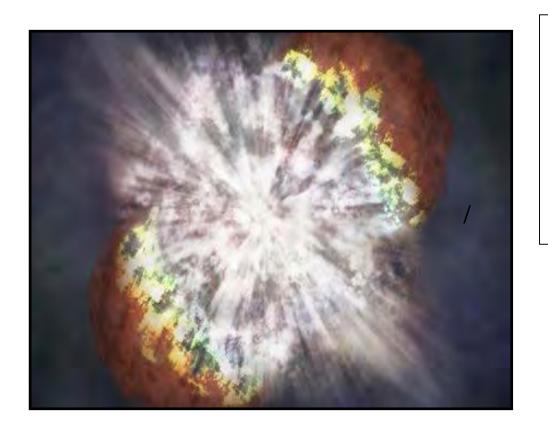
### **Health and Transportation**

# Where are we? – What is going on?



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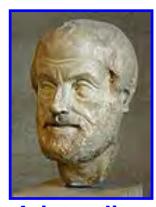
http://www.indianampo.com/

# Why Public Health & Transportation?

### Why is USDOT, FHWA, FTA or NHTSA interested?

DOT is the steward of the transportation system

The transportation system can promote healthy lifestyles



**Aristotelian** 

Transportation systems have the potential to significantly impact the health of their users, both positively and negatively. As the steward of the Nation's transportation system, USDOT plays a key role in mitigating the negative health impacts of transportation and maximizing the positive influences through programs that protect the environment, improve air quality, reduce the prevalence and severity of crashes, and provides options for mode choice. Moreover, FHWA and FTA, for example, oversee a transportation planning process that ensures safe, equitable, and efficient access to vital services for all users of the transportation system.

### What do we mean--Health & Transportation?

### **TRANSPORTATION**

- Air Pollution
- Motor Veh Crashes
- Urban Form
- Noise
- Water Quality
- Bike/Ped Injuries
- Climate Change
- Mental Health
- EJ
- Access to Stuff
- Social Capital

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity

Public Health is the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through the organized efforts and informed choices of society, organizations, public and private, communities and individuals

http://www.who.int/en/

# Social Capital (Quality of Life)

The individual and communal time and energy that is available for such things as community improvement, social networking, civic engagement, personal recreation, and other activities that create social bonds between individuals



and groups. Circumstances that prevent or limit the availability of social capital for a community and its members can have a negative effect on the health and well-being of the members of that community. These negative effects on health and well-being can in turn have negative effects on the community as a whole.

http://www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces/terminology.htm#p

# **Health Origins at FHWA**

Sept 2011 Health in Transportation: a Review of Current FHWA Practice (internal report done by Volpe)

Jan 2012 HinT Working group formed (12 FHWA Offices)

Dec 2012 HinT expanded to FTA, NHTSA and OST

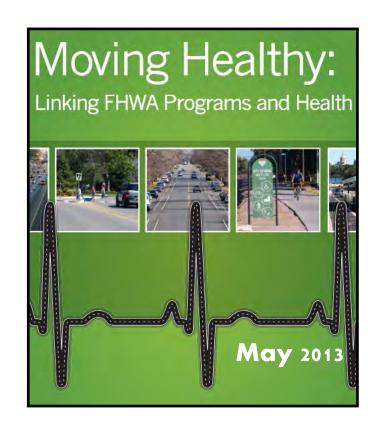
### **Working Definition for HinT**

The provision of safe and reliable mobility and access influences, and is influenced by, health. The objectives of the Working Group are to (1) identify and recognize aspects of existing FHWA programs that relate to health and (2) build awareness of these programs and their impacts with FHWA leadership, staff, and stakeholders.

# **HinT Highlights**

### **Early Accomplishments**

This document provides information on FHWA programs, initiatives, tools, and resources that influence or are influenced by health. Although FHWA does not have a single, specific program that focuses solely on health, it is implicit in a broad range of existing programs



http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/health\_in\_transportation/resources/moving\_healthy.cfm

