

Street Smart

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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.

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Articles are color coded by topic!

Transportation - melon
Housing - blue
Health - violet
Environment - green
Legislative - gray

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Partners

- * AARP
- * American Planning Association - AZ
- * AZ Housing Alliance
- * AZ PIRG
- * ADOT
- * AZ Rail Passenger Assoc.
- * ASU Stardust Center for Affordable Homes & the Family
- * AZ Transit Assoc.
- * Coalition of AZ Bicyclists
- * Friends of Transit
- * Local Initiatives Support Coalition
- * Maricopa Association of Governments
- * Sonoran Institute
- * Southwest Rail Corridor Coalition
- * Urban Land Institute
- * Valley Metro RPTA



Grant Alert!

The Strategic Highway Research Program is seeking proposals for the effect of smart growth policies on travel demand.

If your team has an interest in the requirements, [click here](#). Deadline is September 27th.

Linking Transportation and Housing Solutions for Older Adults

Safe, affordable, and accessible transportation choices are critical for older adults who wish to remain independent. Through transportation program improvements and improved coordination of housing, transportation, and land-use policy, communities can help ensure that older adults have good transportation access to needed services and amenities.

[Click here to read more](#)



Nuestro Barrio - Urban Farming in South Phoenix

Urban farming in Phoenix - see best practices in action.

[View the Urban Farming Video](#)

Study Documents High Social Costs of Sprawl



Thad Williamson, Assistant Professor of Leadership Studies and Political Science at the University of Richmond, provides one of the first looks at the real, measurable consequences of sprawl in *Sprawl, Justice and Citizenship: The Civic Cost of the American Way of Life*. Williamson uses an extensive 30,000-person survey to illustrate the negative effects of sprawl on civic life, social equality and the environment.

Copies are available from Oxford University Press



Facebook-Powered Civic Activism!

From popular culture to business, politics and government, it's no stretch to say social media has taken society by storm. Just this month, Facebook, the largest





online social network, announced that it now has over 500 million registered users. With such a large group of people in one place, it's no surprise that Facebook is quickly becoming a first stop for getting citizens more involved civic and political issues.

[Read more about Facebook Power here](#)



Events of Note

- In the month of August -The Central Phoenix Transportation Framework Study (CPHX) is in the process of outreach for long-range planning initiated by the Maricopa Association of Governments(MAG). [Click here to view outreach meeting dates](#)
- September 16th - Tucson - Arizona Housing Alliance's Annual Meeting & Reception - Energize Housing! Trish Miller, Director of Enterprise Green Communities will be a guest speaker. [Click here to read more and RSVP](#)
- October 18th - 21st - Portland, OR - Rail-Volution - Building Livable Communities with Transit. [Join the conversation](#)
- ADOT Wants to Know: What Moves You Arizona? The Arizona Department of Transportation is updating the State Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and needs your input! [Take their short survey](#)

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