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### June President's Message

By Ivan Miller, AICP

# WHAT'S NATIONAL APA DONE FOR YOU LATELY?

People ask me a version of this question once in a while. They say that being a chapter member is great, or being involved at the section level is great, but being involved in national...well, that's too big, too distant, not relevant, etcetera.

As a member of APA National, stuff comes my way all the time that's not too big, not too distant and very relevant. Here's just one sample of the latest useful and relevant info from <u>APA National</u>:

National Poll Dispels Popular Assumptions About Improving Local Economies and Attracting New Residents: *Millennials, Baby Boomers Want New Economics of Place* 



Ivan Miller, AICP—President, APA Washinaton

ATLANTA — A wide-ranging national survey released on April 30,

2014 by the American Planning Association (APA) finds that Millennials and Baby Boomers want cities to focus less on recruiting new companies and more on investing in new transportation options, walkable communities, and making the area as attractive as possible. The poll also showed the perceived importance of shared economies, high-speed internet access and housing where they can live as they grow older.

The poll found that 68 percent of respondents believe the U.S. economy is fundamentally flawed. They also believe the best way to make improvements nationally during the next five years is through local economies and investments that make cities, suburbs, small towns and rural areas attractive and economically desirable places to live and work.

- 65 percent of respondents believe investing in schools, transportation choices and walkable areas is a better way to grow the economy than investing in recruiting companies to move to the area.
- Whether the community is a small town, suburban or urban location, 49 percent of respondents someday want to live in a walkable community, while only seven percent want to live where they have to drive to most places.

"If there is a single message from this poll," said APA Executive Director Paul Farmer, FAICP, "it's that place matters. Community characteristics like affordability, transportation choices, safe streets, high-speed internet and housing that can accommodate others or enable you to live there as you grow older matter as much as job opportunities."

Among other key findings:

- 74 percent of the Millennials surveyed said attracting new businesses by investing in schools, transportation options and walkable areas is better than recruitment of companies;
- 79 percent of respondents cited living expenses as important when deciding where to live;
- 76 percent of respondents said affordable and convenient transportation options other than cars is

at least somewhat important when deciding where to live and work;

• 59 percent of respondents said the "shared" economy, such as CarToGo or Airbnb, is at least somewhat important to them.

"We recognize that providing people more options to get about effectively than just relying on the car will pose a host of planning and design challenges," said APA President William Anderson, FAICP. "Yet such a finding is one of the reasons we conducted this poll. As planners, it's vital that we look ahead 15 or 20 years and find ways to lessen the impact of current growth and development on tomorrow's communities."

"Part of what makes communities healthy and attractive," Anderson continued, "is their unique character — what distinguishes them from other places. To prosper, communities need to look ahead and plan so they can build on their local strengths and embrace the opportunities changing times will present."

Fifty-nine percent say that technologically enabled sharing services are at least somewhat important to them. Beyond the specifics of high-speed internet service and the nascent "sharing" economy, these findings suggest that technology and a culture of innovation and connectivity may be important factors for communities to attract new residents and businesses.

Seventy-five percent of respondents agreed it is important for where they live to have a plan to address changing conditions and emergencies. Sixty percent also expressed the importance of being able to stay in the same home as they grow older — or "age in place."

Forty-four percent of respondents were somewhat to extremely likely to move in the next five years. Fifteen of more than 300 U.S. metro areas named most were:

- · San Diego, California
- New York, New York
- · Boston, Massachusetts
- · Denver / Boulder, Colorado
- · San Francisco, California
- Seattle, Washington (Sweet! Ivan)
- · Chicago, Illinois
- · Los Angeles, California
- · Portland, Oregon
- · Washington, D.C.
- Austin, Texas
- Phoenix, Arizona
- Charlotte, North Carolina
- Atlanta, Georgia
- Miami, Florida

The national poll was commissioned to objectively analyze community preferences related to key demographic groups for economic development purposes.

This survey was conducted online within the United States by Harris Poll on behalf of Collective Strength and their client the American Planning Association between March 11-21, 2014 among 1,040 U.S. residents who are aged 21-65 years old and have at least 2 years of college education, of whom 416 identified as Millennials (aged 21-34) and 416 as Baby Boomers (aged 50-65).

