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About this Resource Library

Launched in 2022, US DOT's RCP Program is the first-ever federal program dedicated to reconnecting communities that were previously cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure. It totals \$1 billion in grant funding to support communities in planning and constructing projects that remove, retrofit, or mitigate transportation barriers.

This resource library is a collection of tools and informational resources to guide prospective RCP Program grantees through the development of a strong application. These resources will help communities scope, address, and better define key aspects of their community reconnection projects.

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Access to resources and opportunities is vital for a community because it fosters economic growth, improves quality of life, and enhances social cohesion. Ensuring equitable access empowers individuals, reduces disparities, and builds a more resilient and thriving community.

[Access to Jobs and Workers Via Transit Tool | EPA](#)

This tool integrates data on employment and transit availability to highlight neighborhood accessibility. It offers indicators of how easily destinations can be reached by public transit. These indicators summarize the number of jobs accessible by transit and the workers, households, and population able to reach the block group via transit. The data covers metropolitan regions served by transit agencies that have provided their service information according to the General Transit Feed Specification (GTFS).

[AllTransit | CNT](#)

AllTransit is the largest source of transit connectivity, access, and frequency data in the United States. It offers significant potential for planning applications, enhancing our understanding of transit value, and improving service and operations planning. This proprietary dataset measures transit access and connectivity nationwide. It was developed to quickly generate new GTFS data and seamlessly import and normalize publicly available GTFS data.

[Conveyal](#)

This platform provides accessibility analysis about transportation and land use scenarios for organizations such as transit agencies, transportation departments, and metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) to help them understand how multi-modal transportation networks connect people with destinations.

[Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plans | SANDAG](#)

This website outlines a comprehensive plan for improving transportation access in the San Diego region through initiatives aimed at enhancing mobility options for diverse communities, focusing on equity and sustainability. It provides resources and strategies to ensure inclusive transportation planning that addresses the needs of all residents, fostering better connectivity and accessibility across the region.

[Guidebook for Measuring Multimodal Network Connectivity | US DOT](#)

This guidebook serves as a resource for transportation planners and analysts, detailing analysis methods and measures to aid in transportation planning and programming decisions. It outlines a five-step analysis process and offers various methods and measures to support diverse planning decisions. The guidebook includes references and examples of current practices, featuring materials from five case studies conducted during the research process.

[HEPGIS: Accessibility | US DOT](#)

To aid agencies with accessibility analysis, US DOT has compiled open-source geographic information system (GIS) data, tools, and other resources. This dataset can help analyze intermodal connections for freight transfer and be utilized for spatial mapping and transportation analysis. Additionally, the site provides resources and datasets related to the built environment and best practices.

[National Transit Institute](#)

The National Transit Institute offers training, education, and clearinghouse services to support public transportation and enhance quality of life in the United States. They identify needs, promote, develop, and deliver high-quality programs and materials through collaborative partnerships with industry, government, institutions, and associations.

[Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success \(ROUTES\) | US DOT](#)

The ROUTES Initiative focuses on prioritizing the needs of rural America through enhancing rural transportation policy and ensuring equitable access for rural and Tribal communities. It tackles challenges related to transportation safety, mobility, and economic development and aims to reduce disparities in rural transportation infrastructure by creating user-friendly tools and information, consolidating US DOT resources, and offering direct technical assistance.

[TransitCenter](#)

This website is dedicated to advancing public transportation through research, advocacy, and policy analysis, aiming to improve mobility and accessibility in urban areas. It provides valuable insights and resources for enhancing transit systems and promoting sustainable transportation solutions.



Climate Change Mitigation

Climate and environmental considerations are crucial to communities as they directly impact public health, economic stability, and social well-being. By safeguarding natural resources, mitigating pollution, and adapting to changing climatic conditions, communities ensure sustainable development and resilience for current and future generations. Prioritizing these issues fosters healthier ecosystems, enhances quality of life, and strengthens community cohesion, ultimately promoting a thriving and equitable society.

[Checklist for a Strong Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation and Resilience Grant Application | US DOT](#)

A checklist provided by US DOT to stimulate ideas and considerations for applicants aiming to craft a strong grant application.

[Climate Change Center Training and Technical Assistance | US DOT](#)

US DOT provides training and a range of technical assistance options aimed at aiding state, local, Tribal, and private sector transportation agencies in lowering greenhouse gas emissions and enhancing climate resilience.

