

# 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

Thought Provocation - buff

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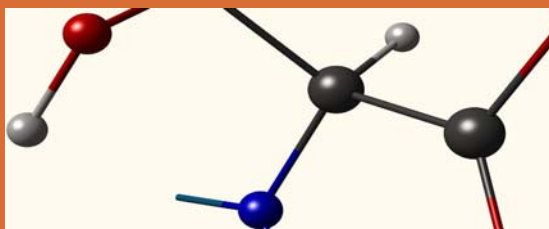
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## Connections & Partnerships Moving Arizona Forward A Conference for Connectivity

The Livable Communities Coalition  
Arizona Transit Association  
Arizona Department of Transportation

We are excited to share with Coalition members, the fabulous opportunity to "spread the word", "share the message", "evangelize" on holistic planning and living as it relates to sustainability and transportation! We have joined forces with the Arizona Transit Association and the Department of Transportation to provide a day long series of sessions about sustainability, transit and mobility. So... Save the Date! April 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Mesa Marriott Hotel - More information to come.

## No McMansions for Millennials Can you Crack the Housing Code?

Much of last week's National Homebuilders Conference dwelled on the housing needs of an aging baby boomer population. But their children actually represent an even larger demographic. An estimated 80 million people comprise the category known as Gen "Y", youth born roughly between 1980 and the early 2000's. The boomers meanwhile boast 76 million.



[Are you a Prognosticator? What's your bet for the next wave of housing?](#)



## High Speed Rail - Is Arizona Ready to Compete?

A new study released by **America 2050** identifies the high-speed rail corridors with the greatest potential to attract ridership in each of the nation's megaregions. Corridors connecting populous regions with large job centers, rail transit networks, and existing air markets scored best. The study also recommends that the federal government adopt a quantitative approach to evaluating future investment in high-speed rail.

[Read the Complete Report](#)



## New Data Adds Job Creation to the Many Benefits of Bicycle Infrastructure

DOT Secretary, Ray LaHood writes in his blog "Bicycle and pedestrian activists have been very successful at achieving valuable safety gains for their stakeholders. Now is the time for advocates of cycling and walking to get into gear once again. Armed with the powerful arguments of energy conservation, environmental and health benefits, public demand, and--now--job creation and economic development, I am

confident they will succeed."

[Read the report](#)



#### Events of Note

- Monthly, Phoenix & Tucson - Get to know your colleagues. Local First Arizona hosts monthly mixers in both Tucson and Phoenix. [Join the Conversation](#)
- January 27, Phoenix - ULI - Real Estate Trends Conference "It's all About Jobs". Ali Velshi, CNN is the keynote. [Learn Something New](#)
- Now, Flagstaff - City of Flagstaff - The City of Flagstaff and Sustainability Commission are now accepting vendor and exhibitor registration for Earth Day 2011. [Participate](#)
- February 4, Phoenix - Valley Metro - It's Rideshare Month, Try 1 in 5 and join Valley Metro for their Rideshare Month Kick-off Event. [Click Here](#)
- February 17, Phoenix - Valley Forward - Luncheon Series - "Road Map to Growth in the Sun Corridor". [Learn More](#)
- February 25, Phoenix - Arizona Housing Alliance - Affordable Housing Preservation Summit. Guest Speakers include: Vince O'Donnell, VP, Affordable Housing Preservation Project, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and Tracy Kaufman, Director, National Preservation Initiative, National Housing Trust. [Register](#)
- February 25, Phoenix - Friends of Transit - 2011 Annual Conference - Transit in a Changed Economy. [Sign Up](#)
- March 9, Glendale - Regional Tree and Shade Summit - "Cultivating Green Infrastructure". [Think Green!](#)
- June - Corvallis, OR - Regards to Rural 2011 - "a gathering to inform, inspire, and celebrate... all that is rural." [Check it out](#)

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