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Happy holidays and new year

**HERE'S TO STRIDING AND
ROLLING INTO 2021 LIKE 2020
CAN'T KEEP YOU DOWN.**

How Can We Better Support a Walkable Community Movement? Share Your Vision With Us

2021 brings hope for change – what do you want it to be? We're inviting you to share your challenges and your ideas for the future with us through this survey, so that we can better represent and support local communities.

The intersecting challenges of health, climate, safety, and mobility justice, call for transformative change. We believe that change will come from engaged people in communities across the country, and the best solutions arise from the knowledge of those nearest the problem. With that encouragement to think broadly, we want to hear from you.

[Take the Survey](#)



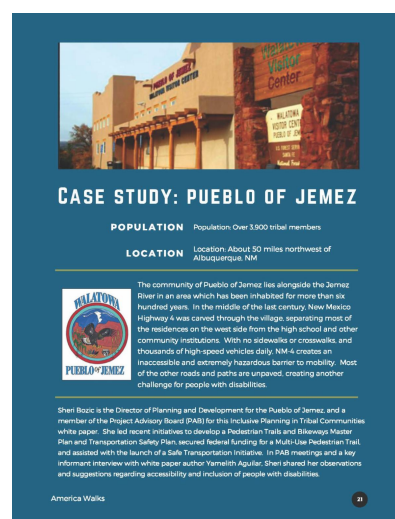
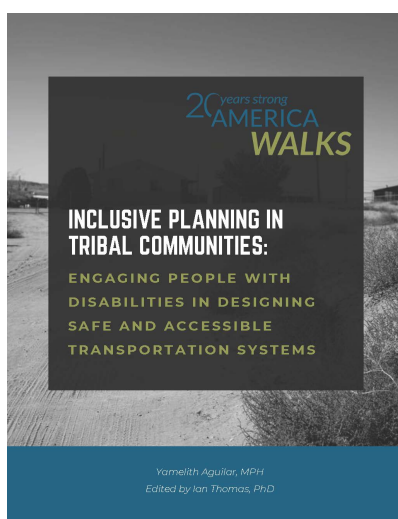


Inclusive Planning in Tribal Communities: Engaging People with Disabilities in Designing Safe & Accessible Transportation Systems

America Walks just released a new **White Paper on Inclusive Planning in Tribal Communities** and held a **webinar** (click the recording above) featuring the author and members of the Project Advisory Board.

White Paper author Yamelith Aguilar went over her research and key findings around tribal culture, existing infrastructure for walking and rolling, and the legal applicability of the Americans with Disabilities Act. A panel of experts in disability inclusion, community engagement/advocacy, accessible design, and tribal planning then discussed the implications of the study and recommendations for future projects and processes.

There is much to glean from both the webinar and the White Paper. We hope you'll take them in and share these resources with your colleagues and networks.



CONCLUSIONS & NEXT STEPS



[Read the White Paper](#)

Did you miss our 2020 Walking College Graduate Stories?

Check out this video below. Applications for our 2021 program will be opening soon!



Your End-Of-Year Support Is What Makes Us

We've reached thousands of advocates through our online educational programming, Summits and our ever-growing walkable community programs. Many of those advocates are now leaders – out in the world making real, felt changes in their communities. Do you feel it? Please help us continue this trend. Your donations provide the foundation for our ability to support and fund vital grassroots work.

If you donate more than \$200 before the year is over we'll send you [an America Walks Walkapocket](#) or water bottle, while supplies last.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO AMERICA WALKS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

we are leading the way in advancing safe, equitable, accessible, and enjoyable places to walk and move, by giving people and communities the resources to effectively advocate for change

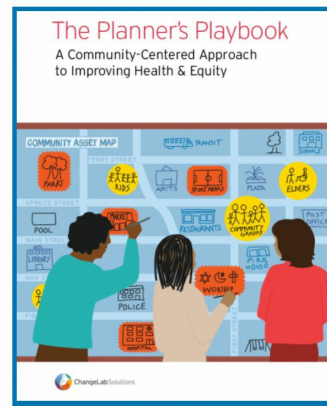


The Planner's Playbook: a community-centered approach to improving health & equity

Check out this new resource that's packed with practices and tools for planners to equitably engage communities in planning.

From our friends at [ChangeLab Solutions](#), [The Planner's Playbook](#) advocates for a new set of practices and tools to equitably engage communities in developing plans that disrupt patterns of structural disadvantage.

This tool offers guidance, providing resources, concrete steps, and examples for planners who wish to center equity in their planning practice so that their communities promote opportunity and prosperity for all.



AMERICA WALKS IS HIRING A FUND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER!

We are looking for an organized and driven individual to join our team and work closely with our Executive Director to implement a comprehensive fundraising strategy, and more, for our organization.

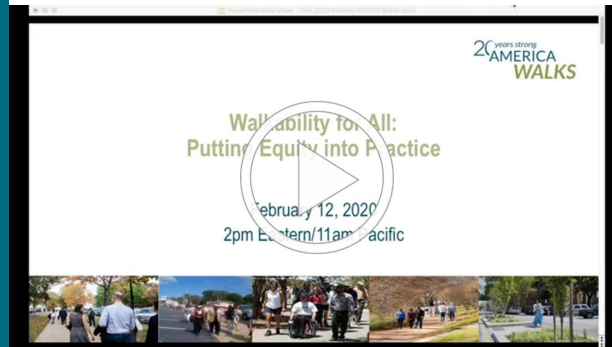
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America Walks Top 5 Webinars of 2020

Below are our top 5 webinars of the year. If you get some time between low-key holiday happenings put these on your playlist this weekend. And don't forget to [subscribe to our YouTube channel](#) and watch the others! From left to right and top to bottom:

1. Walking and Walkability in the time of COVID 19 Changing Policies and Practices.
2. Right of Way: Race, Class, and the Silent Epidemic of Pedestrian Deaths in America w/ Angie Schmitt and Charles Brown.
3. Walkability for All: Putting Equity into Practice.
4. Research in Action: Trends in How Municipalities Are Addressing Increased Demand for Safe Public Space
5. The Nature Fix: Why Nature Makes Us Happier, Healthier, and More Creative



Mark Those Calendars:

January 13, 2021 – Our next webinar, Main Street: How a City's Heart Connects Us All – a conversation with author Mindy Thompson Fullilove. Register today!

