For the past five years, the National Transportation Alternatives Clearinghouse has been operated through a cooperative agreement between the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy and the Federal Highway Administration. This agreement expired on September 9, 2013. This newsletter will clarify the future of the clearinghouse, its personnel, and materials hosted at www.ta-clearinghouse.info.
Tracy Hadden Loh will continue to operate as the Director of the National Transportation Alternatives Clearinghouse until this date. Effective September 9, 2013, all clearinghouse functions will be suspended, including our newsletter, the excellence certificate program, and our technical assistance program. However, there are some important caveats to note:

1. An online archive of previous publications and the current publications available on our website will be created on www.railstotrails.org on a “historic” NTEC/NTAC page, so that these will continue to be available to the public. Until this archive is in place, www.ta-clearinghouse.info will continue to be live.

2. The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy is committed to continuing to maintain the database of TE & TA projects that began at RTC two decades ago and grew through our cooperative agreement with FHWA. This project list will continue to exist in a publicly accessible and searchable online format at railstotrails.org in the future, and will be updated annually. In addition, Rails-to-Trails will continue to produce an annual Spending Report which will present and analyze this information.

NTAC’s staff consists of Kyle Lukacs and Tracy Hadden Loh. Kyle is moving on to become the Safe Routes to School Coordinator for Arlington County, Virginia Public Schools. Dr. Loh will remain at Rails-to-Trails as the Director of Research.

Thanks to the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy and Federal Highway Administration for their support over the past two decades!