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What is community’s big idea in transportation planning?

“How we move around is undergoing a big shift. Travel by car has reached a saturation point... And transit, whether bus, rail or streetcar, is proving itself to be a catalyst for successful real estate development, as demand for living and working near transit is increasing.”

-National Association of Realtors
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Is USA's love affair with the automobile over?

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Statistics show total miles Americans drive peaked in August 2007, is gradually falling.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Driving in America has stalled, leading researchers to ask: Is the national love affair with the automobile over?

After rising for decades, total vehicle use in the U.S. — the collective miles people drive — peaked in August 2007. It then dropped sharply during the Great Recession and has largely plateaued since, even though the economy is recovering and the population is growing. Just this week the Federal Highway Administration reported vehicle miles traveled during the first half of 2013 were down slightly, continuing the trend.

Tell us: How special is your car?
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“...suburbs need to reclaim their economic mojo. To do that, economic developers advise, they need to attract the young knowledge workers and the creative class, key to today’s economy, as well as the updated housing, walkable neighborhoods, urban amenities and transportation options, which they are looking for.”

-National Association of Realtors

“The demand for walkable neighborhoods is strong among both young people and those of retirement age.”

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What is community’s big idea in transportation planning?

Today’s successful cities all share an underlying quality: they understand that services must be provided for a traveling public that has changed dramatically since the early 1970’s.

-Innovation Square Development Framework

Cities that invest heavily in building robust transportation systems offering a variety of travel options will be best equipped to serve their changing demographics and best positioned to attract new jobs and skilled workers.

-Innovation Square Development Framework
Emphasizing Success of Multi-modal investments

- UF enrollment
- RTS annual ridership
- Average number of cars at SW 34th Street and Hull Road each day
What is Bus Rapid Transit?

Connect:
• Airport
• Highest density residential neighborhoods
• Downtown
• University of Florida
• Santa Fe College
• Commercial centers
• North Florida Regional Medical Center
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What new roads are planned?
What widened roads are planned?
What about road repair?

Alachua County pavement management backlog
• Approximately $380M pavement management need
• Real problem, colored by common misconceptions
• Less about transportation, more about capital asset maintenance
• Dollar figure is cumulative cost of decades of proposed expenditures
• Better conception is approximately $15M annually recurring need
More information

- City of Gainesville transit planning documents: [http://go-rts.com/about.php#projects](http://go-rts.com/about.php#projects)