We appreciate you, reader! We hope that you are hanging in there.

In the News

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Meet METRANS Student Event Coordinator Zhanibek Baktygali

Zhanibek Baktygali is an international student from Kazakhstan, who is successfully contributing to both the IPPAM program and the METRANS Event team.

Read more here.


This very hotly contested piece by Joel Kotkin argues in favor of sprawl, citing that density has contributed to the spread of COVID. What do you think?

Read more here.

Planner’s Perspective: Jonathan Pacheco Bell

We want to share work that planners from all walks of life are accomplishing. If you have a piece about someone you’d like to feature, email me here.

Meet Bell, who coined the concept of Embedded Planning -- where the field becomes the planner's primary office.

Read his APA feature here.

COVID-19 Corner: Public Health Updates
The Washington Post's Coronavirus Coverage
Live updates: U.S. coronavirus cases surpass 1 million while the House leaders abandon plans to return next week.
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Webinars & Online Events

Eno Webinar: There's No Tool Like Curbs - The Powerful Mobility Tool Every City Already Has
Wednesday, April 29th from 11 to 11:30 am PST
Cities are looking to their transportation systems to promote mobility, safety, equity, climate and accessibility goals. Curb space management policy is a powerful tool that cities already have. This webinar will discuss the ways cities can develop policies for valuable curb space to drive larger objectives.

Call for Abstracts Extended: 4th VREF Conference on Urban Freight
Extended Submission Deadline: Thursday, April 30th
The conference theme is "Urban freight and liveable cities: Interactions between planning, design and business for scalable innovations." The conference will include presentations of research papers and discussions of solutions considering perspectives from authorities, transport operators, retailers, architects, and planners.

Call for Presenters: Pandemic Urbanism Symposium
Submissions Deadline: Friday, May 1st
What does COVID-19 mean for city life? What are the implications of the pandemic for urban mobility, sociability, politics, and density? Join the conversation on our emerging state of pandemic urbanism in this virtual symposium. For our May 29th conference, we especially invite contributions in relation to four themes: mobility, sociability, politics, and density.

UC Davis Webinar: The Many Benefits of Reducing Car Dependence
Thursday, May 7th from 10 to 11 am PST
While cars provide an unparalleled level of mobility, they also have many negative impacts. This presentation will synthesize existing research on the many household- and community-level benefits of reducing car dependence, especially when done through planning that promotes alternative travel modes.

Internship and Job Opportunities

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