Multimodal Transportation Analysis Guideline Update

June/July Study Newsletter

The update to the Traffic Impact Study (TIS) Guidelines is nearing completion and the release of the new, Multimodal Transportation Analysis (MMTA) guidelines is planned for mid-August. The summer has been busy with the preparation of code revisions, working those revisions through legislative process, and finalizing the new guideline document. The following provides details about the current status of each of these two major activities, as well as the next steps to complete the study.

Code Changes

The project team has worked extensively with NDOT senior management, Metro Legal, key stakeholders, and Metro Planning Commission to update the existing Section 17.20.140 to broaden the scope of transportation studies to require consideration for impacts on all modes verses vehicular traffic only. The legislation to amend the existing code is currently going through the legislative approval process. As of August 3rd, it has been approved on Second Reading with the plan of having the Third Reading and final approval on August 15th. You can see the current status of the legislation at: BL2023-2010.

Guideline Release

While the new guidelines are going through a final review by Metro Legal and NDOT senior management, the project team has hosted a virtual stakeholder meeting to review the elements of the new requirements and held one on one meetings with key stakeholders to update them on the content and expectations created by the new document. The current target (pending Legal and senior management approval) is to release the new guidelines on August 15th. The release will be followed-up with a stakeholder meeting on August 29th where the project team will cover an example MMTA and field questions from stakeholders. Go to: https://www.nashville.gov/departments/transportation/developers/traffic-impact-study-tis-guidelines-update-project

WHAT'S NEXT – DIGITAL SOLUTION DEVELOPMENT

After the roll out of the guideline document, the project team's attention will turn to developing tools to help NDOT staff efficiently track active MMTAs and better organize data submitted by developer's consultants such as traffic counts, models, and recommended improvements. This work will be internally focused and completed in coordination with NDOT IT. The goal of this task is to allow better coordination between NDOT reviewers and an improved experience for developers. Additionally, the cataloging of data such as turning movement counts and growth rates will aid NDOT in the completion of signal timing, safety, and planning studies.

Staying Connected to the Study

A [project webpage](#) has been set up to share information with the public about this study. While we will mainly be reaching out to stakeholders through professional organizations, there is a contact form on the website to sign up for direct e-mails on feedback opportunities and updates.

For NDOT and Nashville Metro staff, we will be sending out regular e-mail updates on the status of the study and upcoming activities so you can stay informed on the progress of this exciting project.

If you have additional questions or want to discuss any element further, please reach out to NDOT Project Manager Melisa Hancock at melisa.hancock@nashville.gov or (615) 862-5056.