This type of polling is definitely useful and relevant information for lots of planning projects. Depending on your community, perhaps these messages are the norm; if so, now you've data to support your existing work. Perhaps these messages are not the norm; now, you've got data to help change the dialogue.

The poll supports investing locally, creating a "there" there in your community, zoning so residents can age in place, and where children can afford to age in a nearby place that is not your basement, and it supports transportation choices.

Share this article with your elected officials, planning commissioners and community leaders. And please don't forget to tell them this information came from APA.



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### And the new APA Washington presidentelect is ....

By Chris Comeau, AICP



Paula Reeves, AICP CTP
—President-elect, APA Washington

As Chapter Secretary and Nominating Committee Chair, I'd like to announce that Paula Reeves, AICP CTP is APA Washington's new President-Elect. She will serve her four-year term as president-elect from July 2014 to June 2015, as president from July 2015 to June 2017, and then as past president from July 2017 to June 2018.

With more than 20 years of professional planning experience at the local, regional and state levels, Paula has been active with APA since 1992, including participation on the APA Washington Board since 2006. She co-chaired the Community Planning Assistance Program until 2012 and currently serves as liaison to the PAW board and co-chair of the Kids in Planning Committee. She also serves on the National AICP's Task Force on Community Planning and the National CTP Exam Review Committee, and as delegate assembly representative, helped develop and adopt APA's Transportation and Food Systems Policies.

Congratulations to Paula, and a very big thank you to Josh Peters for his willingness to run in this important election for our organization.

I would like to thank the members of the Nominating Committee—Jill Sterrett, FAICP; Brad Collins, FAICP; Gary Mabley, AICP; and Mark Kulass, FAICP—for their diligent work to nominate two extremely well-qualified candidates and for their overall advice. I would also like to give a huge shout out to Ann Macfarlane of the Chapter Office for her help in putting the electronic ballot together and administering the election for APA Washington.



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# Two New APA National Officers — from the Pacific Northwest

APA Washington is in Electoral Region V in the APA National structure. As shown in orange on the adjoining map, we are in a HUGE geographic region that includes states whose issues vary significantly.

The most recent APA National Election brought on two new national APA officers from the Pacific Northwest — one on the national Board of Directors and the other on the national Commission of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

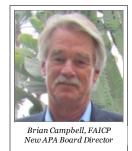
The past officers were terrific participants on the national boards and accomplished a lot. Sometimes change is hard, but it's inevitable... and may all the best go to our past representatives.



#### So, who are our two new representatives?

#### **Brian Campbell, FAICP — APA Board Director**

Brian is the Coordinator of the Northwest Livability Challenge in Oregon. Prior to that he was a planner for the City of Portland, for Parsons Brinkerhof, for the Port of Portland and more. He's been a Chapter President, served on the Oregon APA Sustainability Committee and on committees through the chapter. Importantly for APA Washington, Brian's been a strong partner with our Game Changing Initiative | 10 Big Ideas Program. We look forward to Brian's leadership at APA National!





Karen Wolf, AICP New AICP Commissioner

#### Karen Wolf, AICP — AICP Commissioner

For the past two decades, Karen has helped lead King County's land use policy programs that have successfully focused growth into the urban area and cities while conserving important natural resource and environmentally sensitive lands. She's been active in AICP training program implementation including serving on committees to update exams and developing specialty certifications such as Environmental Planning. Her list of Community Involvement activities includes the University of Washington Planning Professionals Council, Seattle's Bicycle Advisory Board Board Member and more.

The Washington chapter congratulates both of these great planners on being elected at the national level and looks forward to their leadership in the coming years.



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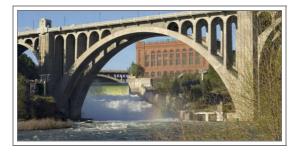
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### June focus on Ten Big Ideas: Rebuild Infrastructure

By Laura Benjamin

The Ten Big Ideas Initiative, an outgrowth of the Game Changing Initiative in coordination with the Oregon APA Chapter, is designed to bring about far-reaching and fundamental change on a variety of issues. Topics include addressing climate change, rebuilding our infrastructure, restoring and protecting our ecosystems, supporting economic development and supporting sustainable agriculture.

