

Recent Brookings Institute report states people wanting more "walkable" cities

The Brookings Institute released a report yesterday stating that young people are looking to live in walkable cities. They rank cities throughout the US, with Washington DC topping the list, followed closely by New York City.

The Dallas Morning News coverage of the report quotes the study's author, citing the Metro rail line as the reason for DC's high ranking:

"Mr. Leinberger attributes Washington's success with walkability to several factors, including a large population of 20- and 30-somethings and recent strong economic growth. But the chief factor, he said, is the success of the Metro. The 31-year-old rail system has transformed the region, shaping development and making the walkable urban model more viable. "