# **HinT Highlights Continued**

#### Health in Transportation Resources FHWA → Planning Health in Health in Transportation Transportation **Working Group** Welcome to the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Health and Recent Frequently Asked Transportation webpage. This webpage is designed to be a **Ouestions** Updates comprehensive resource on the linkages between transportation and Research Efforts health. · Health in Transportation Training Working Opportunities Linking health and transportation brings together transportation Group: professionals and health practitioners in a collaborative process to 2014 Related Links improve transportation decisions. Working together, we are Annual committed to developing transportation options that promote and Report (4/17/15)improve access to healthy and active lifestyles. Contacts For more USDOT is committed to promoting better consideration of health information, please outcomes in transportation. Our work is focused on the following objectives: contact: Frederick Promote safety, Bowers · Improve air quality, Tameka Macon Respect the natural environment through Context Sensitive Solutions, Victoria Martinez · Improve social equity by improving access to jobs, health care and other Aung Gye community services, Jill Stark Create additional opportunities for the positive effects of walking, biking, public transportation, and ride- and vehicle-sharing, ■ Ed

· Conduct research on transportation's role in improving quality of life.

options that support safe, accessible, and healthy communities.

USDOT looks forward to collaborating with our stakeholders to build transportation

Christopher,

Faith Hall, FTA

Resource Center

### **A Website**

- Working Group
- FAQs
- Resources
- Annotated Links

http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/health\_in\_transportation

### **Current HinT Activities**

- Coordination/Information Sharing, Internal MailList
- Annotated Bibliography
- Advanced and Detailed FAQs
- Planning for Healthy Communities White Papers (Metro and State)
- Framework for Incorporating Health in the Transportation Corridor Planning Process
- Meetings with CDC

# White Papers ~ Metro Area Report

Describes some Frameworks/typologies for MPO involvement

Presents 4 in depth case studies (Nashville, PSRC, SACOG, SANDAG)

Discusses the context
(key players, Data and
Tools, Regulatory/Programmatic Setting,
and Funding Sources



http://www.planning.dot.gov/documents/Volpe\_FHWA\_MPOHealth\_12122012.pdf

### For me the Metro area report is a...

# Intro to Transportation Planning and its Process with a focus on Health

	Who Develops?	Who Approves?	Time Horizon	Content	Update Requirements	
UPWP	МРО	мро	1 or 2 Years	Planning Studies and Tasks	4 years for	
МТР	мро	MPO	20 Years	Future Goals, Strategies, and Projects		
TIP	мро	MPO/ Governor	4 Years	Transportation Investments	Every 4 Years	
LRSTP	State DOT	State DOT	20 Years	Future Goals, Strategies, and Projects	Not Specified	
STIP	State DOT	US DOT	4 Years	Transportation Investments	Every 4 Years	

Key documents in metropolitan and statewide transportation planning processes. Source: FHWA/FTA TPCB Briefing Book

"Metropolitan area planning products and requirements can be vessels to formalize or communicate health considerations"

# But it does bring Health in with specifics...

<u>Table</u> 2 Incorporation of Health into the Transportation Planning Process by Case Study MPOs

MPO Name	Regional Vision and Goals	Development of Transportation Plan	Development of S/TIP	Monitor System Performance
Nashville Area MPO				
PSRC				
SACOG				
SANDAG				

Darker colors signify greater progression in activity

### **Nashville Travel Survey Health Questions**

### Since the Report was done

- Daily time spent sitting on a typical weekday
- Daily time spent sitting on a specific weekday (last Wednesday)
- Overall level of physical activity
- Overall level of health
- Overall diet health
- Height and weight

http://www.nashvillempo.org/docs/research/Nashville\_Final\_Report\_062513.pdf

# White Papers ~ State DOT Report

California DOT (Caltrans)

Iowa DOT (IADOT)

Massachusetts DOT (MassDOT)

Minnesota DOT (MnDOT)

North Carolina DOT (NCDOT)



https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/health\_in\_transportation/resources/s tatewide\_healthy\_communities/hep14032.pdf

