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**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING FOCUS OF UM PRESENTATION**

**MISSOULA —**

James Corless, director of Transportation for America, will be at The University of Montana on Thursday, Sept. 17, to talk about community design and transportation policy advocacy.

Local and UM student transportation advocates also will attend the event, which will take place at 7 p.m. in University Center Room 331. The public is invited to attend.

Transportation for America, also known as T4 America, is a coalition of more than 250 organizations working to promote a new national transportation policy that provides more choice and is smarter, safer and cleaner.

Before becoming director of T4 America, Corless was senior planner for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in the San Francisco Bay Area. He managed that agency's efforts to promote smarter growth, transit-oriented development and mobility options for low-income communities.

Corless wrote California's groundbreaking Safe Routes to School law and legislation that paved the way for smart growth "blueprints" to become part of the regional transportation planning process throughout the state.

For more information about the UM presentation, call Nancy Wilson, director of the Associated Students of UM Office of Transportation, at 406-243-4599 or e-mail [nancy.wilson@mso.umt.edu](mailto:nancy.wilson@mso.umt.edu).

More information about T4 America is online at <http://www.t4america.org>.

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