

BROADWAY COALITION

TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH SUMMARIES

The enclosed sampling of transportation research and reports, all from 2012, reflect how current demographic and economic trends are affecting the transportation choices people make.

An aging population, rising fuel prices, increasing urbanization, economic constraints, increasing health and environmental concerns, etc. are reducing automobile travel demand and increasing demands for alternatives. Although automobile travel will not disappear, many people would prefer to drive less and rely more on walking, cycling, public transport and telework, provided those options are convenient, comfortable and affordable.

The Broadway Boulevard Citizens Task Force should consider the trends and conclusions presented in the attached reports when evaluating the validity of traffic studies and deliberating future design options.

1. AZDOT Study – Compact, Mixed –use Development Leads to Less Traffic (May 2012)
<http://dc.streetsblog.org/2012/05/18/arizona-dot-study-compact-mixed-use-development-leads-to-less-traffic/>
2. Has the US Reached Peak Car (Scientific American, July 2012)
<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=has-us-reached-peak-car-americans-driving-less>
3. Americans Support New Transit Twice As Much As New Roads (Natural Resources Defense Council Poll, September 2012)
<http://dc.streetsblog.org/2012/09/12/nrdc-poll-twice-as-many-americans-want-transit-as-new-roads/>
4. Public Transportation Ridership Use Surged in First Quarter 2012 (American Public Transportation Association, June 2012)
http://www.apta.com/mediacenter/pressreleases/2012/Pages/120604_Ridership.aspx
5. Toward More Comprehensive Understanding of Traffic Congestion (September 2012)
<http://www.planetizen.com/node/58429>
6. The Future Isn't What It Used To Be; Changing Trends and Their Implications for Transport Planning (Abstract, Victoria Transport Policy Institute, July 2012)
abstract and table of contents only – copies of full report can be obtained at
<http://www.vtpi.org/future.pdf>
7. Transportation and the New Generation; Why Young People are Driving Less and What it Means for Transportation Policy (Executive Summary, Frontier Group/US PIRG Education Fund, April 2012)
executive summary only – copies of full report can be obtained at
<http://www.uspirg.org/reports/usp/transportation-and-new-generation>

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