Each month, *The Washington Planner* will focus on one of the Ten Big Ideas, providing Washington APA members with more information on the work being done and how they can get involved. Our first installment focuses on infrastructure.



#### REBUILD INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure systems in Washington are the backbone of our society and economy, influencing local and global environmental and economic vitality. At a time when government revenues are down and the recovery from a deep recession is still slow, our aging infrastructure continues to deteriorate. Yet these systems support trade, business operations, jobs and economic

growth, as well as the daily activities of our citizens.

Every four years, America's civil engineers publish the <u>ASCE Report Card for America's Infrastructure</u>, a comprehensive assessment of the nation's major infrastructure categories. Our national infrastructure is currently at grade D, with only minor improvements made in the past four years. <u>Washington State</u> fares slightly better with an overall grade of C. Our roads and transit systems, however, are rated at a D+. As our failing grade shows, Washington needs major investments. Almost one-quarter of our bridges are functionally obsolete, and more than half of our roads are in poor or mediocre condition. We also need to make multibillion dollar investments in drinking water infrastructure and schools to bring them up to a passing grade.

We are at a crossroads with respect to infrastructure improvements and replacements, with a gap between investment capacity and potential lost opportunities. As we consider the ability of these systems to adapt to climate change, population growth, resource constraints and new technologies, we need to rethink infrastructure challenge and opportunities. Across all major infrastructures, we can apply a blend of traditional and emerging



approaches to build on existing networks in ways that will increase the value we derive from existing

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spending, provide new pathways and sources for funding, and shape the types, scale, and location of investment in fundamental infrastructure.

The Rebuild Infrastructure Working Group, one of ten working groups formed for the Big Ideas Initiative, is exploring opportunities to expand an integrated approach at multiple scales for developing infrastructure improvements, such as smart grid and focused transportation requirements. The group is also working to explore and support opportunities to advance funding opportunities and foster public-private partnerships to align strategy, action and oversight of activities.

For more information on how you can lend your skills to rebuild infrastructure throughout the state, please contact Andy Markos at andy.markos@pse.com.

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### Natural hazards and lessons learned

By Gary Christensen, AICP

We have all heard, read about and seen the human and environmental devastation caused from a mudslide in Snohomish County, near the rural community of Oso.

I'm very familiar with the area. I have fly-fished for steelhead on the North Fork of the Stillaguamish for 20-plus years. More specifically, I have fly-fished at the location of the Oso slide most of those years, sometimes several times in a year. Fishermen have names for fishing "holes" and "runs"; ironically, the name of the Oso slide fishing hole/run is commonly known as the "Slide." I'm glad that I was not fly-fishing there last Saturday.

The Pacific Northwest is comprised of land and sea with great natural beauty and indefinite assets, but we need not be fooled into complacency. We must recognize that be choosing to reside, work and recreate here, there is chance that any day, a natural hazard event may occur.

Over the years, along what was once known as Steelhead Drive, I have seen small cabins, mobile homes and RVs replaced by stick-built, moderately priced homes. While I didn't know any of the families, when I drove down the road to go fly-fishing in the summer, I'd see them mowing their lawns and tending to their gardens. They always smiled and waved. As we reflect on the devastation caused by the mudslide, you have to ask, "Should new development have been allowed in the area where people, their possessions and property were at risk?"

Skagit County is reviewing and updating its Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. It addresses natural hazards like earthquakes, flooding, tsunamis and, perhaps more relevant today, geologically hazardous areas (landslides).

There are a couple of lessons to be learned. They are, but not limited to:

- We must assign greater importance and value to Skagit County's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.
- The plan update must inform land-use planning processes and be linked to the review of development projects through local government critical area regulations.

Skagit County must learn from what happened to our neighbors to the south. It is not a question of "if," but "when" an earthquake, landslide, tsunami, volcanic eruption or major flood occurs in Skagit County. We need to be prepared and minimize natural hazard risks to people, their possessions and property.

Skagit County resident Gary Christensen is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and is a professional planner with nearly 30 years of county government experience in Washington.



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# UW's Matthew Mateo wins 2014 APA Student Case Competition

Congratulations to Matthew Mateo of the University of Washington for winning the 2014 APA Student Case Competition, held in conjunction with the National Planning Conference in Atlanta! Second place was awarded to Melissa Currie from the University of North Carolina and Valecia Wilson from Auburn University.

