11 City Facts

You Would Already Know If You Read City Observatory

**Less time in traffic**
People are losing 40% less time to traffic congestion since 2010. >

**12 to 1**
The number of newly-poor neighborhoods exceeds the number of gentrified low-income neighborhoods by 12 to 1. >

**We’ve got a shortage of cities**
Building more great neighborhoods would go along way towards addressing city housing affordability. >

**Cars don’t pay their way**
Car user fees only cover 30% of the total cost of roads. >

**City jobs are back**
After decades of decentralization, jobs are coming back to urban centers. >

**The wealthy are leaving**
The growth in income segregation has been driven by the secession of the wealthy. >

**Wider ≠ safer**
Wider streets are not safer streets. >

**We’re driving less**
Americans are driving less—and that’s good for our economy. >

**Cities are more poor**
Two million more people live in high-poverty urban neighborhoods than did in 1970. >

**That neighborhood you love is illegal**
The country’s zoning laws prevent us from building more high demand, great places like Soho in NYC and Over the Rhine in Cincinnati. >

**85,000 more young people**
In 2014, about 85,000 more people aged 20 to 29 moved to central cities than to suburbs. >