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Walking is on the Rise. Unfortunately, so are Pedestrian Fatalities.

Walking is on the rise across the U.S., and that's a great thing. The troubling news? Pedestrian fatalities are also up, according to an disturbing new report recently released by the **Governor's Highway Safety Association**. Read more about the findings and what can be done to stem the growing rash of traffic violence [here](#).

Add your voice to this topic with a discussion on how to address pedestrian safety and avoid messages of victim blaming with our [#Stop4Me Twitter Chat](#) on April 27th at 2pm Eastern.



Explore the Connection Between Walkability and Transit

The Transit-Walkability Collaborative hosted their first webinar earlier this month. **The webinar** looked at the benefits that come when transit and walking advocates work together and released a new fact sheet, "**Walkable Communities are Healthy, Wealthy and Wise.**" Add your voice to the conversation by taking the [survey on national local transit-walkability collaborations](#).

Connect with Walk2Connect During April's #NeighborhoodWalks

Did you know **Walk2Connect** is an innovative social business that helps organizations and communities develop whole-health walking leaders, design custom walking experiences and offer engaging presentations? Connect with

the group by [visiting their website here](#) and filling out an [inquiry form here](#). You can also connect with them on social media by following [@walk2connect](#) and using [#lifeat3mph!](#)



Want more from the Transit-Walkability Collaborative, Walk2Connect and more?
Join us in St. Paul for the 2017 National Walking Summit



A TV Show About People Who Walk

"Perils For Pedestrians" is a cable television series that looks at problems confronting pedestrians in communities like yours. Host John Z. Wetmore has conducted interviews in all 50 states and 20 countries since the series began in 1996. The "TV show about people who walk" is available on public access cable channels in a number of cities and is archived online. Want to get the program aired in your city? [Learn how here.](#)

Meet America Walks Board Member Gunther Oakey

We're thrilled by the depth and breadth of experience that makes up our board of directors and hope you'll enjoy learning a bit more about these thoughtful, insightful walking advocates over the course of 2017. This month, we're profiling **Gunther Oakey**, a Portland-based attorney who believes in the power of walking to address many of society's ills.



Oakey

Catch Jane Jacobs on the Big Screen

Citizen Jane, a timely and important story about Jane Jacobs, urban activist and

author of the classic *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* will debut April 21. The film tells the story of Jacobs taking on the tyrannical master builder Robert Moses in 1950s and 60s New York City. Check out the trailer [here](#).

Mark Your Calendars!

- **April 28:** Designing for Inclusive Health **Grant Applications Due**
 - **May 2-4:** **Vision Zero Cities 2017 Conference**, New York City
 - **May 10:** **Walking and Walkability in Rural Communities and Small Towns Webinar**
 - **May 15-16:** **Community Agency and Health Symposium**, Oakland, CA. Explore how fostering community agency is key to the future of health and fundamental to sustainable and equitable communities.
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What We've Been Reading (and Listening to)

- **A new CDC report** finds that the 2015 Surgeon General's Call to Action on walking and walkability was effective in spurring new interest and activity around walking in the U.S., but says more engagement is necessary to achieve long-lasting successes.
 - A group of farmers in Bolivia are thought to have some of the healthiest hearts on the planet. Their secret? **Lots and lots of walking.**
 - Our partner WalkBoston recently released an easy-to-understand document outlining numerous low-cost measures communities can take to calm traffic and make the environment safer for walking. **Get a free copy here.**
 - Spring is here and that means more opportunities to walk in nature. Explore opportunities to be physically active outside with **the recording of our April 12th webinar.**
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