

# Street Smart your E-Communiqué from the Livable Communities Coalition

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**Street Smart** is a compilation of articles scoured from various sources that help us meet our mission promoting livable communities in Arizona through education and advocacy.

## Legend

Articles are color coded by topic!

Transportation - melon

Housing - blue

Health - violet

Environment - green

Legislative - gray

## Collaborative Partners

· AARP

· ADOT

· ASU Stardust Center

for Affordable Homes & the Family

· AZ Planning Assoc.

· AZ Housing Alliance

· Arizona PIRG

· AZ Rail Passenger Assoc.

· AZTA

· Coalition of AZ Bicyclists

· Friends of Transit

· LISC

· MAG

· Sonoran Institute

· Southwest Rail Coalition

· Urban Land Institute

· Valley Metro RPTA

## How Geeks Get Us Around Town

**Gene Holmerud**, coalition member, was kind enough to forward an interesting article on how transportation "geeks" have created mobile apps to help riders sync their personal life with their transit providers schedule.

Read about grass roots activism at its finest. [Click here.](#)

## Denver's Progress with Regional Rail Transit

Denver Transit Partners and Mountain Air Transit Partners are two firms vying for metro Denver's latest estimated \$2.3 billion, 46-year contract to build and operate a major portion of the area's FasTracks regional rail-transit project.

Read more about this highly anticipated project [here](#).

## How Portland Sold Its Banks on Walkable Development

In many parts of America, efforts to build transit-oriented, walkable communities are foiled because financing can't be secured for projects that differ from the templates lenders have become used to since World War II. See how Portland's Metro transit oriented development department works with developers and offers financial incentives for TOD's.

[Click here to read more](#)



## Arizona Leaders Attend the Sustainability Summit Held June 6th

Directors Michael Traylor, AZDOH, Ben Grumbles, AZDEQ and John Halikowski, AZDOT are shown working on establishing the first collaborative meeting between

their respective agencies to promote and support sustainable communities. Traylor remarked "this is the first of many (meetings) as we continue to work toward our common goal of providing a more conducive environment for the production of sustainable housing."

## FTA and HUD Unveil Website to Help Communities Create Mixed-Income Housing Near Transit

Check out this new website created by the FTA and HUD to help create an inclusive mixed-income TOD planning process that includes helping stakeholders be better equipped with tools and strategies to address their specific community needs.

[Click here.](#)

## How Other Countries Integrate Housing and Transit

Another amazing image captured and placed on U Tube for our viewing pleasure. Be sure to watch the entire clip.

[Click here.](#)

## Upcoming Events

- June 29 - MAG - Moving Communities Forward - Phoenix - contact [rbrito@mag.maricopa.gov](mailto:rbrito@mag.maricopa.gov) to register
- July 7 - WTS - Can Transit Deliver a Positive Economic Impact? - [click here to register](#)

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