

## Vision Statement / Goals & Objectives Comment Sheet

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### WEST NASHVILLE VISION STATEMENT:

West Nashville is a collection of several unique communities ranging from classic garden suburban neighborhoods to urban neighborhoods boasting housing diversity and walk-to conveniences. What this diverse group of neighborhoods shares is a strong sense of identity and spirit. West Nashville's proximity to Downtown Nashville, West End, Vanderbilt and Green Hills commercial centers as well as Richland Creek, Percy Warner Park and other points of interest in Davidson County make it an attractive and convenient community in which to live, work, shop, and recreate.

West Nashville's strong sense of community is based on the appreciation of its diversity of neighborhoods and built environments, its parks and natural areas, convenient commercial services, and areas of historic character. The West Nashville Community seeks to build on these assets to become an even more livable and sustainable community where:

- ❖ Established neighborhoods throughout the community are preserved;
- ❖ Trees, natural areas, open space, rivers/creeks, floodplains and wildlife habitat are preserved or reclaimed;
- ❖ Choices in housing and transportation are provided; and
- ❖ Centers and corridors, such as Charlotte Avenue/Pike, Highway 70/Highway 100, and White Bridge Road, are enhanced utilizing high standards of design to provide a more varied selection of commercial services, access for pedestrians and bicyclists, and a balanced mixture of housing, employment opportunities, and community services.

The West Nashville Community seeks to maintain its community spirit by engaging all residents, property owners, business owners, institutional leaders, and elected officials in the achievement of the vision to create a more livable and sustainable community.

I agree with the WEST NASHVILLE VISION STATEMENT and what it envisions for the West Community over the next 10-year planning period. \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If "No", what would you change in the Vision Statement that would better reflect what is envisioned for the West Nashville Community over the next 10-year planning period? (Please give specific recommendations.)

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### DEVELOPMENT GOALS: **OPEN SPACE AND NATURAL AREAS**

Goal:

Preserve and enhance easily accessible open space and preserve and reclaim natural features and areas within the West Nashville Community.

Objectives:

1. Preserve natural areas and features throughout the community, including in Cockrill Bend along the Cumberland River.
2. Preserve and enhance existing public parks, golf courses, and greenways.
3. Preserve tree cover, natural vegetation, landscaping, hilltops, rivers/creeks, wildlife habitat and wildlife corridors.
4. Preserve and/or reclaim floodplain and floodway areas.
5. Preserve and enhance Richland Creek, including protecting water quality and creating more pedestrian access points along the greenway.
6. Connect the Richland Creek Greenway north to Charlotte Pike and south to Percy Warner Park.
7. Create access to the Cumberland River for additional recreational opportunities through the use of greenway and park systems that are consistent with the *Metro Parks and Greenways Master Plan*.

I agree with the Goals and Objectives for OPEN SPACE AND NATURAL AREAS. \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If "No" please provide specific comments on what should be added or removed.

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### NEIGHBORHOODS

Goal:

Preserve the character of established neighborhoods, and strengthen transition areas between established neighborhoods and more intensely developed areas, such as centers, within the West Nashville Community.

Objectives:

1. Preserve the character of “maintenance” neighborhoods in suburban and urban areas by identifying the character details of these areas and applying appropriate community character policies and associated design principles.
2. Enhance and create the character of “evolving” neighborhoods in suburban and urban areas by identifying the envisioned character of these areas and applying appropriate community character policies and associated design principles.
3. Preserve the existing Conservation Policy in West Meade and include additional areas, such as around Knob Hill and northern Hillwood.
4. Encourage infill development that is compatible with the character defined by the community character policies and associated high standards of design.
5. Identify and preserve structures or neighborhoods that may be deemed historic or worthy of conservation, using tools provided by the Metro Nashville Historic Zoning Commission.
6. Enhance housing choice in the form of townhomes, stacked flats, and cottages in strategic locations (primarily transition areas) and with high levels of design.

I agree with the Goals and Objectives for NEIGHBORHOODS. \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If “No” please provide specific comments on what should be added or removed.

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### CENTERS

Goal:

Enhance centers that provide consumer goods/services and employment opportunities for the community by encouraging vertical mixed use, accommodating multiple modes of transportation, better managing access, providing free-standing housing options at the edges of centers, and utilizing high standards of design in landscaping, signage, lighting, and the placement of buildings and parking.

Objectives:

1. Focus enhancements to the Highway 70/Highway 100 center on establishing an environment that accommodates pedestrian and bicycle travel to and within the center, has defined setbacks that frame the street, features a cohesive and visually pleasing streetscape that contributes to its distinct identity, and adds housing within the center in the form of vertically mixed use buildings and residential development that forms effective transitions at the edges of the center.
2. Enhance the Charlotte Avenue/Richland Park urban center by maintaining its predominant pattern of street setbacks, encouraging the continued existence of vertically mixed use buildings, and improving transportation options, including pedestrian, bicycle, transit and vehicular options, through the center and into the neighborhoods . . .  
*(Note: Additional details of this area will be discussed further, since there are varying opinions.)*
3. Enhance the suburban Nashville West/Hillwood Plaza Shopping Center area by creating a more mixed use center with vertical mixed use options and additional housing options that serve as a transition to surrounding neighborhoods and provide market support for the center, and by supporting multiple modes of transportation, including welcoming pedestrian and bicycle environments.  
*(Note: The area on Charlotte Pike across from Nashville West will be discussed in further detail to determine the character of this transition area.)*
4. Focus enhancements to the White Bridge/Charlotte Pike center on improving access management; improving bicycle, pedestrian and transit access; enhancing the streetscape; and establishing a defined pattern of setbacks that frames the street.
5. Enhance the Lions Head Village center by building on its strengths (which include proximity to educational facilities, a greenway and multiple housing options), by improving access management and multimodal transportation access, by framing the street through defined setbacks, and by enhancing the streetscape.
6. Create appropriate transitions between high-intensity centers and surrounding neighborhoods.  
*(Note: The details of these buffer areas will be discussed during the Community Character Policy meetings in January and February.)*
7. Think creatively about the Highway 70/Highway 100 center area as enhancements are discussed.

