

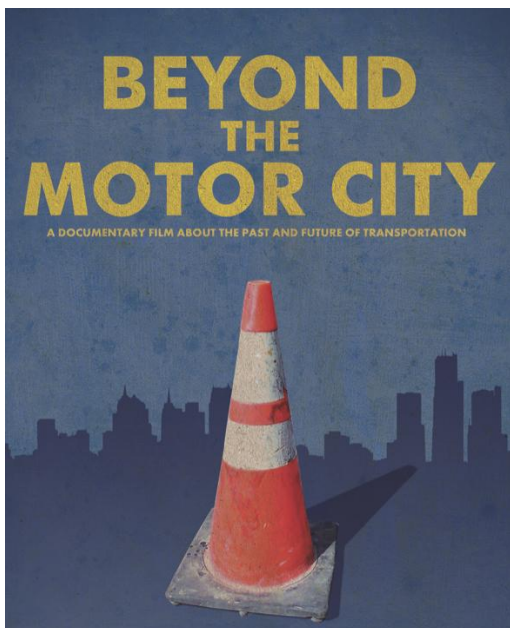


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FILM STREAMS™
AT THE RUTH SOKOLOF THEATER

Free Screening Event to Focus on the Future of Transit in America and Omaha

'Beyond The Motor City' Director Aaron Woolf will lead post-show discussion



WHAT: FREE screening of BEYOND THE MOTOR CITY with a post-show discussion led by director Aaron Woolf

WHO: Presented by the City of Omaha Planning Department, Environment Omaha, Live Well Omaha Kids, Omaha By Design, and Film Streams

WHEN: Wednesday, July 14, 7 p.m.

WHERE: Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater, 1340 Mike Fahey (formerly Webster) Street

TICKETS: Advance tickets (free) will be available beginning Monday, June 21 at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater.

MORE INFO: www.FilmStreams.org

Omaha, Nebraska—On Wednesday, July 14, audiences will have the opportunity to discuss the future of mass transit in America, and specifically in Omaha, following a special free screening of BEYOND THE MOTOR CITY at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater, 1340 Mike Fahey St.

Part of PBS's "Blueprint America" series, BEYOND THE MOTOR CITY examines how Detroit, a symbol of America's diminishing status in the world, may come to represent the future of transportation and progress. The film explores Detroit's historic investments in infrastructure — from early 19th-century canals to the urban freeways that gave The Motor City its name and made America's transportation system the envy of the world. But it also reveals that over the last 30 years, much of the world has left Detroit — and America — behind, choosing faster, cleaner, more modern transportation.

Director Aaron Woolf (KING CORN) will be in attendance at the screening and lead a post-show discussion on how issues in the film relate to Omaha. Tickets for the 7 p.m. screening and panel are free and will be available beginning Monday, June 21 at the box office inside Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater, or by emailing maggie@filmstreams.org.

The event is presented in partnership by the City of Omaha Planning Department, Environment Omaha, Live Well Omaha Kids, Omaha By Design, and Film Streams.

The Omaha screening of BEYOND THE MOTOR CITY and Woolf's appearance at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater is part of a nation-wide tour to raise questions — and seek answers — about the future of transportation in America. City planners, urban growth experts, bike and transit advocates, and concerned citizens in more than 25 cities across the country are part of the BLUEPRINT AMERICA SCREENING TOUR that aims to provoke public attention and energize debate on:

- New hopes for accessible, clean, and modern mass transit in America
- The role of cities, and consumers, in shaping the next generation of transportation systems
- A roadmap for revitalizing the way we move through our cities and neighborhoods

Additional information about BEYOND THE MOTOR CITY, including transit-related statistics and resources, can be found on the following pages.

For questions, requests, or more information about the BEYOND THE MOTOR CITY screening, please contact Casey Logan at (402) 933-0259 or casey@filmstreams.org.

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BEYOND THE MOTOR CITY

TRANSIT, INFRASTRUCTURE & URBAN PLANNING RESOURCES

BEYOND THE MOTOR CITY

Blueprint America on PBS

www.pbs.org/blueprintamerica/ontheroad

BLOGS

Infrastructurist

www.infrastructurist.com

Streetsblog

www.streetsblog.net

National Journal: Transportation Expert Blog

www.transportation.nationaljournal.com

The Center for Public Integrity's TranspoBlog

www.publicintegrity.org/investigations/transportation_lobby/blog

GOVERNMENT

U.S. Department of Transportation

www.dot.gov

American Recovery Act: Track the Money

www.recovery.gov

NATIONAL ISSUES

Transportation for America

www.t4america.org

Transportation Equity Network

www.transportationequity.org

Smart Growth America

www.smartgrowthamerica.org

League of American Bicyclists

www.bikeleague.org

LOCAL ISSUES

Transportation for America: State Facts

www.t4america.org/statefacts

America 2050: Megaregions

www.america2050.org/megaregions

Livability

www.livability.com

TRANSIT BY THE NUMBERS



Of every federal dollar spent on transportation, 17 cents funds public transit.



Americans use public transit 35 million times every weekday.



66% of Americans say they want more transit options and 57% want to spend less time in the car.



For every \$1 billion put toward transportation investments and operations, an average of 36,000 jobs are supported.



In 2005, the average American living in an urban area spent 38 hours delayed in traffic.



Americans living in areas where they must drive spend up to 25% of their incomes on transportation, while those living in areas with more extensive and accessible public transit spend about 10%.



Between the years 2000 and 2050, the U.S. population will increase by 100 million people.



Transportation contributes to 28% of all U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.



Public transportation use increased by 38% between 1995 and 2008, which exceeds the 14% increase in the U.S. population during that same period.