

Multimodal Access Closure Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 12/08/23 (2:00 pm – 3:00 pm)

Member	Department	Attended
Sam Phillips	Contractor Representative	Yes
Jeff Duncan	Metro Water Services	Yes
Rob Mortensen	Broadway Entertainment Association	No
Katie Freuberg	WeGo Representative	Yes
Sarah Fugate	TDOT Representative	No
Wesley Smith	WalkBike Representative	No
Tommy Jones (Hal Balthrop)	NDOT Representative	Yes
James Williams (Jessie Loy)	Metro Police Department	Yes
Wes Hamilton	Contractor Representative	No
Michael Hayes	Developer Representative	No
Lawrence Hutchison	Metro Fire Department	Yes
Steve Mishu	Metro Codes Department	Yes
Ronald Reasonover	Nashville Electrical Services	Yes
Ryan Woodson	Site Plan Engineer	Yes

1) 2nd Ave Rebuild MDHA Project

- **Applicant:** MDHA – Michelle Scopel (mscopel@nashville-mdha.org)
- **Location:** Second Ave between Commerce St and Broadway
- **Time Frame:** December 2023 – January 2024
 - 6 months for the first phase and roughly 3 months for either side of the sidewalk.
- **Project Description:** Rebuilding of Second Ave due to blast damage.
- **Type of Closure:** Full Street Closure of 2nd Ave.
 - Sidewalks will remain open for pedestrian traffic.
- **Why Closure is Needed:**
 - Closure needed to be able to properly rebuild the street. Street closure is needed as they will be separating the stormwater and putting in new infrastructure.
 - MDHA has worked very closely with the downtown business and other Metro departments to come up with this plan. There is a big push to keep every business door open and they have worked hard to go above and beyond.
 - There is a designated communications team for this project, and they have developed several marketing tools to ensure this plan is well communicated.
 - North block is already in progress, and they are looking to be finished this spring. Once this South block is complete they will move onto their final Middle block phase of the project.
- **Public Comment:**
 - There was no public comment at this time.
- **Suggestions:**
 - Fire asked for a Knox locked to be placed on their gates to allow for fire access during afterhours.
 - Fire needs to ensure they have access through the street closure to the front of the building in case of an emergency. MDHA is planning to do a site walk with fire to review

emergency access locations. MDHA will also notate any FTCs within the site location and add gates to these per the request of fire. This will allow for fire to be able to visually locate them once the fencing goes up and be able to access if needed.

- Fire had concerns regarding the ingress and egress of pedestrians due to the limited space on the sidewalks. It was determined that the sidewalk will need to remain clear of any obstructions. NDOT and the contract will need to monitor this area and have any obstructions cleared during the street closure.
- Will need to ensure project has been communicated with TDOT.
- NDOT will work with Billy Fields to geo fence the area to prevent scooters from entering as this area will be closed to scooters.
- Codes had some questions regarding the retiming needs of the lights in this area. NDOT stated they will monitor and address the traffic control plan as the project continues for and signal adjustments that may be needed. This monitoring also goes for the need of additional police presence during rush hour or for deliveries on Broadway.
- **Conclusion:** Approved with the below recommendations.
 - MDHA must conduct a site walk through with fire to determine emergency fire routes to the building, this includes using Knox locks on gates for fire access, adding gates to any FDC locations, and notating FDC location on the fencing for fire to be able to view and access in case of an emergency.
 - TDOT needs to be notified of the project and NDOT is not to issue any additional permits for long-term closures of 1st Ave during this project.
 - Sidewalks will need to be monitored for obstructions and obstructions are to be removed. MDHA will communicate to business owners that the sidewalk remains clear and open for ingress and egress of pedestrians.
 - Traffic control plan will need to be monitored and adjusted as things come up. This includes the adjustment of signal timing and the addition of police presence during rush hour and for deliveries on Broadway.