



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

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## “Skin grafts” for buildings

Have an ugly building? [Wrap it](#) in “high performance composite mesh textile” and reap many benefits, both visual and green... once someone finds a way to make the concept work.

## “Parking bombs”

A pro-transit blogger [compares](#) the effects of aerial bombing and too much surface parking.

## The other 85 percent

Only 15 percent of the energy in your car’s fuel is converted into forward motion; the rest goes to waste, mostly as heat. Recovering and reusing that heat is just one of several [interesting ideas](#) which could make cars less wasteful.

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