• Calys and King on Snøhetta’s plans for SFMOMA (no “black caped architect” here): “it possesses the potential for success as a museum and the potential for brilliance as architecture” and is “a concept that aims to slide a block-long building into the landscape without causing a fuss.”

• Jed Perl offers pearls about Piano’s Whitney expansion: “Architects are always trying to obliterate their predecessors” + Some straight info with great video.

• We cheer Cooper-Hewitt’s 12th Annual National Design Award winners (great presentations)

• Winnipeg is taking serious steps to reinvent its downtown, and "so far, it seems to be working.”

• Rochon takes on unhealthy neighborhoods that are "literally sapping people of their ability to live fully" - it’s time,"to start funding the radical redesign of inner and outer suburbs" (some frightening statistics for NYC and Toronto!)

• Q&A with Joyce Lee re: NYC’s Active Design Guidelines: "We take the message of health practitioners very seriously and have started re-visiting the way we plan, design, and build.

• Karrie Jacobs takes issue with those who consider NYC's transportation commissioner Sadik-Khan a "Roberta Moses": she "has built something stunningly logical, surprisingly monumental, and genuinely new.

• London Assembly report calls for the mayor to clamp down on the privatization of public spaces.

• Teddy Cruz offers research and ideas about planning that are "rooted in a very common sense approach to development."

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Steven Holl Architects Unveils Design for Doctorate’s Building for the Schools of Law and Economic Sciences at the National University of Colombia in Bogotá. — Leopold Rother/Fritz Karsen (1930s)

Paralysis by analysis hits library: How long have we been debating the need, site and design for a new library? ...It seems strange Calgary is lobbying the federal government to be designated the cultural capital of Canada in 2012. How can we consider ourselves the cultural capital when we can’t figure out how to build a new central library? By Richard White/Riddell Kurczaba Architecture - Calgary Herald (Canada)

Sustainability of Workers’ Rights: The USGBC’s LEED rating system promotes sustainable construction...Should issues of worker health and safety fall beneath the purview of LEED? The simple answer is yes...While it attempts to stride forward in questions of occupant health, it stays stagnant in regards to worker safety. By Ann Lui - Archinect

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