# **State DOT Report**

Activity	Caltrans	Iowa DOT	MassDOT	MnDOT	NCDOT	Highlight	
Executive Health Initiative	Х	x				The governor's public-private Healthiest State Initiative seeks to make Iowa the healthiest State in the country by 2016.	
Legislative Requirements			x			The Massachusetts legislature established the inter-agency Health Transportation Compact (HTC) and directed MassDOT to work with private, State, and Federal partners as part of the "establishment of a healthy transportation policy."	
Complementary State Goals (e.g., Sustainability, Serving Seniors, etc.)	x	x	x	x	x	Interest in and responsibility for health at Caltrans spans many priorities and initiatives such as active transportation, reduced a pollution, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, Complete Streets implementation, highway safety improvement planning, and SRT	
DOT - State Health Agency Partnership	X	x	x	x	x	MnDOT regularly works with the MDH in coordinating activities, whether it is promoting walking and bicycling, providing input for MnDOT's visioning effort, or identifying ways to expand technical assistance to MDH grantees that are responsible for transportation activities.	
Formal, Broad Multi- Agency Health Partnership	x		x		x	Caltrans actively participates in the Health in All Policies Task Force, a group established in February 2010 under <u>State Execution Order S-04-10</u> , to coordinate State agency activities that promothealth and sustainability goals in California.	
Research and Partnerships with Academic Institutions	X			x	x	MnDOT partnered with the University of Minnesota on a study and survey to explore the relationship between quality of life and transportation in Minnesota. These results spurred agency discussions about how to address health in transportation activities.	
SRTS - Health Coordination	Х	x	x	х	x	An Iowa DOT grant in Northeast Iowa funded an SRTS liaison to coordinate between the rural planning organization, local municipalities, and a key local health partner on promoting rural youth health through physical activity.	
Assistance to Local Partners Incorporating Health into Transportation Planning	X	x	х	х	x	NCDOT supports rural and metropolitan planning organizations seeking to include health as a planning goal through activities such as the 2012 workshop that outlined a strategy for considering health in rural/metropolitan planning documents.	

### Framework for....

# Incorporating Public Health in the Transportation Corridor Planning Process (\$400K)



2013 to Mid 2016
ICF is contractor
Incorporated into Plan Works (formerly TCAP)

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/health\_in\_transportation/research\_efforts/

### Where is the Framework Today?

### **Being Beta Tested (2014-2015)**

- Akron Metro Regional Transit Authority (METRO)
- Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority (EMBARK)
- Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC)
- East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC)
- Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT)

# Framework for....

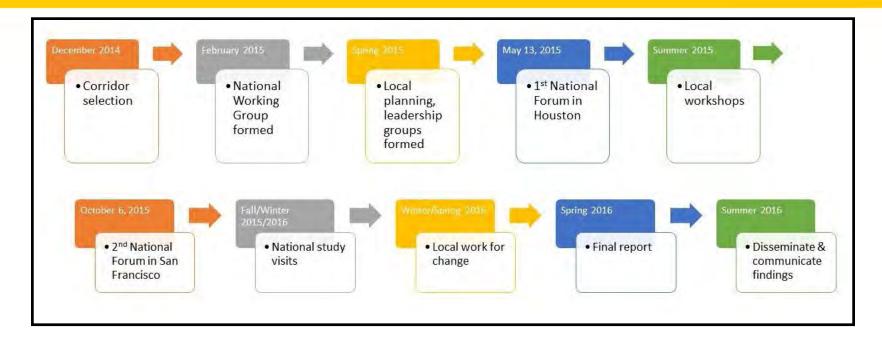


Akron, OH



**Appleton, WI** 

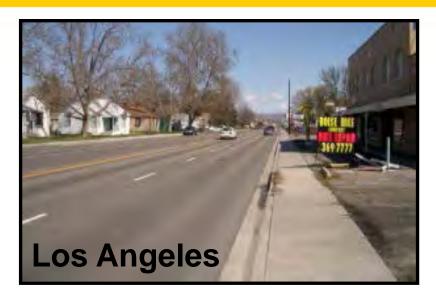
# **ULI Healthy Corridors Project**

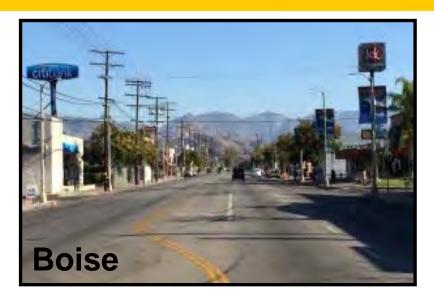


- Develop and refine approaches for creating healthy corridors
- Identify approaches that work
- Leverage new understanding around effective approaches
- Disseminate lessons learned throughout the ULI networks

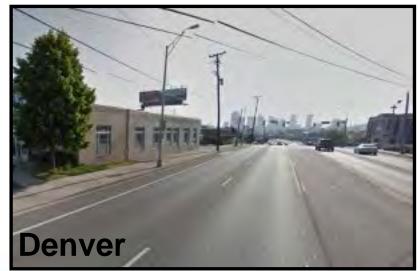
<u>http://uli.org/research/centers-initiatives/building-healthy-places-initiative/healthy-corridors</u>

# **ULI Healthy Corridor Locations**









# **Meetings with CDC**



### Two Projects of note

Linking of transportation variables to NHIS National Personal Household Travel Survey



