RFQs/RFPs are listed in this newsletter and posted to APA Florida's website at no charge. APA Florida does this as a service to its members. Please take advantage of it. Email a one paragraph summary to the Chapter Office at fapa@floridaplanning.org for posting. Include deadline and web link.

No RFP's currently posted

Hillsborough County Community Design Awards Program Seeking Entries

The Planning Commission is pleased to invite entries to its 27th Annual Community Design Awards Program to recognize excellence in planning, landscape architecture, environmental sensitivity and architectural design in building and development projects throughout Hillsborough County. Its aim is to call attention to well-planned projects. Some may serve as models for others so that they may learn and imitate. The deadline for entries is February 18, 2009. For details, go to http://www.theplanningcommission.org/Call%20for%20Entries%202009.pdf .

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JOB MART

Newest JOB MART advertisements now posted:

PLANNER *(City of Bunnell);* PLANNER *(City of Groveland)*; GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNER *(City of Key West)*; SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNER *(City of Palm Coast)*

We encourage you to visit APA Florida's JobMart website at http://www.floridaplanning.org/jobs2.asp for salaries, descriptions, minimum requirements and application deadlines. Also, don't forget about APA Florida's resume posting feature at http://www.floridaplanning.org/membership/resume_select.asp.

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APA FLORIDA CHAPTER & SECTION CALENDAR

January 10, 2009: The APA Florida Sun Coast Section is sponsoring **Greening Your Community's Local Economy**, an interactive workshop to be held at the Tampa Port Authority. The workshop has been submitted for 3 AICP CM credits. To register, go to http://greenconnectionus.eventbrite.com/.

January 21, 2009: Attend the **free audio/web conference Infrastructure, CIP, and Alternative Transportation** to be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., eastern standard time, sponsored by the Emerald Coast Section of APA Florida. This event is approved for 1.5 hours of CM credit. This audio/web conference will be held at the following locations: Offices of PBS&J, 120 Beckrich Road, 2nd Floor, at the intersection of Beckrich Road and Back Beach Road, Panama City Beach, FL. It is the building west of the building in the complex directly at the intersection; City of Destin, City Hall Annex, 4100 Two Trees Road, Destin, FL; and the West Florida Regional Planning Council, 4081 East Olive Road, Suite A, Pensacola, FL.

January 23, 2009: The **APA Florida Executive Committee Quarterly Meeting** will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 5835 TG Lee Boulevard in Orlando. Contact the Chapter Office at fapa@floridaplanning.org for more information.

February 4, 2009: Make plans to attend the **7th Annual APA Florida Public Policy Workshop** to be held in Tallahassee. The workshop will be submitted for AICP CM credits. To register, go to http://www.floridaplanning.org/events/2009_PublicPolicy/index.asp.

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OTHER STATE & NATIONAL EVENTS

January 9, 2009: Participate in the **free APA webcast, Creating Citizen Engagement in Small and/or Rural Communities**. This session will train participants on effective citizen engagement techniques that can be utilized to involve citizens in planning processes. It includes case study examples of tools that are helping empower citizens to make decisions about how to most effectively manage growth and change while preserving the rural character. This webcast is approved for 1.5 CM credits. To register, go to http://www.utah-apa.org/webcasts.htm.

February 5-6, 2009: Join the CNU Florida Chapter for their **5th Annual Statewide Meeting** in St. Petersburg, Florida February 5 - 6, 2009. The agenda will include fundamental topics for New Urbanists practitioners, focusing on redevelopment and implementation, particularly in this down economy. Go to http://www.cnuflorida.org/events/09conference/09_conference_home.htm for details.

February 5-6, 2009: The **2nd Annual Water and Energy Sustainability Conference** will be held in Deerfield Beach. This year's focus is on new strategies for resource management and development in Florida. AICP CM credits can be earned. Go to http://www.cle.com/waterenergy for registration and information.

February 6, 2009: Participate in the **free APA webcast, Energy Efficient Land Use Planning**. This session will focus on how the economics of energy will influence development patterns and density, and how such considerations as commuting times and public sector fuel consumption should be factored into both short and long-range community planning. Included is an overview of new LEED Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND) standards. A request for 1.5 CM credits is pending. To register, go to http://www.utah-apa.org/webcasts.htm.

February 18-20, 2009: The **25th Annual Growth Management, Energy, Climate Change, and the Environment Short Course** will be held in Daytona Beach. Details can be found at http://www.floridaenet.com/.

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