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LADDERS OF OPPORTUNITY EVERY PLACE COUNTS DESIGN CHALLENGE

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The Ladders of Opportunity **EVERY PLACE COUNTS DESIGN CHALLENGE** aims to raise awareness and identify innovative community design solutions that bridge the infrastructure divide and reconnect people to opportunity. The Challenge represents the department's latest effort to transform our transportation network into a system that reflects and incorporates the input of the people and communities they impact.

CHALLENGE GOALS

- Encourage communities to reimagine existing transportation projects via innovative and restorative infrastructure design that addresses past mistakes; reconnects people and neighborhoods to opportunity; and reinvigorates opportunity within communities.
- Empower communities and decision-makers to work together to develop context-sensitive design solutions that reflect and incorporate the input of the people and communities they touch.

CHALLENGE INFORMATION

In June 2016, Community Teams led by local government officials across the country competed to receive one of four two-day on-site Design Sessions, that will offer in-depth technical assistance, design strategies, subject-matter experts, and targeted program funding and resource guidance to address an existing transportation infrastructure project challenge. Private engineering and design practitioners were also invited to participate as technical experts in any of the four design sessions nationwide. USDOT selected from a number of highly competitive applications for this technical assistance award.

SELECTED PROJECTS

USDOT selected the following four communities to receive a Community Vision Design Session, ensuring a diverse representation of projects and communities:

- July 7-8 | Spokane, WA (West)
- July 11-12 | Nashville, TN (South)
- July 14-15 | Philadelphia, PA (North)
- July 18-19 | Minneapolis, MN (Mid-America)

USDOT COMMITMENT

During the Design Sessions, USDOT will provide on-site technical assistance, facilitation of design strategies, subject matter experts, guidance related to USDOT program funds, identification of resources and eligibility for implementation.

For more information please visit www.transportation.gov/opportunity/challenge or email ReconnectCommunities@dot.gov



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