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### Employment

This section will feature employment opportunities of interest to Tennessee planners.

### RFP/RFQ/RFI

### **Downtown Nashville Sign Regulations**

The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County ("Metro") has issued this RFP for the sole purpose and intent of obtaining Downtown Nashville Sign Regulations.

For RFP and more information

[Click here](#)

### Training Opportunities

The **9<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Access Management**

will be held in  
Nashville, October 10

## TAPA/TSITE FALL CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 29—OCTOBER 1

*The Tennessee Chapter of the American Planning Association and the Tennessee Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers are hosting the statewide fall conference in Knoxville, TN!*



## Fall Conference Preview

The fall conference will be held at the [Crowne Plaza Hotel](#) in beautiful downtown Knoxville (registration closed)

### **Wednesday, September 29 Highlights:**

*Connecting People with Places*

*Greenways and Parks: Connection Communities*

*Tools for Your Toolbox, Parts I & II*

*Regional Coordination and Consensus Building*

*Alternative Modes—Pedestrians*

### **Thursday, September 30 Highlights:**

*Context Sensitive Solutions*

*Six Concepts for Green Development*

*Realities of Greenways in Floodplains*

*State Legislative Planning Issues*

*Reaching Agreement: Strategies for Getting Things Done Right*

**Lunchtime Keynote Speaker—Chuck Flink**, founder and owner, Greenways Incorporated

*Practices for Sustainable Development*

*Creation of Greenways*

*Expert Witness*

*Alternative Modes—Bikes*

*Community and Transportation of the Future*

will be held in Natchez, October 10-13, 2010. It offers a number of sessions and training workshops that have been approved for AICP CM credit and are identified on the national APA website under CM Activities.

For further information on the conference or to register, planners may go to <http://www.accessmanagement.info/AM2010/Natchez10.html>

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*Did You Go?*  
*Get Your Credits!*  
The **Pro Walk Pro Bike Conference** that was held in Chattanooga September 13 – 16 has been approved by APA for 106 CM credits. The link to the conference website is below.

<http://www.bikewalk.org/2010conference/index.php>

**Did You Know?**  
**Media Release** - The Tennessee Department of Transportation is currently gathering information for an update to the state bike route network, and is inviting citizens to complete a short online survey regarding their

*Community and Transportation of the Future*  
*Planning Commission Training*

**Thursday Night Social!**

**Friday, October 1 Highlights:**

*Town Planning for Connectivity*

*Complete Streets*

*Waterfront Development Master Planning and Implementation*

*Transit*

**Awards Luncheon!**

*Ethics in Planning*

*MUTCD Changes*

(Sessions subject to change)

Full Conference Information [here](#)

**Can't attend? Miss a session? Or just want to re-live the highlights??**

**Watch for our first full Tennessee Planning Letter edition in October for CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS!!**

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## **Message From The President**

TAPA Members:

Welcome to our re-launched newsletter, *The Tennessee Planning Letter!* The Tennessee Chapter of the American Planning Association is glad to have our newsletter back in publication this year. The biggest change you will spot so far is that the newsletter is now digital! I know everyone is busy and we all have as much reading material as we can stand coming to us every day, so we want this newsletter to be clear, concise, and easy to maneuver through. If you're like me, paper copies of studies, reports, regulations, and, yes, other newsletters are stacked in my office. My best chance to read and digest information is when it's online, where I can get to it when I have time. E-newsletters are the best way to do this, so I hope you enjoy our new format. The newsletter will also be available on our website: [www.tnapa.org](http://www.tnapa.org).

This is YOUR newsletter, so over the next few editions, we will incorporate your ideas and comments. We want to feature the people, places, and issues that affect community planning and development in Tennessee. Sometimes these issues mirror what is happening regionally and nationally, and sometimes the issues are unique to us in the Volunteer State. If it impacts Tennessee, we want you to know.

So have a look around. Then give our Editor an earful. Tim Roach at the Greater Nashville Regional Council is our newsletter editor, and he needs ideas, contributors, and even the occasional complaint (he told me to say that)

complete a short online survey regarding their experiences bicycling Tennessee's highways. Input from the survey will help guide the department in developing a comprehensive bicycling network that will assess state routes with respect to bicycle suitability and determine future action items pertinent to the furtherance of the goals of TDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

In 2005, as part of PlanGo, TDOT's Multi-Modal Long Range Transportation Plan included a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan element that recommended a statewide bicycle system. Since that time, the department recognized that changes in infrastructure and data collection necessitate an update to the existing bicycle route network. In order to provide meaningful connections to cyclists' destinations, TDOT invites the public to participate in the online survey by October 10, 2010.

Here is the survey link - <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TNBikeSurvey>

Nashville Regional Council is your newsletter editor, and he needs ideas, contributors, and even the occasional complaint (he told me to say that).

I hope to see most of you in Knoxville, but if you can't be there, be watching for the next newsletter for a recap of the conference.

***Karen Hundt***

President, Tennessee Chapter, American Planning Association

## Section News

**In future issues, we will feature news, events, and information about the planning activities in each of our TAPA Sections!**

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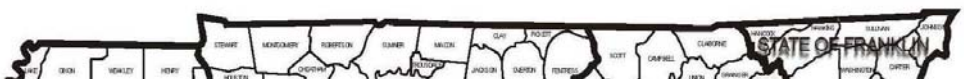
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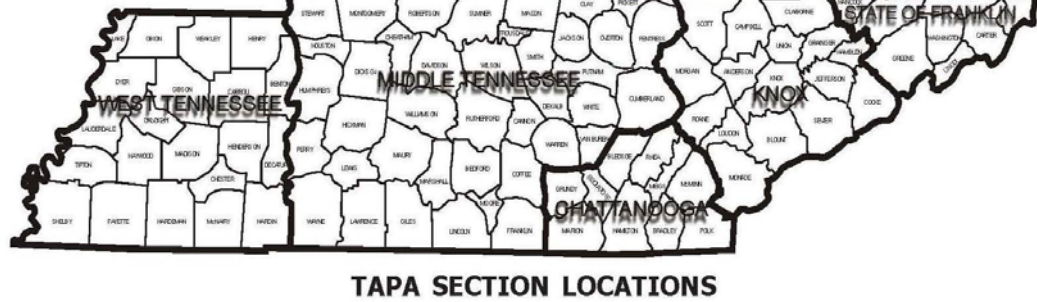
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## Features and Articles

***The Tennessee Planning Letter*** will include articles and feature pieces from our Chapter members, national APA publications, and notable contributors from the planning community. Future editions will give you the planner's perspective on issues that YOU face every day, from A (agricultural uses of land) to Z (zoning)!

***Would you like to contribute?*** Contact our Editor at the phone number or email address on the left! We want to hear not only from planners, but planning commissioners, attorneys (yes, attorneys), elected officials, developers, and others who affect the planning profession in Tennessee and the Nation.

***Do you have a topic you would like to see addressed?*** Email or call the Editor or your Section contact today!