Students had three hours to respond to a mock planning challenge by helping their mayor prepare for a dinner with a foundation executive. Students were responsible for quickly analyzing the climate change issues facing their assigned community and producing a reading resource guide to help the mayor position the city for the foundation's "100 Resilient Cities" challenge. A panel of professional planners reviewed the cases.

#### Read the case and their winning entries at

https://www.planning.org/scholarships/casecompetition/



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### Peninsula Section tackles environmental, long-range planning at annual conference

APA Washington's Peninsula Section will hold its annual conference from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 13 at the Shelton Civic Center in Shelton, Wash.

The conference centers on two tracks: "It's not easy being green" and "Looking into the future," with a variety of offerings related to climate change, urban forestry, planning ethics, and comprehensive plan updates. The afternoon will also include a short course on local planning taught by Leonard Bauer.

View a full conference schedule on the APA Washington website.

Conference registration is free, but the section requests a \$25 donation at the door. Your registration includes coffee, snacks and a catered lunch.

**Register by June 6** to reserve your spot by sending an email to Jim Rogers at mailto:jrogers@co.kitsap.wa.us?subject=Peninsula%20Conference%20Registration.



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### APA Washington remembers UW Professor Philip Thiel

Philip Thiel, professor emeritus of architecture and urban planning at the University of Washington, naval architect and community activist, died peacefully at home surrounded by family and friends Saturday, May 10. He was 93.

#### HIS WORK

Thiel left an impact in fields as diverse as naval architecture, architectural design, urban planning pedagogy, environmental psychology and community advocacy for people-centered urban design and development. He published Freehand Drawing (1965), Visual Awareness and Design (1981) and People, Paths and Purposes (1997), which introduced "experiential notation," or ways to describe the human experience of moving through the built environment.

Through his courses and books he brought passionate commitment, multi-disciplinary intellectual breadth, and analytical rigor to his teaching. He opened students' eyes to multiple aspects of visual perception, awareness and communication, and introduced them to a design philosophy centered on a rigorous study of the human end-user's needs, practices and desires. He advocated designing with an understanding of how the built environment affects human use and interaction both physically and psychologically. Indulging his love of exploring new cultures and built environments, over the years he impacted thousands of students' lives through his teaching from Berkeley and Seattle to Tokyo and Sapporo, Japan; from Arhus, Denmark to Bolivia and Peru.

#### **EARLY YEARS AND CAREER**

Thiel was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1920 to Philip Thiel and Alma Theone (Meyer). As a boy he visited his father at the Brooklyn shipyards, where his father ran a freight forwarding company. Enthralled by the harbor activity of tugboats and freighters, he received a Bachelor of Science in Naval Architecture in 1943 at Webb Institute of Naval Architecture. During the last years of World War II he designed ships in Boston to support the war effort. In 1945 he was awarded a patent for a design based on his Webb final thesis: a prototype for container shipping, the "Sectional Ship." After the war he spent what he considered halcyon days working with sixth-generation wooden boat builder, Dana Story, at the famed Story family shipyard in Essex. In 1948, he pursued a Master of Science in Naval Architecture at University of Michigan.

Invited to teach naval architecture at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he met artist and theorist György Kepes, who was teaching visual design in a program that later became MIT's Center for Advanced Visual Studies. Inspired by Kepes' theories on visual perception and communication, Thiel quit his teaching job to study "dry land architecture," completing his Bachelor of Science in Architecture in 1952. He joked, "I was the only person to come to MIT as a professor and leave as a student." While at MIT, Thiel was also able to work with Kevin Lynch and was influenced by his studies of the human understanding of urban space. This would eventually lead in 1969 to his co-founding the first interdisciplinary journal focused on person/environment relationships, Environment and Behavior, with Gary Winkel and Francis Ventner. After MIT, Thiel worked briefly at Bauhaus architect Marcel Breuer's office in New York and Walter Gropius' The Architects' Collaborative in Cambridge before deciding his heart was in teaching and academia.

