



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

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## 800,000 riders a day

That's the count on the Bus Rapid Transit system [in China's third-largest city](#), which combines dedicated bus lanes and public bicycles to reduce carbon emissions and increase efficiency.

## Solar highways

Roadways made of solar panels with lighted signs built in - unlikely right now, but some visionaries say [it could happen](#) in the foreseeable future.

## How big does your house need to be, anyway?

Or your office, or your commercial building? [Some thoughts](#) on downsizing our buildings to a more human scale.

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