



Young Involved Philadelphia

Reading Group Reminder

Hard to believe today, but the United States once led the world in transit use. Where did we go wrong? How can we learn from the cities we love to visit?

READ: Making Transit Work

DISCUSS: Monday, October 29th, 6:15-8:00 pm

Brew Haha! (212 S. 12th Street near 12th and Locust)

Here in Philadelphia, we're serious about change and we're *getting there*, but we could use a little help from our friends in Western Europe and Canada. This insightful little read by the Transportation Research Board looks to positive examples from across the world to build better transit systems in the US. When visiting a city abroad, you may have wondered, "Why can't we have something like this at home?" This book tells us how to get more people on board and help move transit forward.

The reading is available online from the National Academies Press at www.nap.edu. Use a token to get to this airy, cozy little coffee shop to discuss the reading with interested, interesting folks.

RSVP to YIPReading@gmail.com to receive a *free* version of the text.

About YIP's Reading Group

"Philadelphia and Its Future" is YIP's monthly reading and discussion group. The group allows us to further educate ourselves about our city and its history, and to debate issues of key relevance to Philadelphia's future. Readings draw from classic works on cities and urban planning, analysis of current economic development trends, and case studies of policies and initiatives successful here and elsewhere, as well as other sources.

Past readings:

- Paper Trails by Pete Dexter
- Sprawl: A Compact History by Robert Bruegmann's
- The First Wall Street by Robert Wright
- Code of the Street by Elijah Anderson
- The Working Poor: Invisible in America by David Shipler
- The Death and Life of Great American Cities by Jane Jacobs
- The Price is Wrong: Getting the Market Right for Working Families in Philadelphia, Brookings Institution
- The Rise of the Creative Class by Richard Florida
- A Prayer for the City by Buzz Bissinger

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