### Staffs working together

Bike group How funding programs work

NHTS: Health Condition, Walking/Biking for exercise, Walking/Biking prohibitions, difficulty traveling outside, mobility aids, physically active

### One other BIG thing

# TRANSPORTATION & HEALTH TOOL

Loaded with Indicators

### Goals

- Help transportation decision-makers understand public health
- Inform health-supportive transportation policies and project decisions
- Strengthen collaborations between Trans. and PH sectors

CDC and USDOT Jointly Funded Project

#### **Uses**

- Online pre-loaded with region and state data
- Assess how state/ MPO is performing/where to improve
- Offer policy recommendations
- Evidence base for integrating PH and Trans.

### 14 Indicators

- Alcohol-impaired Fatalities
- Commute Mode Shares
- Complete Streets Policies
- Housing and Transportation Affordability
- Land Use Mix
- Person Miles Traveled by Mode
- Physical Activity from Transportation
- Proximity to Major Roadways
- Public Transportation Trips per Capita
- Road Traffic Fatalities by Mode
- Road Traffic Fatalities Exposure Rate
- Seat Belt Use
- Use of Federal Funds for Bike and Ped Efforts
- Vehicle Miles Traveled per Capita



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### Transportation and Health Tool



Photo credit: www.pedbikeimages.org / Laura Sandt

#### What is the Transportation and Health Tool?

The "Transportation and Health Tool" provides easy access to a set of transportation and public health indicators, reported at the state and metropolitan level. You can use the tool to quickly see how your state or metropolitan area compares with others in addressing key transportation and health issues. It also provides information and resources to help agencies better understand the links between transportation and health and to identify strategies for improvement.

### **Indicator Profiles**

- ~ Description
- Transportation and Health Connection
- ~ About the Data
- ~ Moving Forward
- ~ Related Strategies
- ~ References

### **Complete Streets Policies**

#### **Indicator Description**

The Complete Streets Policies indicator provides information on whether or not a state or the metropolitan planning organization that serves the region or a given metro area has adopted a complete streets policy that requires or encourages a safe, comfortable, integrated transportation network for all users, regardless of age, ability, income, ethnicity, or mode of transportation. Data come from the National Complete Streets Coalition's list of complete streets policies. A score of either 0 (no policy) or 100 (policy in place) is provided for this indicator.

#### Transportation and Health Connection

Roadways traditionally have been designed primarily for

# Strategies to Address Health

- ~ Description
- ~ Tie to indicators
- ~ Health Benefits
- ~ Resources-more Info
- ~ Evidence Base
- ~ Field Examples

- Built environment strategies to deter crime
- Child Passenger Safety laws, child safety seat distribution programs, education and enhanced enforcement
- Clean freight
- Complete Streets
- Distracted driving
- · Encourage and promote safe Bicycling and walking
- · Expand bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure
- · Expand public transportation
- Graduated driver licensing systems
- Health impact assessment (HIA)
- Health performance metrics
- High-occupancy vehicle lanes
- Impaired driving laws
- Improve roadway safety
- · Improve vehicles and fuels
- Integrate health and transportation planning
- · In-vehicle monitoring and feedback
- Multimodal access to public transportation
- Promote connectivity
- · Ride sharing programs
- Rural public transportation systems
- · Safe Routes to School programs
- · Seat belt laws
- · Strengthen helmet laws
- Traffic calming to slow vehicle speeds

# **Scoring Methodology**

- ~ Raw Value
- ~ Score "0 to 100"
- ~ Percentile
- ~ Standardized "Z" Score
- ~ "Z" adjusted for outliers
- Adjusted so a higher score is always better

