

EPA's Transportation Partners **Shortcuts**

Smart Moves
for
Healthier
Communities

◆ **TP Holds First Annual Way to Go! Awards**

In September, EPA's Transportation Partners program honored the winners of the first-ever *Way to Go!* Awards for their innovations in creating healthier communities through better transportation choices. The award recipients, announced at *Rail-Volution '96* (see below), included City of Boulder/Go Boulder, 1,000 Friends of Oregon, and the Chattanooga Area Regional Transit Authority for "Integration of Transportation Alternatives into Community Development/Redevelopment;" Cornell University, Hewlett-Packard Company, and the Riverside County Transportation Commission/San Bernardino Associated Governments for "Innovative Uses of Market Incentives;" and the City/County of San Francisco and Proximate Commute for "Innovative Use of Technology."

Each applicant was judged in four categories: (1) reducing greenhouse gases by reducing vehicle miles or vehicle trips; (2) increasing transportation options and quality; (3) improving economic efficiency and development; and (4) enhancing community life and environmental quality by reducing unfavorable social and environmental impacts of travel.

◆ **Rail-Volution '96: Building Successful Communities with Rail**

The second annual national transportation and community development conference—*Rail-Volution '96*—was held in Washington D.C. on September 8-10, 1996. The conference covered three concurrent tracks: *Riding the Rails to Revitalized Communities* (Track 1); *Creating a Metropolitan Agenda for America* (Track 2); and *Getting Everyone on Board* (Track 3). Track 1 focused on linking rail investments with land use planning to aid in the creation of livable communities. Track 2 centered on the upcoming reauthorization of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), and Track 3 focused on development of productive relationships, both within communities and with local governments and national coalitions, to leverage funds and create successful projects.

◆ **LGC Holds "Livable Communities" Conference**

Over 350 people from 22 different states and Canada attended the Local Government Commission's "Creating More Livable Communities" Conference on July 26-27 at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, FL. Speakers discussed their efforts in developing livable communities by way of transportation improvements, retrofitting and revitalization activities, environmental protection and restoration, growth management, and community involvement in the planning process. The two-day event included plenary sessions and five concurrent workshops each day, along with 22 separate exhibits.

◆ **Transportation Partners Web Site On Line for Test Drive**

Information superhighway surfers can now access Transportation Partners information in two locations on the world wide web: the TP Web Site at <http://www.epa.gov/oppe/tp>, and TransAct, the new electronic information service from EPA and the Surface Transportation Policy Project (STPP), at <http://www.transact.org>. At the TP Web Site, you can select from topics including Transportation and Your Community, Creating Better Transportation Choices, TP Benefits and Services, Who are the Partners in Transportation Partners?, TP *Way to Go!* Awards, Joining Transportation Partners, and TP News and Upcoming Events.



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◆ Transportation Partners Launches Information Hotline

The Transportation Partners program has set up a national hotline at (202) 260-6830 to provide TP information to transportation professionals, businesses, community groups, local government officials, the public, and other interested parties. The hotline allows callers the opportunity to ask questions, raise concerns, and request information. Messages left on the hotline's automated answering system are routinely checked and responded to by EPA representatives.

◆ TP Welcomes New Principal Partners

Transportation Partners welcomes two new groups to its list of Principal Partners, the Bicycle Federation of America, Inc. (BFA) and the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT).

BFA is a national, nonprofit corporation established to promote the safe use of bicycles, and to support pedestrian safety and walking. BFA is the only national organization that is exclusively devoted to advocating the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians.

ACT is a nonprofit association whose primary mission is to promote alternatives to the solo commute in an effort to reduce congestion, improve air quality, and increase mobility in America. Members of ACT represent a wide range of groups who have an interest in transportation demand management and commuted transportation issues.

◆ Two New Staffers Join TP Central

Transportation Partners is pleased to welcome its newest staff members to the team, Luke Bogash and Catherine Preston.

Luke is an Environmental Career Opportunities Associate with the TP program whose duties include the creation of an *html* database, construction of a citizen's toolkit for sustainable transportation planning, and general program administration. He earned his masters degree in Public Administration from Indiana University.

Catherine, a Planning Coordinator with TP since August, manages Principal Partner cooperative agreements with TP Central, assists program evaluation efforts, and acts as a liaison to the American Planning Association's *Growing Smart* project and the Joint Center for Sustainable Communities. She has a masters degree in City Planning from MIT.

◆ Calendar Items/Upcoming Events

- *STPP* will be presenting its Transportation Advocacy & Internet Workshops on the following dates: Austin, TX on January 18; Los Angeles, CA on January 25; and Portland, OR and Denver, CO during the month of April.
- The *Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments* will sponsor a Bicycle Facilities Workshop on January 16 in Washington, DC. The course, which is intended for planners, engineers, and contractors responsible for bicycle facilities, shares background information, data, uniform guidelines, and well-developed techniques for designing such facilities.
- *ICLEI's* Cities for Climate Protection Campaign Workshop will be held February 6-8 at the Bayview Holiday Inn in Santa Monica, CA.
- *LGC's* annual Yosemite Conference for elected officials will be held March 7-9. The topic for the conference this year will be economic development.
- *ACT's* Southeastern Regional Conference will be held March 10-12 in New Orleans, LA. The conference will be followed by the 1997 Transportation Management Association (TMA) Summit, also in New Orleans, from March 13-14.

◆ New TP Publication Now Available

EPA recently released its new "Smart Moves for Healthier Communities" brochure, which explains the Transportation Partners program as well as the transportation choices that communities can make to lessen traffic congestion, air and water pollution, and daily stress levels. For copies of the brochure, please contact any of the Principal Partners or call the TP Hotline at (202) 260-6830. Fact sheets on various TP topics are also available from the TP Hotline.