



Save the Date

Who:

John Robert Smith

Former Mayor of Meridian, Mississippi, President of [Reconnecting America](#) and Co-Chairman of [Transportation for America](#), former Chairman of Amtrak's board and former member of the transportation committees of the National League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors

What:

Roundtable Luncheon Presentation and Discussion

“Improving Transportation Choices for Montana Cities and Towns”

**Wednesday, September 22, 11:30 am-1:00 pm
First Interstate Bank Meeting Room, Operations Center
1800 6th Ave. North
Billings, Montana**

We hope you will plan to join us and other healthy community advocates for this opportunity to hear from John Robert Smith about his hometown community development experience and to discuss how local, statewide and national transportation policy initiatives can help enhance both economic and community vitality.

John Robert Smith is a veteran of the station-centered community development movement, and led the drive to renovate the City of Meridian's Union Station, a \$7 million historic restoration project that created a new multimodal transportation center, dramatically increased use of the station, raised property values and city tax receipts, and lowered crime in the station's neighborhood. He served on Reconnecting America's board for five years, and was a founding partner and board member of Reconnecting America's predecessor organization, the Great American Station Foundation.

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Sponsored by the Alliance (Billings Clinic, RiverStone Health and St. Vincent Healthcare), the Healthy Places Community Advisory Group seeks to intentionally influence the environment in which people live, work and play such that positive health effects are enhanced and negative health effects are mitigated. We are improving the quality of life for everyone in our community through advocacy, outreach, education and mobilization efforts.

[Transportation for America](#) has formed a broad national and Montana Coalition, now 45 partners strong, including public health, senior, equity, housing, business, biking, transit and other organizations all seeking to align our local, state and national transportation policies with an array of issues like economic opportunity, health, climate change, energy security, housing and community development...issues that will play a key role in strengthening the foundation of our communities and nation. For more information please visit www.t4america.org.