### **Tool Scoring Methodology**

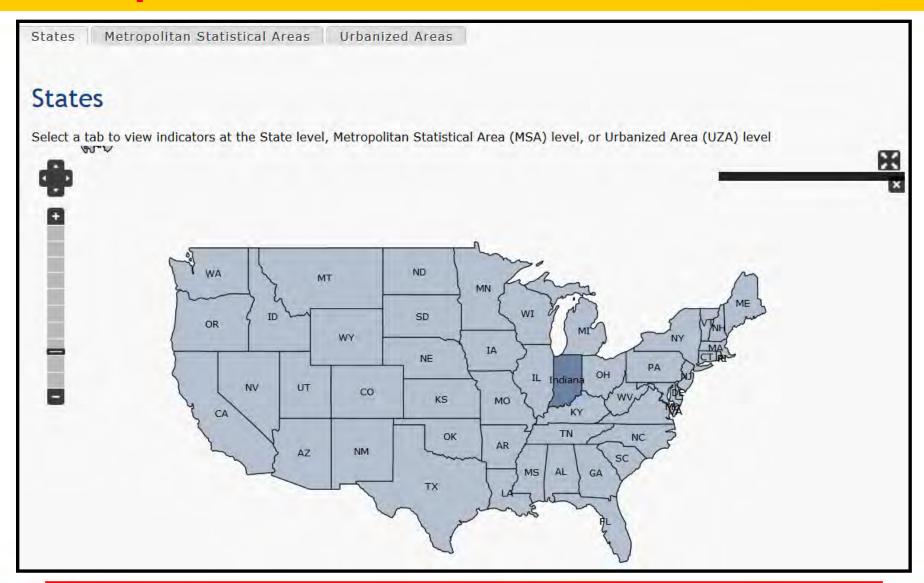
A primary objective of the "Transportation and Health Tool" is to help users understand the connection between transportation and health. Many of the indicators used in the tool are technical. Users who are not transportation and health specialists might wonder if the indicator values for their state or urban area are "good" or "bad." For some indicators, higher values are better. For other indicators, lower values are better. The range of results varies widely between indicators.

To make results easier to interpret, the website provides scores for states, metropolitan statistical areas, and urbanized areas on a scale of 0 to 100, where higher values are better. The score for a given state or area represents its percentile value. This is the percent of states or regions that score below it.

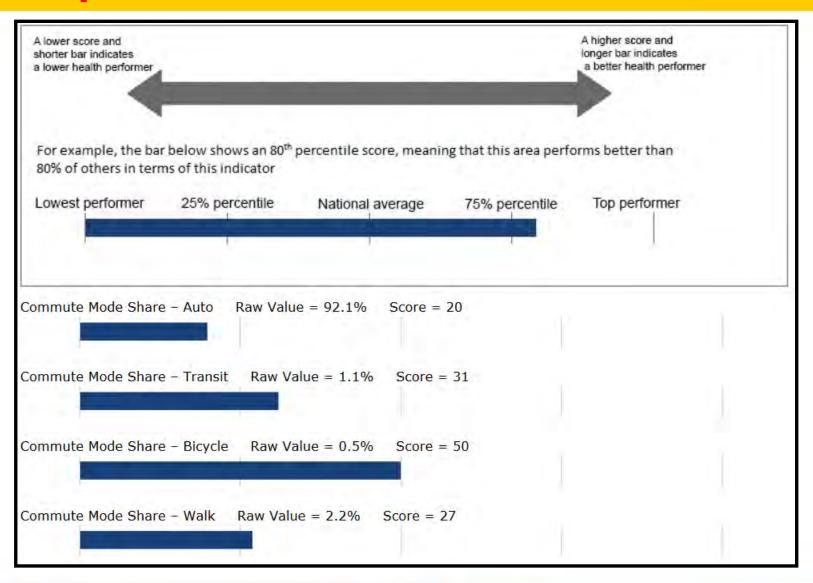
Indicators by Geography

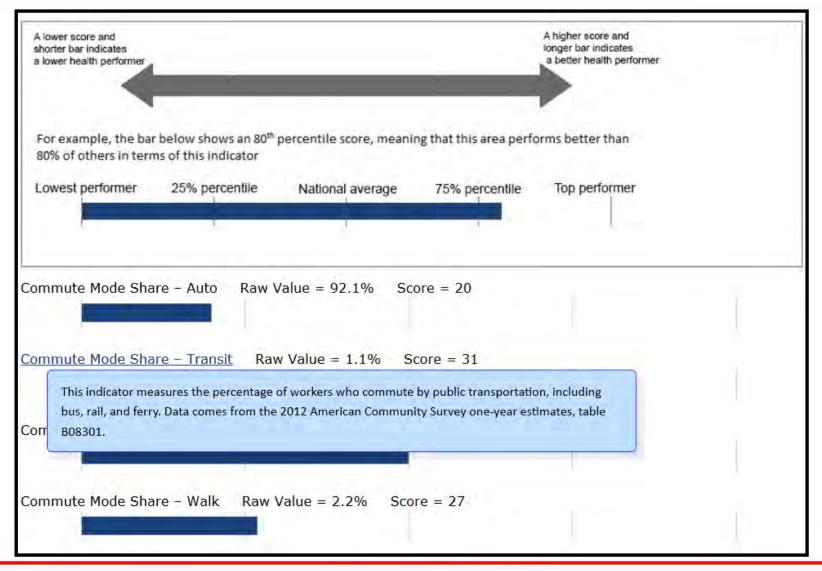
Indicator	Geography			
maicator	State	MSA	UZA	
Commute Mode Share (Auto, Transit, Bike, Walk)	X	X		
Complete Streets	X	X		
DUI/DWI Fatalities	Х	X		
Housing/Transportation Affordability		X		
Land Use Mix		X		
PMT (Auto, Walking)	X			
Physical Activity from Transportation	Х			
Proximity to Major Roadways	X	X		
Road Traffic Fatalities (Auto, Bike, Ped)	X	Х		
Seat Belt Use	Х			
Traffic Fatalities Exposure Rate (Auto, Bike, Ped)	X	X		
Transit Trips per Capita	X		X	
Use of Federal Funds for Bike/Ped	X			
VMT per Capita	X		X	

