



Schools & Livable Communities: BUILDING KNOWLEDGE AND COLLABORATION

@ the 8th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference

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presented by the Local Government Commission.

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■ TAKE A TOUR

Revitalizing Downtown Albuquerque with an Historic School

□ Thursday, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Don't miss the walking tour of one of Albuquerque's most distinctive and oldest public schools – Coronado Elementary. Located in the heart of downtown Albuquerque on what was formerly the old Route 66, Coronado Elementary School was first constructed in 1894. In 1937, the school was rebuilt through a federal Public Works Administration project. Unlike many communities nationwide that are closing schools in the urban core, Albuquerque Public Schools District is reopening one of its oldest, and now one of its finest, schools.

The tour of Coronado Elementary will showcase how the historic site was brought up to modern standards without compromising its original architecture and authenticity. Learn how unique challenges were addressed: providing adequate parking; planning for traffic circulation in the middle of a business district; ensuring pedestrian safety; and incorporating the various educational programmatic needs on a small site. Tour includes lunch.



Smart growth is a national movement that focuses on the design of safer, healthier and more livable communities using a multi-disciplinary approach. Smart growth supports the creation of built environments that promote regular physical activity, neighborhood livability, less air and water pollution due to decreased driving, injury and crime prevention, the preservation of open space for farms and increased availability of fresh, locally grown foods.

Schools are a key element of smart growth. By building knowledge and collaboration, school districts and local government can partner to create and sustain healthy, livable communities.

Among the invited speakers...

- ◆ Marni Allen, Senior Research and Policy Associate, 21st Century School Fund
- ◆ Mary Filardo, Executive Director, 21st Century School Fund
- ◆ Judith Hoskens, REFP, Education Design Planner, Cunningham Group Architecture
- ◆ Deborah McKoy, Ph.D., MPA, Executive Director, Center for Cities and Schools, UC Berkeley
- ◆ John Ramsey, Executive Director, Council of Educational Facilities Planners
- ◆ Sue Robertson, REFP, President, Planning Alliance
- ◆ Ken Testa, Ed. D., Chief Facilities Officer, Merced City School District
- ◆ Jeff Vincent, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Center for Cities and Schools, UC Berkeley
- ◆ Kizito Wijenje, AICP, Capital Master Plan Director, Albuquerque Public Schools

Visit the conference web site for registration information and more details about these and 100 other exciting sessions!

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THREE DAYS OF SCHOOLS & LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

This track is designed for school district superintendents, board members and facilities staff, local elected officials and government staff:

School and Local Government Collaboration: Achieve More Together

■ Thursday, 1:30-5:00 p.m.

This half-day training session lays the foundation for the Schools Track by exploring issues affecting both public education and local government – and identifying the opportunities for working together. The group will discuss the benefits of collaboration and overcoming barriers. Learn about exciting best practice examples of city-school collaborations from across the country. Take home tools for effective collaborations in your community.



Planning Ahead: School Closings, New Schools and Demographic Change

■ Friday, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

This workshop will address how school districts and municipalities can work together to use smart growth principles when responding to the growth or decline in the student population, and how they can align school inventories – whether closing existing schools or opening new ones – to meet the needs of students, their families and the community. This session will illustrate the interconnectedness of student



enrollment patterns, housing markets and demographic change – and how to use this information to anticipate school enrollment and facilities needs. The panelists will provide models and policy examples that promote planning for sustainable, right-sized school inventories that support family-friendly communities and smart growth, including how to engage stakeholders and identify different roles for school boards, school districts and municipal leaders.

Green Schools for Green Communities

■ Saturday, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

A diverse panel will describe a process for planning, designing, siting and delivering “green” school buildings that enhance learning while conserving energy and natural resources, provide a healthy and safe environment, and engage and strengthen the surrounding community. Several “green renovation” case studies will demonstrate that existing schools can still be valuable community-serving assets. Our schools can be instructional tools that demon-



strate important principles of architecture and energy and resource conservation to students and the public.

The Power and Potential of School District and Local Government Joint-Use Partnerships

■ Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 pm.

Increasingly, planners, smart growth advocates, public health officials and school leaders are asking questions about how school buildings and sites can both support student achievement and meet broader community needs. One answer is the joint-use of public school facilities, where school assets – from classrooms to play fields – are shared by school districts and local partners to enable wider community uses. Joint-use partnerships can be a complex endeavor, however. Using local case studies, this workshop will illuminate the legal frameworks, opportunities and challenges of joint-use collaborations.

The Impact of Higher Fuel Costs and School Bus Cuts: New Transportation Opportunities at Our Schools

■ Friday, 10:15-11:45 a.m.

This session will explore how, as a nation, we came to bus more than half of our students to schools. The panelists will consider how rising fuel prices have forced school bus cuts in numerous states and local school districts, and safety concerns for students who must use streets that are poorly designed for walking and bicycling. We will also discuss how safe routes to school programs can improve long-term conditions, and hear from a school district making strides to improve the situation and its budget outlook by reducing transportation costs.



More sessions of interest to school professionals

In addition to sessions designed specifically around school issues, you will find a number of related smart-growth topics useful to your work and community:

- ◆ Safe Routes to School: Changing the Habits of an Entire Generation
- ◆ Not So New Partners: Youth Engaged for Sustainable Communities
- ◆ Smart Growth for Families: Strategies to Support Child Care
- ◆ Smart Growth 101
- ◆ Tools for Changing Policy: Giving Voice to Underserved Communities through Photovoice and GIS Mapping
- ◆ No Farms, No Food? Models for Sustainable Food and Farming Systems

■ SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

A limited number of need-based scholarships to cover registration fees will be given to participants who would not otherwise be able to attend. Scholarships are available for all or half of the basic public/nonprofit sector registration fee (\$309). A limited number of travel scholarships may be available. In general, scholarships will only be considered for one representative from an organization.

For more information: www.newpartners.org/scholarships.html
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■ CONFERENCE LOCATION



The conference will be held at the Albuquerque Convention Center in downtown Albuquerque, NM. The Hyatt Regency Albuquerque Hotel is the headquarters hotel for the conference, and is offering a special group rate of \$99 single/double occupancy. Make your reservations by calling (800) 233-1234. The

DoubleTree Albuquerque Hotel is also offering guest rooms at the \$99 group rate. Call (800) 584-5058 to make your reservations. For both hotels, please indicate you are attending the New Partners Conference.

■ FOR MORE INFORMATION

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“Local governments, school districts and other community leaders increasingly recognize the need to collaborate to create schools and neighborhoods that are healthy and more livable. The Schools Track sessions will provide you with information and tools that will help build and maintain successful partnerships.”

– Judy Corbett, Executive Director,
Local Government Commission

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