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# NEWS

## ITE Participates in Several Complete Streets Initiatives

**June 29, 2010. Washington, DC**—During the spring, ITE has been involved with several complete streets initiatives. On June 17, 2010, the National Complete Streets Coalition met with FHWA Administrator Victor Mendez, Gloria Shepherd of the FHWA Office of Human Environment and other senior FHWA staff members to discuss how the coalition can best assist FHWA in further advancing the “livability” concept in conjunction with Complete Streets. Philip Caruso, ITE Deputy Executive Director for Technical Programs represented ITE as a member of the coalition. Areas identified for possible collaboration included better defining the commonalities between “livability” and transportation, land use, safety and complete streets.

On June 10, the House Highways and Transit Subcommittee, led by Chair Peter A. DeFazio (D-OR) hosted a hearing titled *Using Practical Design and Context-Sensitive Solutions in Developing Surface Transportation Projects*. Hal Kassoff, Vice President, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Washington, DC, USA, represented ITE by providing testimony on *Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context Sensitive Approach: An ITE Recommended Practice (RP)*. The publication was a collaborative effort with the Congress for the New Urbanism, U.S. DOT-Federal Highway Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency. Since the RP’s release in March 2010, ITE has recorded more than 1,500 free downloads of the publication. A video of the hearing and written testimony of the witnesses can be accessed at <http://transportation.house.gov/hearings/hearingDetail.aspx?NewsID=1205>.

Between April 19 and 23, AARP launched a five-borough volunteer-conducted survey program "Complete Streets Week: Making New York Walkable for All Generations" across New York City. The project aimed to assess dangerous intersections in order to improve pedestrian crossings for seniors and all New Yorkers. Volunteers collected data at each dangerous intersection indicated by the Department of Transportation and entered it into the AARP database. After the data is analyzed, AARP and the Department of Transportation will determine the steps needed to decrease fatality rates in those areas.

ITE International President Paul Eng-Wong and Amir Rizavi, assistant vice president, Eng-Wong, Taub & Associates, represented ITE at the [kick-off](#) of the initiative. ITE has been partnering with AARP since 2006 to address older driver and pedestrian safety needs—issues at the forefront of ITE’s objectives.

ITE has also recently completed several publications focused on complete streets, including three recommended practices, *Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context Sensitive Approach*, *Neighborhood Street Design Guidelines* and *Promoting Sustainable Transportation Through Site Design*. For more information, visit [www.ite.org/bookstore](http://www.ite.org/bookstore).

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