https://stage8.dot.gov/mission/health/transportation-and-health-tool

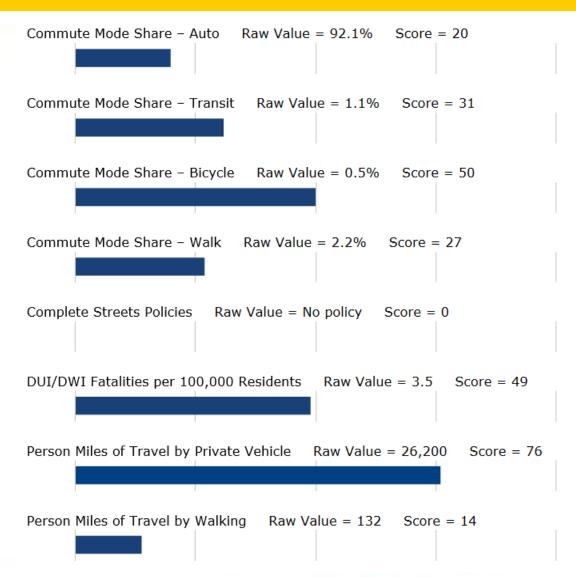


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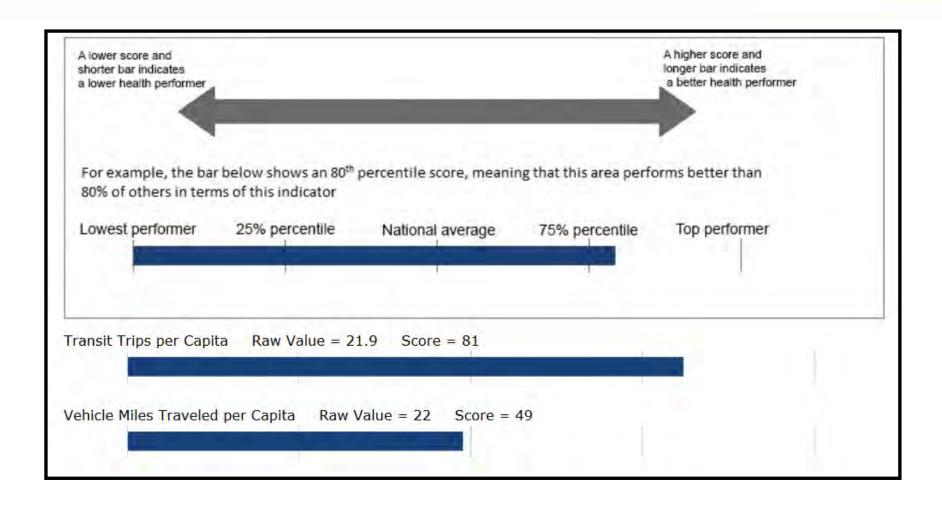
### **THT ~ State of Indiana Indicators**

