



A weekly selection of issues and activities relevant to local planning in Nashville and Davidson County

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Could you live without a car?

One writer who did calls it his "[new American responsibility](#)." If you're not willing to take it quite that far, maybe an [alternative car](#) would be an option.

Meanwhile, an AARP poll says many over-50s [would drive less](#) if they had better public transportation and more places to walk and bike.

Old becomes new in Ohio

Cincinnati is working on building [new streetcar lines](#) - while Columbus is finding that a [city plan](#) from the pre-automobile days makes a lot of sense right now.

Planes, trains, cars, and buses

Warwick, Rhode Island, a city half the size of Nashville, is building an "intermodal facility" - a combined bus station, train station, and parking garage - right next to its airport.

Local blog [transitnashville](#) asks whether that could happen here.

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