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CITY OF LANCASTER STRATEGIC PLAN 2007-2009 – Mayor Gray has announced the completion of a new [Plan](#) for the City of Lancaster. The Plan defines where the [City of Lancaster](#) is going and **provides a map for the future**. The [Plan](#) represents a convergence of events and ideas that began almost a year ago, when a diverse group of community representatives met to establish a framework for the City's revitalization during visioning sessions led by [The Brookings Institution](#).

ENVISION LANCASTER – Transformation and Rejuvenation in the County Core – This **Plan is the product of a design studio** held in the City of Lancaster in Spring 2007 by a team of students from the [University of Pennsylvania, School of Design – Department of City and Regional Planning](#). This in-depth Plan synchronizes new investment, opportunities, and existing assets in a **unified strategy to benefit the physical, economic, and social fabric of Lancaster City**. The Plan integrates the student's vision, goals, and implementation steps. By **coordinating ongoing initiatives while adding complementary proposals**, the City's government, residents and major stakeholders can ensure that the City will prosper well into the future. **Copies of "Envision Lancaster" are available in the Mayor's office for \$50** (to cover the cost of printing) If paying by check, the check should be made payable to the City of Lancaster.

TOD 101: WHY TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT AND WHY NOW? - [Reconnecting America](#) presents [TOD 101: Why Transit-Oriented Development and Why Now?](#), a colorful 24-page "picture book" designed in an easy-to-read format that illustrates how shifting demographics and the changing real estate market have opened up an unprecedented window of opportunity for transit-oriented development. This 2007 book explains what TOD is, how it benefits communities, and how it can be an important affordability strategy for regions. It references Reconnecting America's national TOD market study, includes two brief TOD case studies, and discusses the Affordability Index developed by the Center for TOD. In sum, it **explains all the reasons that TOD is a sustainable, low-cost solution to a host of problems** ranging from **housing affordability to traffic congestion** to global warming.

IF YOU BUILD IT THEY WILL COME -- Transportation Facts - Longer commutes, clogged streets, endless traffic delays -- **Americans want alternatives** to the daily transportation grind. [If You Build It They Will Come](#) is a two-page fact sheet from the [Natural Resources Defense Council](#) (NRDC) that describes how smart growth land-use strategies (also known as **location-efficient development**, or "new urbanism") place a premium on what Americans value: **shorter trips** to and from the office and other destinations, opportunities to **travel conveniently without having to drive**, pedestrian-friendly sidewalks, and amenities like restaurants, shops, and libraries within walking distance of their homes. These options can **save people thousands of dollars** a year by cutting the **cost of transportation -- the second-biggest household expense**. Even better, these quality of life improvements have significant benefits for the environment.

UPCOMING EVENTS CHAMBER AND UNITED WAY TO PRESENT TESTIMONY TO GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION

The Chamber has coordinated a panel of business leaders to present testimony from a business perspective on County government to the **Government Study Commission on Tuesday, June 19, 7:00 p.m.** at Franklin & Marshall College's Stahr Auditorium in Stager Hall. In addition from hearing from the business community, the Commission will host representatives from the United Way of Lancaster County to present the human services perspective on County government. [For more information.](#)

INTERESTING ARTICLES

[Restoring Prosperity](#)
The State Role in Revitalizing America's Older Industrial Cities - cities today are becoming more attractive to certain segments of society. Meanwhile, economic trends-globalization, the demand for educated workers, the increasing role of universities-are providing cities with an unprecedented chance to capitalize upon their economic advantages and regain their competitive edge.

[How Housing Affects Child Well-Being](#)

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