In 1954 Thiel followed William Wurster, who had been dean at MIT, to join the faculty at the School of Architecture at UC Berkeley. He worked with noted designer Charles Eames on a new introductory program for design, and was involved in the establishment by Wurster in 1959 of the College of Environmental Design. A non-conformist even at bohemian Berkeley, he refused to wear the then-mandatory tie - finally cutting a strip of cloth with a slit for his top button, and wearing this in protest. When Thiel came to the University of Washington in 1961, he built on his experiences from MIT and Berkeley, developing an introductory studio course on design, championing the establishment of the architecture department's woodshop and photography studio, and honing the pedagogical theory that he would later bring to universities around the world.

#### JAPAN

Thiel formed a deep relationship with Japan, in particular, through two connections. While at Gropius' office, he met architect and educator Kiyoshi Seike. Then at Berkeley he met his wife, artist Midori Kono, who shared his professional interest in the Japanese arts and culture. The confluence of these two important relationships would take him to Japan numerous times over the years, teaching at the Tokyo Institute of Technology and Sapporo School of Design, developing deep and enduring collegial friendships. He said his time teaching at Sapporo was some of the happiest years of his life.

#### WOODEN BOAT DESIGN

Starting in the mid-1970s, Thiel revisited his naval architecture roots, designing a series of pedal-powered wooden boats, starting with the Dorycycle and progressing through the Skiff-cycle, Aphasia and the Escargot. The latter, with a cabin for sleeping three to four people, was inspired by his enthusiasm for sailing the canals of France for two weeks every year from 1997 to 2010. These trips became iconic for gathering friends, colleagues and students from all over the world for two weeks of sudden immersion in boat-handling, lock-navigating and investigations into the built environment and esprit of French village life. His wooden boat designs have been built by enthusiasts from Seattle to Australia to Berlin.

#### "RETIREMENT"

In his seventies, after unsuccessfully battling forced retirement, Thiel became more involved in civic activism, largely inspired by Victor Steinbrueck, the UW architecture professor who led the campaign to save the Pike Place Market in 1972. Thiel said, "It is my social obligation to make my professional skills available to deprived communities that lack the knowledge and resources (of urban planning & architecture) to stand up to the powers that be." He was granted lifelong free coffee by the Allegro café for his successful efforts to minimize the impact of redevelopment of the church across the alley, and achieved some measure of media notoriety when the 70-foot salvaged historic Kaplan propeller intended as sculpture for the North Passage Point Park was stolen from his backyard. The thieves abandoned the propeller after a blitz of newspaper and television bulletins about the theft. Until the very end he was working on a community advocacy project to ensure the inclusion of a public plaza as part of the University District Sound Transit station.

Thiel is survived by his wife of 59 years, Midori Kono in Seattle, his son Kenji in Los Angeles, daughters Tamiko in Munich and Kiko in London, his sister Janet Bachman in Florida, and granddaughter Ravenna in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. His other son, Peter Akira, died in 1978. A memorial celebration of Philip Thiel's life is planned for later this summer. For more information about the memorial celebration, Philip Thiel's life, and donation suggestions (in lieu of flowers), please visit [insert link] www.mission-base.com/philipthiel [end link]

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# Bring your lunch and learn about food planning

**Interested in food policy?** This month the Puget Sound Regional Council presents "Addressing Food Policy in Comprehensive Planning," part of TOOLBOX 2014, the organization's monthly brown bag series.

The session takes place from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. on June 19 at the Puget Sound Regional Council offices at 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500 in Seattle.

There is a growing recognition that access to healthy food plays a key role in public health, social equity, and emergency preparedness of communities. Local jurisdictions around the Puget Sound region can address these community health, equity, and resiliency issues by incorporating food policy in their comprehensive plan policies and regulations. Join Regional Food Policy Council staff to discuss why food policy is of interest to planners, learn about resources to take action, and hear from staff and experts in communities that have made food policy a part of the plan.

#### The speakers for this event are:

- Denise Lathrop, AICP, City of Des Moines
- Kara Martin, Urban Food Link
- Rebeccah Maskin, Puget Sound Regional Council
- Janet Shull, AICP, CSBA, LEED Green Associate, City of Federal Way
- Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Puget Sound Regional Council

This free event qualifies for 1.5 AICP CM credits (pending).

