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Subject INFORMATION: Surface Transportation Environment and Planning Cooperative Research Program (STEP) Updates

History:

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The purpose of this e-mail is to provide you with two updates regarding the FHWA Surface Transportation Environment and Planning Cooperative Research Program (STEP)

## 1. The FY2010 STEP is Posted on the STEP Website

The FY2010 Surface Transportation Environment and Planning Cooperative Research Program (STEP) Plan is now on the STEP website at:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/step/index.htm> . The STEP reflects results of stakeholder input and feedback that the Federal Highway Administration Office of Planning, Environment and Realty gathered over the last year.

The STEP was established in Section 5207 of the Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. The general objective of the STEP is to improve understanding of the complex relationship between surface transportation, planning and the environment. STEP research is categorized into five focus areas: Environment; Planning; Real Estate Services; Tools to Support Planning and Environment Emphasis Areas; and Program Management and Outreach. There are also 18 STEP research emphasis areas, each with a contact person who oversees the research that is planned or underway for that area.

The STEP emphasis area contacts are the best resource for information regarding the status of research efforts within a specific emphasis area because STEP projects are at various stages of implementation (including some multi-year efforts). Emphasis area contact information is also posted on the STEP website.

Please share this information with anyone who may be interested in this subject area. If you have general questions regarding the STEP, please contact Felicia Young at: [felicia.young@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:felicia.young@fhwa.dot.gov).

## 2. STEP Livability Webinar is Scheduled for May 26

A Surface Transportation Environment and Planning Cooperative Research Program (STEP) webinar will be held on **May 26, 2010 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** to discuss research initiatives that are planned or underway in FHWA and elsewhere to support livability.

Topics include the status of FHWA's Livability Initiative, the soon to be released STEP funded *Livability in Transportation Guidebook: Planning Approaches that Promote Livability* as well as state and local projects underway that support livable communities.

Registration is now open. To reserve your seat visit:

[http://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/webconference/web\\_conf\\_learner\\_reg](http://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/webconference/web_conf_learner_reg).