I agree with the Goals and Objectives for CENTERS. \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

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### CORRIDORS

Goal:

Enhance corridors that provide access to, from and within the West Nashville Community, including enhancements to pedestrian, bicycle and mass transit options, along with a balanced mix of commercial and residential land uses that display high standards of design.

Objectives:

1. Acknowledge the unique role of corridors – as both a throughway and a destination especially for surrounding neighborhoods – and encourage a mix of uses and high levels of design that make the corridors welcoming for people passing through and stopping.
2. Enhance mixed use corridors to create complete streets, streets designed and operated to enable safe, attractive, and comfortable access and travel for all users.
3. Enhance mixed use corridors through streetscape improvements, including adding pedestrian-scale coordinated signage, landscaping, transit stops, and other streetscape elements that emphasize high standards of design.
4. Preserve residential corridors as an economically viable option to commercial uses along mixed use corridors, and encourage multiple housing options along the corridors.
5. Reduce the number of curb cuts and coordinate access and circulation along mixed use corridors, such as along Charlotte Avenue/Pike, Highway 70/Highway 100, Harding Road, and White Bridge Road, as redevelopment occurs, to reduce the number of automobile and pedestrian conflicts, improve traffic flow, and create corridors that function as a whole instead of as separate building sites.
6. Enhance mixed use corridors by locating commercial activity at major intersections or nodes with higher-intensity housing in-between and by identifying the character details of these areas and applying appropriate community character policies and associated design principles.
7. Enhance pedestrian and bicycle connections to and from corridors and other points of interest, such as the Richland Creek Greenway and the Cumberland River.

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I agree with the Goals and Objectives for CORRIDORS. \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If “No” please provide specific comments on what should be added or removed.

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### DISTRICTS

Goal:

Preserve and enhance appropriately located industrial, institutional, and airport districts in the West Nashville Community.

Objectives

1. Enhance buffer areas by providing smoother transitions between district areas and established residential neighborhoods.
2. Preserve and enhance industrial areas by adding landscaping and signage treatments while limiting the expansion of industrial areas into adjacent areas.
3. Preserve the John C. Tune Airport as a general aviation airport.
4. Preserve historic buildings, such as the old state prison building, and adaptively reuse them to aid in building preservation.

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I agree with the Goals and Objectives for DISTRICTS. \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

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### TRANSPORTATION

Goal:

Improve vehicular and non-vehicular travel options to provide additional access to open spaces, neighborhoods and centers in the West Nashville Community.

Objectives:

1. Enhance and create sidewalk and greenway systems in appropriate areas, such as in neighborhoods and near open space areas, centers and community facilities, and along major corridors.
2. Enhance and create bikeways along major transportation corridors.
3. Preserve the functional classification of collector streets since they provide meaningful connectivity and mobility for West Nashville and the larger community.
4. Preserve connectivity to major arterials and collectors, and enhance or create connectivity to major arterials and collectors, where appropriate, making improvements that are in accordance with the *Major and Collector Street Plan*.
5. Enhance transit opportunities along Charlotte Avenue/Pike and White Bridge Road.

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### Notes:

1. *Additional details regarding the transportation system (streets, sidewalks, bikeways, greenways, and transit) will be discussed during the meetings regarding the Community Character Policies (in January and February).*
2. *Transportation details related to Bells Bend and the proposed May Town Center (including bridge(s), road improvements, and impacts on West Nashville transportation infrastructure needs) will be discussed after the additional analysis of transportation impacts and economic impacts has been completed.*

I agree with the Goals and Objectives for TRANSPORTATION. \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If "No" please provide specific comments on what should be added or removed.

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## COMMUNITY APPEARANCE

### Goal:

Improve the West Nashville Community appearance in terms of additional trees, landscaping, lighting, signage, building form, building materials, and property maintenance.

### Objectives:

1. Preserve existing trees and plant additional trees throughout the community.
2. Enhance community and neighborhood gateways through landscaping, lighting and signage treatments.
3. Work with the Metro Codes Department to address codes violations in the community.
4. In redevelopment or new development, relocate above ground utilities or shield utilities from public rights-of-way and adjacent property to have less visual impact.
5. Utilize regulatory tools such as Specific Plan Zoning, Urban Design Overlays, and Planned Unit Development to enforce high standards of design when creating new or infill development in open space, neighborhoods, centers or corridor areas.

I agree with the Goals and Objectives for COMMUNITY APPEARANCE. \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If "No" please provide specific comments on what should be added or removed.

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