[Estimating Emission Reductions from Travel Efficiency Strategies | EPA](#)

This webpage provides details about the EPA's Travel Efficiency Assessment Method (TEAM) along with case studies. TEAM is a methodology used to estimate potential reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, vehicle miles traveled (VMT), and criteria pollutant emissions resulting from travel efficiency strategies.

[Where Matters | Fund for Our Economic Future](#)

Where Matters integrates talent, equity, and environmental factors into your site selection process, enabling informed and sustainable business decisions. This tool empowers users to evaluate labor pool demographics, commute costs and emissions, and transit accessibility across over 380 metro areas in the United States.

[Federal-Aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies: Environment | US DOT](#)

A centralized online repository of informative videos and resources tailored for local public agencies. This video series helps agencies fulfill their obligations to assess the environmental impacts of their proposals and activities in Federal-aid project execution. It covers the application of the National Environmental Policy Act to transportation projects, details planning and environmental linkages, and addresses pertinent laws and regulations.

[Green and Thriving Neighbourhoods | C40](#)

C40's Green and Thriving Neighbourhoods programme emphasizes sustainable urban planning and design by providing resources that support cities in adopting best practices to improve community health and wellbeing.

[Green Street Handbook | EPA](#)

This resource aims to assist state and local transportation agencies and stakeholders in choosing, designing, and deploying site design strategies and green infrastructure practices for roads, alleys, and parking lots. It offers background information on street and road types and presents a structured approach for identifying areas suitable for initial integration or subsequent retrofitting of green infrastructure practices and systems.

[Green Values Stormwater Management Calculator | CNT](#)

This calculator enables users to specify one or more properties and then evaluate what combination of green infrastructure best practices achieves the necessary volume capacity capture goal in an economical manner.

[HEPGIS: MPO and Air Quality | US DOT](#)

This website includes interactive maps showcasing MPOs across the United States, as well as “nonattainment areas” that have not met air quality standards.

[MOTOR Vehicle Emission Simulator \(MOVES\) | EPA](#)

MOVES is an advanced emission modeling system that calculates emissions from mobile sources across the national, county, and project levels. It estimates criteria air pollutants, greenhouse gases, and air toxics emissions with state-of-the-art accuracy.

[Nature-Based Solutions Resource Guide | The White House](#)

This guide is a comprehensive compilation featuring federal examples, guidance documents, resource tools, technical assistance, and funding programs demonstrating the application of nature-based solutions.

[State Highway Induced Frequency of Travel \(SHIFT\) Calculator | RMI](#)

The SHIFT Calculator enables users to estimate the prolonged induced VMT and emissions impacts that arise from extensive roadway expansions. Users can select the state, road type, specific urbanized area or county, and the total additional lane miles. The calculator provides an approximate model of induced travel demand.

[Trails and Resilience: Review of the Role of Trails in Climate Resilience and Emergency Response | US DOT](#)

This white paper examines the advantages of designing trails to withstand climate change, such as reducing maintenance and repair expenses and improving access during emergencies and after severe weather events.

[Transportation | C40](#)

This website contains various resources geared towards eliminating greenhouse gas emissions from transportation within cities and improving community health.

[Transportation and Health Tool \(THT\) | US DOT](#)

This tool offers accessible data for practitioners to analyze the health impacts of transportation systems, presenting a range of transportation and public health indicators for each state and metropolitan area. Additionally, the THT provides information and resources to aid agencies in understanding the connections between transportation and health and helps identify strategies for enhancing public health through improved transportation planning and policy.



Community Engagement and Community-based Stewardship, Management, and Partnerships

Community engagement and community-based partnerships are vital for fostering a sense of ownership and collaboration within a community. By actively involving residents in decision-making processes and initiatives, communities can leverage local knowledge, resources, and skills to address challenges effectively. This approach not only enhances community resilience and sustainability but also strengthens social cohesion and fosters a sense of belonging among residents, leading to a more vibrant and thriving community overall.

[Beyond Engagement: Equity Principles to Guide State Department of Transportation and Community Collaboration | The Greenlining Institute](#)

This guide outlines equity principles for state DOTs to collaborate with communities, emphasizing fair access and benefits in transportation planning and development. It aims to ensure that transportation policies and projects prioritize equitable outcomes, addressing historical disparities and promoting inclusive community engagement.

[Citizen Participation & Equitable Engagement \(CPEE\) Toolkit | HUD](#)

This toolkit aims to ensure equitable disaster recovery by engaging communities, including those impacted by transportation infrastructure. It provides tools and strategies for involving citizens in planning and assessing transportation-related recovery projects, ensuring accessibility, and addressing the needs of vulnerable populations.