For more information, contact Sara Maxana at <a href="mailto:smaxana@psrc.org?subject=PSRC%20Brownbag%20Series%20Information%20Request">mailto:smaxana@psrc.org?subject=PSRC%20Brownbag%20Series%20Information%20Request</a> or visit <a href="www.psrc.org/growth/brownbags">www.psrc.org/growth/brownbags</a>.



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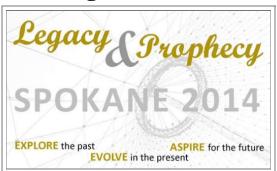
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Each year, APA Washington holds a silent auction at the annual conference to fund our scholarship programs. We are in need of donations for this auction, which will take place as part of the conference reception at the Riverside Event Center in Downtown Spokane. This event is a great opportunity to promote your business or service while "paying it forward" to help students complete their education.

Donation ideas are limitless and can be in the form of goods or services, large or small.

Tickets to events and attractions, vacation stays, guided trips, hosted events, local or exotic food or wine, clothing, and other retail items all make great donations. Municipalities can join in the fun by donating gift baskets that represent their "planning place."

In addition to exposure at the auction, donors will be publicly recognized at the conference, and in a future edition of *The Washington Planner*.

Please contact Silent Auction Co-Chairs Kell McAboy (<a href="mailto:kmcaboy@portoftacoma.com?">mailto:kmcaboy@portoftacoma.com?</a>
<a href="mailto:subject=2014%20Conference%20Silent%20Auction%20Donation">mailto:subject=2014%20Conference%20Silent%20Auction%20Donation</a>) at (253) 592-6207 or Tirrell Black (<a href="mailto:tblack@spokanecity.org?subject=2014%20Conference%20Silent%20Auction%20Donation">mailto:tblack@spokanecity.org?subject=2014%20Conference%20Silent%20Auction%20Donation</a>) at (509) 625-6185 if you would like to donate or have a question regarding a potential donation. Cash donations are also welcome.



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Presentations from past conferences are a popular feature on APA Washington's website. Now you can use a real-time search function to find a wealth of PDFs of slides by topic, keyword, presenter, or title.

This tool started with the 2013 conference—and now, thanks to the dedicated efforts of two stellar volunteers, Erika and Yorik, includes presentations from the 2011 and 2012 conferences as well.

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### Decipher the world of signs



Coming up with reasonable and enforceable sign codes can often be a complex and controversial process. With so many community stakeholders caring about sign codes, it is important to get the most accurate, up-to-date information and expertise as possible. That's why the Northwest Sign Council and the International Sign Association are offering the day-long educational event Planning for Sign Code

This event will help planners and other local officials better understand how signs work, the technologies involved in electronic message centers, the impact of signs on economic development, and the legal and policy concerns involved in local sign codes. Six AICP CM credits as well as 1.5 Law credits will be offered, and registration includes continental breakfast and lunch!

The workshop will take place on Friday, June 27 from 8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. at Ambridge Event Center, 1333 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Portland, OR 97232. To learn more or to register for the workshop visit the <u>linked registration form</u>. For additional information, contact Patti King at 888-856-6972 or via email at <u>mailto:pking@nwsigncouncil.org?</u>

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For the past seven years, the Initiative for Bicycle and Pedestrian Innovation (IBPI) has offered its popular course, Comprehensive Bike Design & Engineering. In addition to the 1.0 version of the course, which is designed for communities working on their first bicycle master plan, this year the IBPI is offering a 2.0 version, which is targeted at people working to bring their communities in the next stage of bicycle

Instructors cover topics such as ADA and bicycle design, protected bikeways, funding opportunities, and even the integration of transit. Daily field tours will give students the chance to see and experience bicycle facilities. Instructors include Peter Koonce, Adjunct Professor at PSU, and Mia Birk of Alta Planning + Design.

The five-day course, roughly 32 hours long, is equivalent to 32 CM. There are only 25 spots available for this course. Registration ends on July 31 or when 25 participants have registered.

The course takes place August 25 - 29 in Room 315 (ITS Lab) in the Engineering Building on the campus of Portland State University. The \$995 fee includes breakfast, snack, lunch, and course materials. Weeklong bike rentals are available for \$60.

For more information including how to register, visit www.pdx.edu/ibpi/comprehensive-bicycledesign-engineering-20