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Commute Mode Share - Auto Raw Value = 92.1% Score = 20
Commute Mode Share – Transit Raw Value = 1.1% Score = 31
Commute Mode Share – Bicycle Raw Value = 0.5% Score = 50
Commute Mode Share – Walk Raw Value = 2.2% Score = 27
Complete Streets Policies Raw Value = No policy Score = 0
DUI/DWI Fatalities per 100,000 Residents Raw Value = 3.5 Score = 49
Person Miles of Travel by Private Vehicle Raw Value = 26,200 Score = 76
Person Miles of Travel by Walking Raw Value = 132 Score = 14
Physical Activity from Transportation Raw Value = 7.08 Score = 27
Proximity to Major Roadways Raw Value = 0.01% Score = 97
Road Traffic Fatalities/100.000 Residents – Auto Raw Value = 10.6 Score = 46
Road Traffic Fatalities/100,000 Residents – Bicycle Raw Value = 0.2 Score = 41
Road Traffic Fatalities/100,000 Residents – Pedestrian Raw Value = 0.9 Score = 78
Seat Belt Use Raw Value = 0.94 Score = 90
Road Traffic Fatalities Exposure Rate – Auto Raw Value = 11.5 Score = 51
Road Traffic Fatalities Exposure Rate – Bicycle Raw Value = 42.3 Score = 40
Road Traffic Fatalities Exposure Rate – Pedestrian Raw Value = 40.5 Score = 53
Transit Trips per Capita Raw Value = 11.7 Score = 55
Use of Federal Funds for Bike and Ped Efforts Raw Value = 3.10% Score = 90
Vehicle Miles Traveled per Capita Raw Value = 11,737 Score = 18
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### **THT ~ Muncie MSA**

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Commute Mode Share – Auto Raw Value = 89.5% Score = 61
Commute Mode Share – Transit Raw Value = 1.7% Score = 59
Commute Mode Share – Bicycle Raw Value = 1.0% Score = 80
Commute Mode Share – Walk Raw Value = 5.2% Score = 95
Complete Streets Raw Value = No policy Score = 0
DUI/DWI Fatalities per 100,000 Residents Raw Value = 2.6 Score = 61
|Housing and Transportation Affordability Raw Value = 51.9% | Score = 48
Land Use Mix Raw Value = 0.49 Score = 47
Proximity to Major Roadways Raw Value = 0.00% Score = 100
Road Traffic Fatalities/100,000 Residents – Auto Raw Value = 8.8 Score = 57
Road Traffic Fatalities/100,000 Residents – Bicycle Raw Value = 0.0 Score = 89
Road Traffic Fatalities/100,000 Residents – Pedestrian Raw Value = 0.3 Score = 95
Road Traffic Fatalities Exposure Rate – Auto Raw Value = 9.8 Score = 57
Road Traffic Fatalities Exposure Rate – Bicycle Raw Value = 0.0 Score = 97
Road Traffic Fatalities Exposure Rate – Pedestrian Raw Value = 6.6 Score = 98
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### **THT ~ Muncie Urbanized Area**



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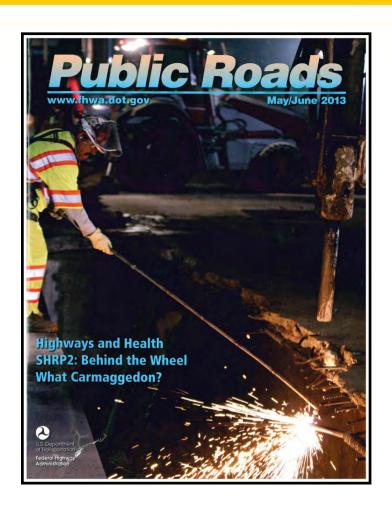
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### **How Does Transportation Affect PH?**

Article with MPO and state DOT examples of where public health is an active component of the organization

MPOs tend to be programmatic focused

State DOTs tend to be process and goal oriented.



https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/publicroads/13mayjun/05.cfm

## What about Health Impact Assessments?

HIA is a process to analyze and evaluate the potential effects that a proposed policy or project may have on human health and to help determine the best approach to mitigate those effects

## **Major Steps**

- 1.Screen
- 2.Scope
- 3. Assess
- 4. Recommend
- **5. Report Results**
- 6. Monitor/Evaluate

http://www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces/hia.htm

http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/projects/health-impact-project/research-andanalysis/toolkits-guides-and-data-sources

## Who has done HIAs?

54 Completed Transportation-Related HIAs in the U.S., 2004–2015 (18 in Progress)



Source: Health Impact Project HIA database

http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/projects/health-impact-project

## Proposed Bus Routes Expansion (Marion Cnty)

## IN Univ Dept of Public Health Marion County Health Department Indianapolis MPO

Graduate level HIA course First half learned HIA Second half hands-on experience

Students conducted a rapid assessment Focused on physical activity, obesity, and diabetes.

