



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

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## Light rail sparks “opportunity corridor” in Phoenix

Some city leaders there say it’s the key to [revitalizing a rundown neighborhood](#) and generating new development.

## Looking for a bright spot in the economic crisis

Futurist Joel Kotkin says the economy’s driving a [“new localism”](#) which will bring us all closer to home.

## Sidewalks clean the air

A Dutch university is testing [chemically-treated paving stones](#) which combine with sunlight to reduce smog.

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