



Active Living – incorporating physical activity into our daily routine.

Smart Trips Summit-U Brown Bag Discussion

Tuesday, October 21

12 - 1pm

Come hear about the outcomes of the Smart Trips Summit-U program, an individualized marketing campaign to reduce drive alone trips run by St. Paul Smart Trips. We will give a presentation on program details and results, followed by a discussion about the implications of this type of outreach for St. Paul and the region as well ideas and suggestions for the future. We look forward to your feedback and questions! No RSVP necessary. Please bring your own lunch.

Location

St. Paul Smart Trips

Skyway level

Alliance Bank Center

55 E 5th St, Suite 202

www.smart-trips.org

National experts to speak at health disparities conference

"Health Equality: Honoring Culture While Closing the Gap" to be held Nov. 12-14

National experts on health disparities will speak at the "Health Equality: Honoring Culture While Closing the Gap" conference, November 12 – 14, 2008, at Mystic Lake Casino and Hotel in Prior Lake, Minnesota. The conference is sponsored by the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health of the Minnesota Department of Health. [Read the entire news release](#) and link to register. The cost is \$150.

Please let Connie Bernardy know if you are attending. Connie.Bernardy@co.ramsey.mn.us. Connie will be attending.

Metropolitan Council

Attachment

Note from James Andrew about attachment:

Attached is the map of the corridors under study. A report will be ready and available by the end of this year but you may want to discuss any ideas you have for projects or questions you have as the study is happening. I have cc'd Leslie Knapp from HR Green who is managing the project as well as Tony Hull from Transit for Livable Communities if you would like to ask either of them questions about the project or about TLC's grant program.

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Transit for Livable Communities

Bicycling and Walking

- [Safety Top Concern Following Tragic September](#). Four fatalities occurred in September as the result of collisions with motor vehicles. Joan Pasiuk, Director of the Bike Walk Twin Cities initiative, responded to this disturbing news by calling for [improved safety measures](#), and cyclists from around the metro, many wearing black, gathered Saturday to honor the four accident victims and [remind all drivers of road safety](#).
- [Burnsville Improving Pedestrian Safety](#). In an effort to create a more “walkable” downtown, Burnsville officials are working to improve safety. The new measures include a public education campaign and heightened police enforcement.
- Burnsville takes steps to protect city pedestrians.
http://www.startribune.com/local/south/29846744.html?elr=KArksi8cyaiUjc7YUiD3aPc:_Yyc:aUU
- Editorial: Bicycle fatality no. 4.
http://www.startribune.com/opinion/letters/30058274.html?elr=KArksc8P:Pc:UHDaaDyiUiD3aPc:_Yyc:aUULPQL7PQLanchO7DiU
- No safety in numbers for cyclists on the road.
http://www.startribune.com/local/29933569.html?elr=KArksLckD8EQDUoaEyqyP4O:DW3ckUiD3aPc:_Yyc:aUUJ
- Serious biking injuries on the rise in the Twin Cities.
http://www.twincities.com/ci_10603584?nclick_check=1

Development

- Removing cars to create public space. <http://www.planetizen.com/node/35337>
- Connected urban development. <http://www.ceosforcities.org/blog/entry/1906>
- The Travelsmart model: How to think people out of their vehicles.
<http://www.tcstreetsforpeople.org/node/341>
- First look at Franklin Avenue “vision”. <http://www.readthebridge.info/7392>

MinnPost

What to do when cities face tough times? Economist suggests they spend more money



By Steve Berg | Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008

Raising taxes on citizens whose savings have been hit hard in recent weeks may be an impossible sell, economist William Melton and area mayors agreed, but investing in city infrastructure and maintenance is still important. ... Jim Erkel, transportation director at the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, said it's important for cities to target such projects to future needs. The market is changing, he noted. When building resumes, there will be more demand for smaller homes in compact, walkable areas with access to transit. Whatever infrastructure is added should reward smaller carbon footprints.