AT A GLANCE	
Status	Complete
Completion Date	2011
Decision-Level	Local
Sector	Transportation
Organization type	Educational Institution

http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/multimedia/data-visualizations/2015/hia-map/state/indiana/hia-of-a-proposed-expansion-of-bus-routes

http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/projects/health-impact-project

#### **TRB Activities**



Formed 5 Years ago
Co-Chairs
Ed Christopher
Eloisa Raynault formerly
with APHA

#### Co-Sponsoring Committees

- Urban Data and Information Systems (ABJ 30)
- Travel Behavior and Values (ADB10)
- Transportation and Sustainability (ADD 40)
- Environmental Justice in Transportation (ADD50)

## **Typical committee activities**

Website

ListServe (over 380 subscribers)

http://www.chrispy.net/mailman/listinfo/H+T--Friends

Follow @TRBhealth on Twitter

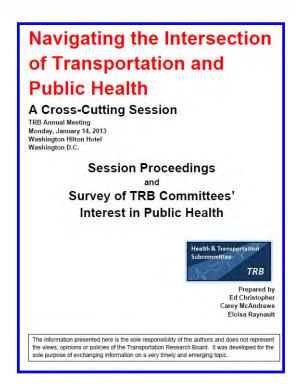
Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/trbhealthandtransportation/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/trbhealthandtransportation/</a>

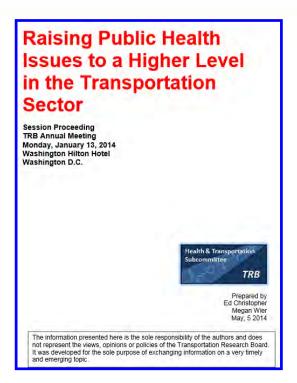
Newsletter, Research Statements, Paper Calls

Review Papers, sponsor Sessions and Workshops

http://www.trbhealth.org

## **Notable progress**





http://www.trbhealth.org/highlights

http://www.trbhealth.org

#### **TRNews Themed Issue**

#### **Due out November 2015**

## Public Health and Transportation Innovation, Intervention and Introspection

Sampling of articles

Setting the Stage: Why Public Health (PH) and Transportation

Health Impact Assessment. What is it? When, where and why do them?

How to connect with the PH Community

**Health in Transportation: An MPO and State DOT Focus** 

**Incorporating Health in an MPO Planning Process** 

Perspectives from the TRB Committees that sponsor the subcommittee

...and more

#### **New Task Force**

January 2015 TRB approved a new Task Force

Task Force on Arterials and Public Health (ADD55T)

...to inform the Planning, Design, and Operation of arterials while considering the implications to Public Health

- -3 year Life
- -Vetted research agenda
- -Very broad support
- -Just forming

https://www.mytrb.org/CommitteeDetails.aspx?CMTID=4403

#### All Roads Lead to the Future

## **2016 Annual Meeting**

Subcommittee
Sunday Workshop
Institutionalizing Health in Transportation Agencies

Poster Session
Innovations in Health and Transportation

**Subcommittee Meeting** 

**Task Force Meeting** 

TRB Executive Board (Special Health focus)

# **Surgeon General's Call to Action**

Surgeon General Announces His Call to Action to Promote Walking and Walkable Communities

The U.S. Surgeon General's Call to Action campaign, called "Step It Up!," recognizes the importance of physical activity for people of all ages and abilities. "Step It Up" includes five strategic goals: 1)make walking a national priority; 2)design communities that make it safe and easy to walk for people of all ages and abilities; 3) promote programs and policies to support walking where people lie, learn, work, and play; 4) provide information to encourage walking and improve walkability; and 5) fill surveillance, research, and evaluation gaps related to walking and walkability.



http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/calls/walking-and-walkable-communities

### **Social Determinants of Health**

#### **Economic Stability**

Poverty -- Employment Food Security -- Housing Stability

#### **Education**

High School Graduation
Enrollment in Higher Education
Language and Literacy
Early Childhood Ed. and Development

#### **Social and Community Context**

Social Cohesion -- Civic Participation Perceptions of Discrimination and Equity

Incarceration/Institutionalization

#### **Health and Health Care**

Access to Health Care/ Primary Care Health Literacy

# Neighborhood and Built Environment

Access to Healthy Foods
Quality of Housing
Crime and Violence
Environmental Conditions



http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topicsobjectives/topic/social-determinants-health

## Thank you

# Is your MPO/DOT doing anything with Public Health? Let me know. Lets Talk

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http://www.americashealthrankings.org/

http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/

https://stage8.dot.gov/mission/health/transportation-and-health-tool

# Step it Up!



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mq3DxArKAEo