January 13, 2021 – Washington Walks Virtual Experience: Inaugural Poetry.

January 19, 2021 – Place It! for Safe Routes to School: An Interactive Community Engagement Workshop.

January 21, 2021 – Main Street America: Main Street Forward Award Applications are Due .

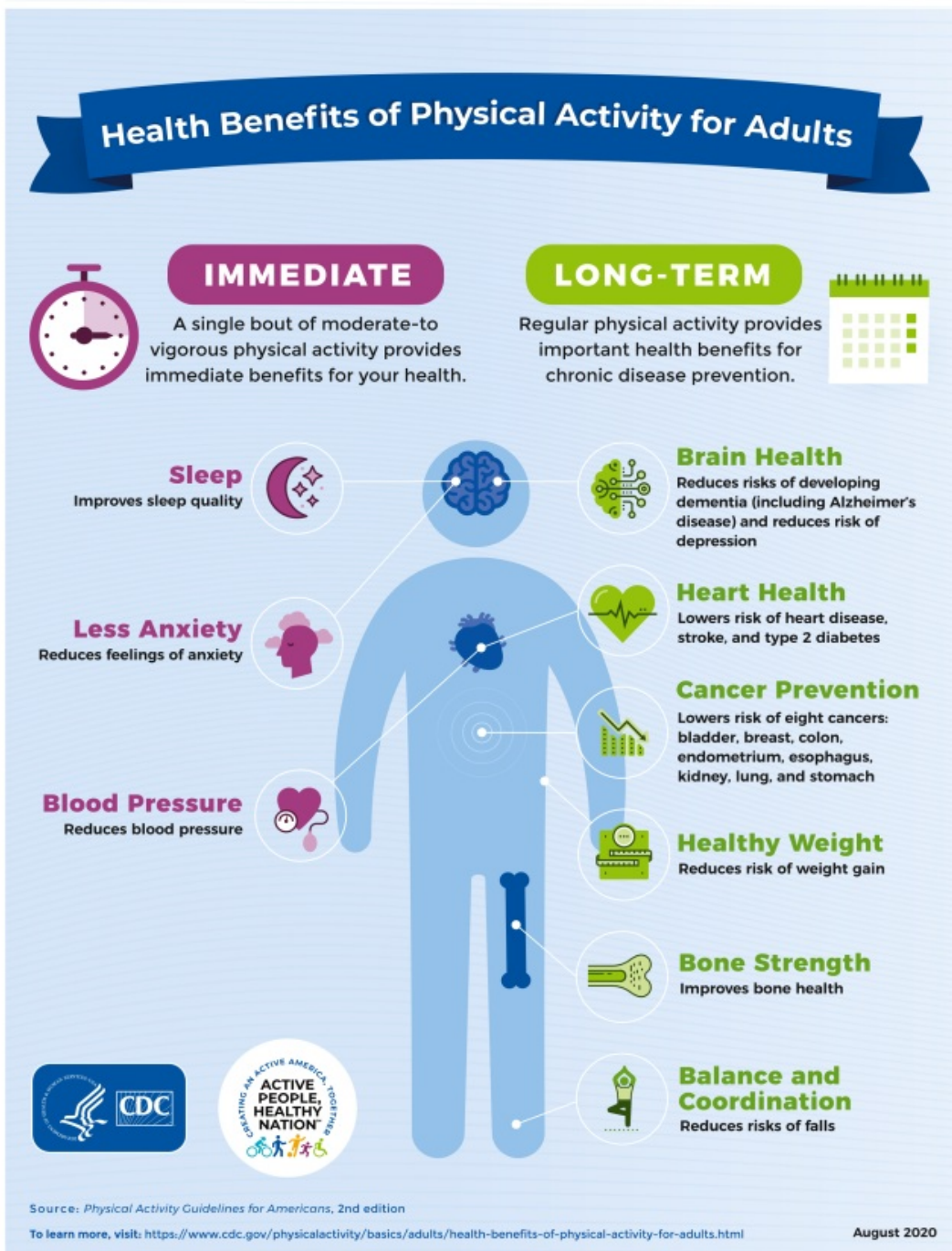
January 21, 2021 – American Trails: Making Meaningful Spaces: A Brief Survey of Integrative Active Transportation Webinar.

February 10th, 2021 – Our second webinar of the year, What Can a Body Do? How We Meet the Built World – a conversation with author Sara Hendren. Register today!

Content of the Month:

- Why the history of racism in transportation enforcement and planning still matters today / *Streetsblog Chicago*
- A magical hike on Whidbey Island whitewashes Native history / *Crosscut*
- Tampa Has an Ambitious Road Mural Goal — and Even Bigger Plans If Funding Comes Through / *Next City*
- Opinion: ‘Non-Highway’ spending category needs a new name / *Bike Portland*
- ‘Sit less, walk more,’ advise heart researchers / *Medical News Today*
- A Pedestrian’s Recent History of Dallas / *D Magazine*

We leave you with this nice reminder from the CDC of the short and long-term benefits of active living



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