[Community Connections Toolbox | US DOT](#)

This resource hub offers creative tools and strategies designed to assist state DOTs, MPOs, local and Tribal governments, and other stakeholders in fostering community cohesion and enhancing access to services and opportunities.

[Community Organization Webinar Series | US DOT](#)

A previously recorded webinar designed to enhance the knowledge of community-based organizations and empower their involvement in local public transportation initiatives by offering insights into federal resources.

[How to Engage Low-Literacy and Limited-English-Proficiency Populations | US DOT](#)

This report details effective approaches for identifying and involving low-literacy and limited-English-proficiency communities in transportation decision-making processes.

[I-5 Rose Quarter Independent Cover Assessment | ZGF](#)

This case study highlights the importance of community engagement in project improvement. The active involvement of local residents and stakeholders with the planners not only ensured the project met the community's needs but also cultivated a sense of ownership and stewardship, leading to its sustained success.

[Main Street, California | Caltrans](#)

This guide emphasizes the unique role of state highways as community main streets, highlighting the importance of designing these roads to meet the needs of all users and enhance community value. It makes concepts like complete streets, livability, equity, and sustainability accessible to everyone, while offering practical strategies, photo examples, and resources for fostering collaboration and shared vision among stakeholders.

[PlanWorks | US DOT](#)

An online tool designed to facilitate collaborative decision-making in transportation planning and project development. It focuses on critical decision points across various stages including long-range planning, programming, corridor planning, and environmental review. PlanWorks recommends optimal times and methods for engaging cross-disciplinary partners and stakeholder groups, promoting consensus-building throughout these processes.

[Roadmap to Equitable Community Transportation: Best Practices for Conducting Mobility Needs Assessments | The Greenlining Institute](#)

This guide emphasizes best practices for conducting mobility needs assessments, emphasizing equitable approaches in community transportation planning. It provides guidelines to ensure that transportation initiatives address diverse community needs effectively and inclusively.

[Virtual Public Involvement \(VPI\) Toolkit | US DOT](#)

This toolkit is a collection of resources and strategies to enhance public involvement, aiming to foster a clearer understanding of the community's feedback on transportation system performance and needs.



Equitable Development

Equitable development is crucial for fostering inclusive and sustainable communities. By ensuring fair access to resources, opportunities, and infrastructure, it promotes social cohesion and economic prosperity for all residents. This approach not only reduces disparities but also cultivates a sense of belonging and empowerment, ultimately leading to stronger, more resilient communities.

[Arts and Planning Toolkit | MAPC](#)

This toolkit provides planners with diverse tools and strategies to integrate arts and culture into community development effectively. It offers resources for government staff looking to innovate their planning efforts through arts and culture projects and partnerships. Grounded in real-world case studies, the toolkit showcases exemplary projects demonstrating how arts and culture can enhance planning, community development, land use, housing, transportation, economic development, public health, and public safety initiatives.

[A Playbook for Equitable Economic Development | IEDC](#)

This playbook is a research and technical assistance initiative focused on addressing structural racism in economic development. It advocates for equitable practices and standards during the post-pandemic recovery and beyond and urges economic developers to adopt strategies to promote fairness and inclusivity.

[Economic Development and Highway Right-Sizing | US DOT](#)

This paper examines how communities decide on right-sizing travel facilities, highlighting the shift from the old “one-size-fits-all” approach to more innovative, context-sensitive solutions that prioritize multimodal connections, public health, and livable communities. Designed for transportation professionals, partners, and decision makers, the document is relevant in any context where projects aim to align land use with transportation infrastructure to improve existing facilities.

[Equitable Transit-Oriented Development \(ETOD\) | Project Connect](#)

This case study focuses on integrating transportation investments with community-centered policies in Austin, Texas. It aims to ensure that all residents benefit from accessible, safe, and sustainable transit while addressing racial health and wealth gaps, preserving affordable housing, expanding job opportunities, and supporting small businesses and diverse cultural heritage.

[ETOD Social Impact Calculator | CNT](#)

This calculator offers comprehensive data crucial for developers, households, neighborhoods, and communities. It covers essential metrics such as parking availability, job opportunities, public transportation access, greenhouse gas emissions, purchasing power within buildings, and bike sharing statistics.

[Equitable Pathways to Small Business Recovery: An All-Hands Approach | LISC & Next City](#)

This playbook provides a framework to create fair opportunities for small business success, with specific strategies for enhancing access to capital, building small business capacity, and supporting commercial real estate. It highlights effective approaches implemented by state and local governments in collaboration with stakeholders.

