



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

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## **Dividing streets for safer, better walking**

Links to two short videos - how Melbourne, Australia, sometimes provides more lanes for [walkers](#) than for cars, and a [documentary](#) which compares New York City's streets to those in London, Copenhagen, and Paris.

## **Transportation costs bring manufacturing back home**

A heater manufacturer in Bowling Green's one of several companies cited in a Wall Street Journal [article](#) about the rising cost of shipping - they're moving production back to the USA to stay closer to suppliers and customers.

## **Keeping communities alive in the new economy**

A CNN.com [report](#) asks: "is America's suburban dream collapsing into a nightmare?" - and suggests that the mortgage crisis and high fuel costs could turn some traditional large-lot suburbs into slums.

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