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Crosswalk of Transportation Enhancements with National Prevention Strategy

Transportation Enhancements (TE) activities are federally funded, community-based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure. TE projects must be one of 12 eligible activities and must relate to surface transportation¹. For example, projects can include creation of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, streetscape improvements, refurbishment of historic transportation facilities, and other investments that enhance communities and access.

The federal government provides funding for TE projects through our nation's surface transportation legislation².

On June 16, 2011 the National Prevention, Health Promotion, and Public Health Council (National Prevention Council), released the National Prevention Strategy, a comprehensive plan that will help increase the number of Americans who are healthy at every stage of life. The National Prevention Council comprises 17 heads of departments, agencies, and offices across the Federal government who are committed to promoting prevention and wellness. The National Prevention Strategy recognizes that good health comes not just from receiving quality medical care, but also from clean air and water, safe outdoor spaces for physical activity, safe worksites, healthy foods, violence-free environments and healthy homes.

¹ http://www.enhancements.org/Te_basics.asp

² Ibid.

Table 1. Crosswalk of Transportation Enhancement Activities with National Prevention Strategy Strategic Directions, Priorities, and Indicators.

USDOT Transportation Enhancement Activity ³	TE Description ⁴	HHS National Prevention Strategy (NPS) ⁵
Pedestrian and bicycle facilities	Sidewalks, walkways, curb ramps, bike lane striping, wide pave shoulders, bike parking and bus racks, off road trails, bike and ped bridges and underpasses	Strategic Direction: Healthy & Safe Community Environments Priority: Active Living <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage community design and development that supports physical activity. - Facilitate access to safe, accessible, and affordable places for physical activity. NPS Indicators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proportion of commuters who use active transportation (i.e., walk, bicycle, and public transit) to travel to work - Proportion of adults who meet physical activity guidelines for aerobic physical activity - Proportion of adolescents who meet physical activity guidelines for aerobic physical activity Priority: Injury Free Living <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implement and strengthen policies and programs to enhance transportation safety. - Support community and streetscape design that promotes safety and prevents injuries. NPS Indicators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rate of motor vehicle crash-related deaths NPS Strategic Direction: Healthy & Safe Community Environments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve quality of air, land and water
Pedestrian and bicycle safety and educational activities	Campaigns promoting safety awareness; safety training activities and classes; training materials	
Landscaping and scenic beautification	Street furniture, lighting, public art, and landscaping along public corridors	
Conversion of abandoned railway corridors to trails	Acquisition of railroad rights-of-way; planning, design and construction of multi-use trails and rail-with-trail projects	
Environmental mitigation of runoff pollution	runoff pollution studies; soil erosion controls	

³ USDOT Transportation Enhancements: http://www.enhancements.org/12_activities.asp

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ HHS National Prevention Strategy (NPS): <http://www.healthcare.gov/center/councils/nphpphc/strategy/report.pdf>