

Creating Livable Communities Through Public Involvement

Organizations

National Pedestrian and Bicycle Clearinghouses

Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center (PBIC)—The PBIC (initiated and funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration) hosts several web sites that contain comprehensive information on walking and bicycling issues and resources for community members and professionals to improve conditions for walking and biking.

www.pedbikeinfo.org, www.walkinginfo.org, www.bicyclinginfo.org, and www.pedbikeimages.org

Active Living by Design—The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Active Living by Design (ALBD) program has become a model for establishing community partnerships for active living. The ALBD Resource Center (<http://www.activelivingresources.org/index.php>) provides technical assistance to create active communities.

www.activelivingbydesign.org

National Center for Safe Routes to School—The NCSRTS aims to assist communities in developing successful Safe Routes programs and strategies. The Center offers information on how to start and sustain a Safe Routes to School program, case studies of successful programs, as well as many other resources.

www.saferoutesinfo.org/

National Transportation Agencies

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Pedestrian and Bicycle Programs—FHWA administers federal funds for transportation improvements and provides technical assistance to localities implementing pedestrian and bicycle projects and programs. Three Offices in the FHWA deal with pedestrian and bicyclist safety and accommodation: the Office of Safety, Office of Safety Research and the Office of Human and Natural Environment.

safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/ped/index.htm, www.tfhr.gov/safety/pedbike/index.htm, and www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bikeped/

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)—NHTSA's mission is to save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce economic costs due to road traffic crashes through education, research, safety standards, and enforcement activity. The agency collects and publishes state and national crash data, including data on pedestrian and bicycle crashes. They also distribute to the general public free educational information and publications focused on many areas of traffic safety, including bicycling, walking, and driving.

www.nhtsa.dot.gov/

National Coalitions and Alliances

America Walks—America Walks is a national coalition of local advocacy groups dedicated to promoting walkable communities and helping communities form advocacy groups. America Walks provides a support network for local pedestrian advocacy groups. The group offers advice about how to get started and how to be effective with public officials and engineering and design professionals.

www.americawalks.org/

For more organizations, visit www.walkinginfo.org.

Thunderhead Alliance—The Thunderhead Alliance is a national coalition of state and local bicycle and pedestrian advocacy organizations. The group's mission is to create, strengthen and unite state and local bicycle and pedestrian advocacy organizations.

www.thunderheadalliance.org

League of American Bicyclists (LAB)—LAB's mission is to promote bicycling for fun, fitness and transportation and work through advocacy and education for a bicycle-friendly America. LAB provides a web site and various resources to help community members take action and effectively advocate for bicycling improvements and increased bicycling.

www.bikeleague.org

Safe Communities—Safe Communities, a project of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), is a national organization dedicated to creating local community coalitions to prevent motor vehicle injuries. As Safe Communities emphasizes, expanded partnerships with representatives of the business community, health community, and government agencies are an important step in creating community involvement to seek solutions.

www.nhtsa.gov/portal/site/nhtsa/menuitem.404f848a3e46fc67ba8e5f8dcba046a0

Safe Kids—By working at a national level through grassroots community coalitions, SAFE Kids, a campaign that aims to prevent the number one killer of children—unintentional injury—educates adults and children alike, provides safety devices to families in need, works to pass and strengthen laws to empower families and communities, and to protect children ages 14 and under.

www.usa.safekids.org/

Keep Kids Alive Drive 25®—A non-profit organization founded in the summer of 1998, the Keep Kids Alive Drive 25® is a safety campaign targeting observance of the residential speed limit. The campaign goal is to unite neighborhoods and communities throughout the US with a consistent message about safe driving.

www.keepkidsalivedrive25.org

Partnership for a Walkable America—The goals of the Partnership for a Walkable America (PWA) are to improve the conditions for walking in America and to increase the number of Americans who walk regularly. Members include national governmental agencies and non-profit organizations concerned about three main areas: Health, Safety and the Environment.

www.walkableamerica.org/

Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP)—APBP is a professional membership organization that promotes excellence in the emerging professional discipline of pedestrian and bicycle transportation. The association provides a newsletter, directory, listserv, an annual professional development seminar, and other resources.

www.apbp.org

Other Safety Organizations

National Safety Council (NSC)—The National Safety Council is a nonprofit, nongovernmental, international public service organization dedicated to protecting life and promoting health. The NSC is a membership organization; members include more than 48,000 businesses, labor organizations, schools, public agencies, private groups and individuals.

www.nsc.org/

Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA)—This nonprofit association represents the highway safety offices of states and territories. These offices work to change the behavior of drivers and other road users in order to reduce motor vehicle-related deaths and injuries, including those related to pedestrians and bicyclists. The Association provides a collective voice for the states in working with Congress and the federal agencies to address the nation's highway safety challenges.

www.ghsa.org/

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