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[A traffic-research firm's annual scorecard](#) shows Nashville's traffic congestion as the 32nd-worst in the USA, and I-440 eastbound from West End to Franklin Road as the 88th-most-congested corridor.

One way to do better

Meanwhile, [a study from the Arizona Department of Transportation](#) confirms that compact, mixed-use development reduces traffic congestion - even in high-density areas.

A carbon-neutral locomotive

Sustainable-rail advocates and the University of Minnesota are working on a cleaner kind of railroad engine - [a converted steam locomotive](#) which will burn "biocoal."

The Metro Nashville-Davidson County Planning Department publishes this weekly digest to inform members of the Planning Commission, Metro Council, Board of Zoning Appeals, and other interested parties about planning and growth issues, local and in other communities, which could apply to our city and region, with particular emphasis on appropriate development, smart growth, multimodal transportation, and other information which will help us build a sustainable future and a more livable city.