[How to Do Creative Placemaking | NEA](#)

A practical guide aimed at enhancing community spaces. Featuring insightful case studies and essays by prominent creative placemaking experts, this guide explores how arts organizations and artists contribute significantly to the prosperity of communities throughout the United States.

[Localized Anti-Displacement Policies: Ways to Combat the Effects of Gentrification and Lack of Affordable Housing](#)

This report outlines strategies to combat gentrification and the shortage of affordable housing, aiming to stabilize residents in disadvantaged communities and protect them from displacement.

[Location Affordability Index \(LAI\) | CNT](#)

Housing and transportation expenses typically account for approximately half of the average household budget. However, integrating transportation costs into decisions about where to reside and work can be challenging. The LAI aims to address this issue by offering estimates of housing and transportation costs at the neighborhood level, as well as data on the built environment and demographic factors.

[Mixed-Income Transit-Oriented Development \(MITOD\) Action Guide | CTOD](#)

“MITOD” refers to a strategy that aims to offer diverse housing options, affordable across various income levels, to residents at different life stages within a designated transit station vicinity. The guide aims to assist practitioners in selecting and implementing suitable planning tools to achieve MITOD goals in their transit station areas, with the overarching objective of fostering mixed-income communities nationwide.

[Social Equity Toolkit | Arup](#)

This toolkit offers a roadmap for equitable development by mapping best-practice measures onto timelines, providing practical guidance on the optimal timing for policy interventions to maximize impact. Effective timing ensures each measure influences displacement appropriately, resulting in a set of complementary policies that preserve community culture and real estate affordability while accommodating urban growth and change.



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Equity and environmental justice (EJ) are vital to a community because they ensure fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people, regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, in policies and decisions. This fosters a healthy, sustainable environment where everyone can thrive, reducing disparities and promoting social cohesion.

[Climate and Environmental Justice Screening Tool \(CEJST\) | CEQ](#)

This tool features an interactive map utilizing datasets across eight categories: climate change, energy, health, housing, legacy pollution, transportation, water and wastewater, and workforce development. It identifies communities burdened by these factors, highlighting those that are both overburdened and underserved, thus disadvantaged.

[Divided by Design | Smart Growth America](#)

A detailed report that realizes historic inequities resulting from highway development, the resulting effects of the current transportation network, and recommendations on how to resolve these issues.

[EJScreen | EPA](#)

The EPA's tool for mapping and screening EJ issues, offering a unified dataset and method to integrate environmental and socioeconomic indicators nationwide. Users select a geographic area to access socioeconomic and environmental data, all of which are publicly available. EJScreen facilitates the display of this information and generates EJ and supplemental indexes by combining these indicators.

[Equitable Transportation Community Explorer | US DOT](#)

An interactive tool offering insights into how communities nationwide are affected by transportation burdens that could be alleviated through strategic investments. It complements the CEJST by focusing on transportation disadvantages, providing deeper insights into how communities experience these challenges, ensuring that US DOT investments effectively address transportation-related disparities.

[Equity in Transportation Resources | US DOT](#)

Equity in transportation aims for fair access to mobility and opportunities for all community members. It prioritizes providing affordable and reliable transportation options that meet the needs of underserved populations. An equitable transportation plan assesses community mobility and connectivity challenges to develop a network that meets these needs. This resource hub provides guidance, tools, and best practices to achieve equitable outcomes in transportation planning and implementation.

[Justice40 | The White House](#)

The Justice40 Initiative aims to ensure that 40% of the benefits from federal investments in areas like transportation go to disadvantaged communities. It focuses on addressing historical disparities in infrastructure development and access, aiming for equitable distribution of transportation resources to support EJ goals.

[Intersections Data and Equity Hub | US DOT](#)

This resource hub offers tools, metrics, and data for analyzing communities' transportation access and challenges. It provides access to US DOT data to explore causes, effects, and impacts effectively.

[Planning and Equity Tool | US DOT](#)

This tool allows transportation agency users to assess their transportation improvement program projects using national equity-related datasets. Designed for transportation agencies lacking GIS capabilities or resources, this tool provides accessible insights into project impacts.

[Rethinking the Urban Freeway | Mayors Innovation Project](#)

Urban freeways nationwide are reaching the end of their intended lifespans, prompting cities to reconsider their utilization. This report offers best practices and solutions for cities to transform or repurpose urban freeway spaces, aiming to mitigate environmental and social justice issues while fostering local economic and social benefits.

