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More Americans Are Walking to Work

New Census estimates show that Americans are walking to work in greater numbers than in recent history, with more than 4 million people claiming their own feet as their primary mode of transportation to work. Even more promising: the data likely undercount walking prevalence. The numbers don't account for those who walk just a short part of the way to the office, only walk to work occasionally, or who walk for transportation

purposes other than getting to work. Of the largest U.S. cities, Washington, D.C. boasts the highest walk-to-work rate with close to 14% of the population reporting walking as their primary mode of transportation to work. **America Walks, with support from the League of American Bicyclists, released a full report on the data here.**



2017 Walking College Fellows Graduate

Our 2017 **Walking College Fellows** will walk across the stage and accept their diplomas later this week. Armed with new knowledge in learning from experienced walkable community campaigners about leadership, coalition-building, effective communication, walkable community design, transportation and land-use policy, and campaign planning, Fellows will now go out to implement their Walking Action Plans. **Learn more about the 2017 class here.** Passionate about walking but not sure how to make your community more walkable? **Join an informational webinar on February 8th** to learn more about the 2018 Walking College.

When we reflect on things we are grateful for, you easily make the list.

We are continuously inspired by the work being done by our network of advocates, especially those we work with as part of our Community Change and Designing for Inclusive Health grant programs. **Access Portsmouth of New Hampshire** shares their success in a recent blog post. **Help support future grants for community projects with a donation to America Walks.**

Meet America Walks Board Member Mayor Gordon Petrie

New America Walks board member and Emmett, Idaho Mayor Gordon Petrie describes how his day job fits in with the mission of America Walks; how he got interested in the power of walking; how communities can advance walkability and more in **this short Q & A.**



America Walks board member Mayor Gordon Petrie

Spotlight on the Vision Zero Network

The **Vision Zero Network** is a collaborative campaign working to build momentum and advance the Vision Zero movement for safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. The organization, one of the leads for November's Every Body Walk! monthly theme, provide U.S. cities with resources necessary to adopt this systems change approach and successfully move from vision to action.

Learn more about the Vision Zero Movement by **reading their guest blog post here** and exploring the resources below:

- **9 Components of a Strong Vision Zero Commitment**
 - **Moving from Vision to Action**
 - **How Vision Zero is different from the traditional approach to traffic safety**
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2017 National Walking Summit Keynotes Now Online

Miss this year's **National Walking Summit in St. Paul** (or simply want to relive what you saw)? **Check out these videos** of some of the inspiring addresses by the likes of America Walks Executive Director Kate Kraft, Tamika Butler of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, Glenn Harris of Race Forward, disability advocate Juliette Rizzo, and more.



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What We're Reading

A look at some of the articles floating around our networks this month:

- **A ProPublica investigation** turns up concerning enforcement practices of Jacksonville pedestrian laws. "[W]alking in Jacksonville can come at a high price, especially if you're black or poor." Join one of the reporting team on our **next episode of Walking Towards Justice in January**.
- Walking past bigotry: **Walking tours of Hungary's Muslim community** help to combat Islamophobia. "Most people have never met a Muslim in their life and this ... together with what they hear every day in the media causes a lot of tension and stress in daily life. I think this is the main reason why people are coming now."

Quote of the Month

"Walking is increasingly a sort of final democracy. ... [T]he walking process is the oldest natural form of movement. It puts you literally in touch with the earth and the weather around you and allows you to get into conversation with people as you move, which seldom happens in the other ways we move. ... The walker exists in a long tradition, and, for me, it's really vital to simply be out there every day-not only because it feels good, but because in doing it you contribute to the microclimate of the city. As you withdraw energy from the city, you are also giving energy back. People are noticing you. You're doing something, you're there, the species around you absorb your presence into it, and you become part of this animate entity called the city."

--London-based writer and filmmaker Iain Sinclair, quoted in Guernica.

Mark Your Calendars

- **December 1st:** Deadline to submit a proposal for the Complete Streets conference ***Intersections***, to be held April 3-4 in Nashville.
- **December 13th at 2pm Eastern, 11am Pacific:** Free webinar "***Turning Data Into Action***." **Register here**.
- **January 18th at 2pm Eastern, 11am Pacific:** Join us for the 2nd episode of

our Walking Towards Justice publication series, "The Criminal Justice System's Impact on Walking and Walkability in Low-Income and Communities of Color."

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