

# 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.

#### Legend

Articles are color coded by topic!

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#### Developers and Planners Take Note:

##### A Reminder About the Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program

This program encourages the preservation and reuse of the nation's built environment by offering federal tax credits to owners of historic properties. Since it was enacted, the tax credit has generated over \$50 billion in renovation and revitalization dollars. As a disincentive to demolition, it allows the owner of a historic building to receive an income tax credit of 20% of the amount spent to rehabilitate a certified historic structure. There is also a 10% credit for older, non-historic buildings. With a five-to-one ratio of private investment to federal tax credits, the program has developed more than 35,600 projects nationwide. In 2008 alone the credit produced \$5.64 billion in private investment and created over 67,000 new jobs - about 55 new jobs per project.

[Check Out Incentives for Adaptive Reuse](#)



#### Looking for Funding?

*Active Living Research* is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that supports research to inform policy and environmental strategies for increasing physical activity among children and adolescents. **This call for proposals will support opportunistic, time-sensitive studies on emerging or anticipated changes in physical activity-related policies or environments.** Rapid-response grants are expected to accelerate progress toward policy and environmental strategies to prevent and reduce childhood obesity. **Deadline is July 1, 2011**



#### ModBox - Take a Peek

If you were unable to attend the tour earlier this month, click on the link below to inspect the v100 Mod Box, a modern, prefabricated live/work space. It's easily adapted for many different uses and its 10' X 10' X 10' highly efficient, zero maintenance design gives a deceptively spacious feel. It's an appealing housing alternative for those interested in sustainable communities as all construction materials are recycled or recyclable and contain no VOCs.

[Take a Visual Tour](#)



#### Are We Moving Toward The Tipping Point?

A pair of actor's from ABC's crime drama Castle are trying to live a car-free life a couple of days every month and are filming their experiences for a YouTube documentary series. Take a glance.

[More Bike - Less Car](#)



#### A Reality Check on Central Arizona: GROWTH AND PROSPERITY THROUGH CONNECTED CENTERS

Through ULI's Arizona Chapter, Moving AzOne asked community leaders to articulate a common vision for growth by exploring possibilities for the region's land use and transportation decisions. Be inspired! Read the guiding principles that were recommended by Realty Check Participants.

[Knowledge is Power - Peruse the Executive Summary](#)



#### Events of Note

- December 1, Phoenix - Global Arizona 100 Conference. Visionaries and innovators gather to talk about Arizona's strategy for global competition. [Join the Conversation](#)
- December 1, Phoenix - Arizona Housing Alliance. Listen to special guest speaker Michael Traylor, Director Arizona Department of Housing, provide an update on ongoing programs and share what's in store for the upcoming year at the Arizona Department of Housing. [Learn More](#)
- December 8, Tucson - ULI Arizona - Transforming the UA2Downtown Corridor. [Join the Conversation](#)
- February 3-5, Charlotte N. C. - 10th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference. Building Safe, Healthy and Livable Communities. [Learn More](#)

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