[Screening Tool for Equity Analysis of Projects \(STEAP\) | US DOT](#)

An interactive mapping tool designed for rapid screening of project locations across the United States. It supports Title VI, EJ, and other socioeconomic data analyses by estimating the demographic characteristics of surrounding populations. STEAP enables state DOTs, MPOs, and local agencies to generate project profile reports for equity analysis without requiring GIS specialists.

[Transportation Equity Toolkit: Transportation Equity Needs Assessment & Project Prioritization | CTEDD](#)

This toolkit serves as a resource for MPOs, transportation agencies, and communities striving to promote equity in historically underserved areas and equitably allocate transportation investments. It offers a structured approach for conducting transportation equity assessments and prioritizing projects based on equity considerations.



Facility Suitability

Facility suitability is the degree to which the existing transportation asset has created an undue burden and/or barrier to the community. Successful transportation reconnection projects should address current and projected vulnerabilities that, if left unaddressed, threaten access to opportunity and mobility of people and goods.

[Complete Streets | WSDOT](#)

The WSDOT has implemented the Complete Streets approach to ensure the transportation system is safe and accessible for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders.

[Freeway Fighters Network](#)

The Freeway Fighters Network advocates for transportation infrastructure that promotes equity, justice, and universal mobility by opposing highway expansions and supporting the replacement of highways with city streets to reconnect communities. They provide case studies showcasing successful community efforts to reconnect urban areas, reduce pollution, and enhance mobility.

[Landscape Performance Series Case Study Brief: Klyde Warren Park | Landscape Architecture Foundation](#)

The Klyde Warren Park case study illustrates how integrating a park over a highway enhances urban transportation infrastructure by providing accessible green space that encourages pedestrian movement, connects neighborhoods, and supports multimodal transportation options. It demonstrates innovative urban planning that prioritizes both transportation functionality and community engagement through

thoughtful design and integration.

[Livability Resources | US DOT](#)

This website offers links to programs, resources, and reports focused on enhancing livability in transportation planning. These resources are aimed at supporting decision makers and stakeholders interested in integrating livability principles into their community's transportation systems.

[Programmatic Mitigation Planning Guidebook | US DOT](#)

This guidebook outlines essential steps for agencies to develop and implement a programmatic mitigation plan (PMP) in collaboration with relevant resource and regulatory agencies. It also links to statutory and regulatory requirements, Administration priorities, discusses the economic and environmental benefits of PMPs, and offers best practices and additional resources for plan development and implementation.

[Put a Park on It: How Freeway Caps are Reconnecting and Greening Divided Cities](#)

The article explores the innovative strategy of freeway cap parks in U.S. cities, assessing their design, function, and impact on sustainability. By examining 27 cap parks in 24 cities, the study highlights their potential to address environmental, economic, and equity concerns, emphasizing the need for planners to mitigate gentrification and housing affordability issues.

[Transportation Planning Capacity Building Resource Hub | US DOT](#)

A vast hub for agencies in need of transportation planning assistance, offering tools, resources, case studies, and training to support problem-solving in their communities.

[The Stitch](#)

The Stitch project aims to reconnect Downtown and Midtown Atlanta by creating a 14-acre urban greenspace and improving transportation infrastructure atop a new platform spanning the Downtown Connector. This initiative enhances facility suitability by fostering transit-oriented development, increasing access to affordable housing, and transforming the area into a vibrant community with improved walkability, biking paths, and public gathering spaces.



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Planning Integration

Planning integration is vital for fostering community cohesion and sustainable development. By aligning diverse aspects such as infrastructure, housing, transportation, and social services, integration ensures that the needs of all community members are met efficiently and equitably. This comprehensive approach not only enhances quality of life but also promotes resilience in the face of challenges, fostering a sense of belonging and collective well-being within the community.

[EconWorks | US DOT](#)

This website offers a suite of tools aimed at assisting planners in integrating economic analysis into early project decision-making. It features case studies and predictive tools to support the evaluation of economic benefits.

[Integrating Equity into Transportation Planning](#)

This publication provides an overview of the transportation planning process, emphasizing the integration of equity to empower individuals in traditionally underserved and disadvantaged communities.

[Model Long-Range Transportation Plans: A Guide for Incorporating Performance-Based Planning | US DOT](#)

This guide advises federal, state, and local entities on integrating performance-based planning into long-range transportation plans. It identifies essential components and process elements for creating a model transportation plan that reflects community priorities and supports desired performance outcomes. Emphasizing data-driven analysis and stakeholder engagement, it includes examples and case studies to illustrate effective practices.

