



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

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Broken levees, collapsing bridges...

And not just on the Gulf Coast - we have infrastructure issues all over the country, and construction-industry reformer Barry LePatner says we need to take some [specific action](#) before the situation gets even worse.

AYFs on the BRT

Bus rapid transit, or "BRT" - high-speed buses which run like trains, in dedicated lanes with limited stops - is catching on in several large, congested urban areas, including Minneapolis/St. Paul, which plans to have BRT rolling by 2010.

BRT advocates are finding that if you can attract [one particular type of passenger](#) - the "AYF" - others are likely to follow.

The collapse of the "bedroom community economy"

Texas planner and urbanist Scott Polikov says we're starting to understand why we should [build sustainable communities](#) - but the real estate industry doesn't get it yet.

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