

# CONNECT DOWNTOWN

## What is Connect Downtown?

The Nashville Department of Transportation (NDOT)—in partnership with WeGo Public Transit, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), and the Nashville Downtown Partnership—has embarked on a critical project to improve mobility and address traffic congestion in the downtown core.

Through Connect Downtown, we will examine all the needs that downtown’s street network must serve and figure out the best way to fit the many pieces together. Our work will analyze options to address how Downtown’s increasing congestion can be better managed through improvements in traffic operations, curbside access, transit connectivity, and pedestrian and bicyclist safety while also supporting the needs of our businesses and residents.

## Why is Connect Downtown needed?

Our efforts are set to unfold during a time unlike any we have faced in recent history. Nashville is growing, which means more residents and workers Downtown and even more visitors. We are moving to a new phase of the pandemic, gas prices are increasing, and affordability is a significant concern.

We must be bold and take this opportunity to shape Downtown Nashville’s mobility networks with an eye toward resiliency, sustainability, equity and social justice, and flexibility. Now, more than ever, our community needs innovative mobility options that support social, economic, and environmental goals.

### From 2011 to 2021:



**14,000**  
new downtown residents

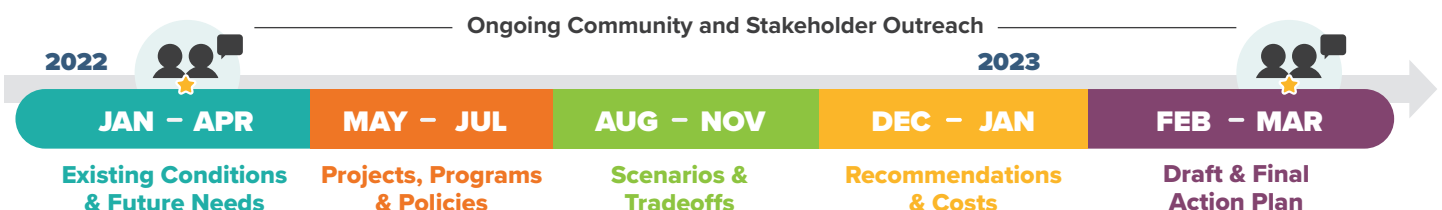


**1.5M**  
sq. ft. of office space under construction



**5M+**  
people attended downtown events each year

## When is this happening?



# What will Connect Downtown include?

Connect Downtown will develop an ambitious yet realistic plan to fund and implement projects and programs that serve all of downtown's—and our city's and region's—mobility needs.

We'll be gathering data, reviewing current conditions, talking with you, and considering future trends to create a new vision for how people move to, through, and around Downtown Nashville. We'll consider every mode of transportation and the diverse uses of our streets and sidewalks. You can expect to see reports and presentations about all of the following (and more!):



**Transportation issues and opportunities** in Downtown Nashville today



**Goals and evaluation tools** to guide decisions about priorities



**Projects** for people walking and rolling, biking and scooting, taking the bus, and driving and parking



**Better connections** to businesses, community destinations, schools, homes, and family and friends



**Programs and policies** to support people traveling downtown



**Funding and partnerships** recommendations for getting it all done

## What is the study area?



## How can you get involved?

Connect Downtown is led by the Nashville Department of Transportation (NDOT), working closely with WeGo Public Transit, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), and the Nashville Downtown Partnership. The project will be guided by local leaders and community members through a Stakeholder Task Force and a Technical Advisory Committee. **But we also want to hear from you!**

### WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

Learn more and share your input through:

-  **Community Meetings**
-  **Pop-Up Events**
-  **Online Surveys**
-  **Mapping Activities**
-  **Videos and Tours**



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Check out the project website to learn more:

**ConnectDowntown.Nashville.gov**