[Mobility Equity Framework: How to Make Transportation Work for People | The Greenlining Institute](#)

This framework provides planners and community advocates with a step-by-step guide to prioritize community-centered transportation planning. It emphasizes placing affected communities at the forefront of decision-making and includes metrics to assess mobility through an equity lens. By shifting focus from car-centric infrastructure to the needs of people, the framework offers ideas for developing a transportation planning process centered on community needs.

[Planning and Environment Linkages \(PEL\) Handbook | US DOT](#)

PEL streamline transportation project development by integrating environmental considerations early. This collaborative approach accelerates project delivery by assessing impacts and benefits upfront, informing subsequent environmental reviews. The handbook provides details on PEL's flexibility, stakeholders, implementation, and includes a self-assessment tool.

[Tools and Practices for Land Use Integration | US DOT](#)

This website includes brief descriptions and wide arrays of approaches and tools practitioners employ to integrate transportation and land use, including transportation planning activities and programs, project development and programming, stakeholder engagement and visioning, analytical tools, and coordination with other disciplines.

[Transit-Oriented Development \(TOD\) Database | CNT](#)

This database serves as a resource for planners, developers, government officials, and academics, offering comprehensive economic and demographic data for all current and planned fixed guideway transit stations across the United States.



Workforce Development and Economic Opportunity

Workforce development and economic opportunity are vital for community prosperity. By investing in workforce development programs and creating avenues for economic growth, communities can empower individuals, boost employment rates, and enhance overall prosperity. This not only strengthens the local economy but also fosters a sense of community pride and resilience, laying the foundation for sustainable growth and a brighter future for all residents.

[The Benefits of Highway Cap Parks: A Report to Congress | US DOT](#)

Highway cap parks are public spaces constructed over highways on structures, which can also support buildings. This report details the benefits of highway cap parks, highlighting the various advantages these parks offer to local communities, such as reconnecting communities divided by highways, improving the quality of life for neighboring areas, spurring economic development, and mitigating impacts on the natural and human environments.

[Construction Program Guide | US DOT](#)

This resource hub offers convenient access to regulations, policies, guidance, and training for Federal-aid construction programs by consolidating all construction-related information into key subject areas, complete with links to related resources.

[Creating a Local Construction Workforce: Assessment of Current Use of Local and Economic Hiring Provisions | US DOT](#)

This report illustrates how states, cities, and transportation agencies nationwide are implementing economic and local hiring preferences. It outlines the advantages of adopting these preferences in procurement and hiring practices.

[Creating a Skilled and Diverse Workforce for Infrastructure Projects Through Registered Apprenticeships | US DOT](#)

This fact sheet emphasizes actions that state transportation agencies can take to expand the workforce for installing and maintaining electric vehicle chargers, with insights applicable to various other infrastructure sectors as well.

[Dynamic Small Business Search Tool | SBA](#)

A tool to verify eligibility for small businesses, including 8(a) ventures, women-owned small businesses, historically under-utilized business zone certifications, and economically disadvantaged small businesses.

[Equity Action Plan: 2023 Update | US DOT](#)

This plan details new initiatives that US DOT is pursuing across five key areas: Wealth Creation, Power of Community, Proactive Intervention, Planning, and Capacity Building, Expanding Access, and Institutionalizing Equity. These efforts are aimed at addressing longstanding and systemic disparities in transportation.

[Grant Application Checklist for a Strong Transportation Workforce and Labor Plan | US DOT](#)

This checklist offers guidance on key components for an effective plan. It serves to inspire applicants with ideas to consider and encourages collaboration between transportation and workforce agencies at state and local levels.

[Integrating Economic Resilience in Performance-Based Transportation Planning | NADO](#)

This guide introduces the concept of measuring progress in economic development, vitality, and resilience, emphasizing the integration of planning and development stakeholder input into planning processes.

[Planning for Transportation Together | NADO](#)

This report showcases case studies illustrating collaborative efforts between state and local partners. These initiatives aim to achieve specific, contextually relevant benefits that endure over time, enhancing community resilience.

[Urban Opportunity Agenda | CNT](#)

This website equips civic leaders with tools to make investments that alleviate poverty, foster economic opportunity, and strengthen communities. While opportunities vary by community, the framework is adaptable for national application, emphasizing the importance of leveraging local assets to reduce local poverty rates.