



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

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Where to live when gas is \$4 a gallon

Not in Oklahoma City, according to [a study](#) by sustainability consultants Common Current. They ranked 50 US cities on transit use, degree of sprawl, and several other factors; we're 43rd, Memphis is 47th, OKC is last, and the top five are pretty much what you'd expect.

Getting delivery trucks off the streets

Amsterdam's reducing truck traffic by [adding freight cars](#) on its light-rail transit line and [connecting](#) with electric delivery vehicles in the city center.

Trees vs. billboards in Florida

The city of Osceola, FL, spent \$29 million planting trees and improving an ugly, unsafe stretch of highway. Billboard owners [said the trees were in the way](#) and had to go. The state legislature agreed - but it's not over yet.

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The Metropolitan Planning Department publishes this weekly digest to inform members of the Planning Commission, Metropolitan Council, Board of Zoning Appeals, and other interested parties about planning and growth issues in other communities which could apply to the Nashville region. Particular attention is given to sustainable development, smart growth, multi-modal transportation, and other information which will help us build a sustainable future and a more livable city.