
nashvillenext KICK-OFF RESULTS



Kick-Off participants write their vision for Nashville's future on sticky notes. They used dots to show agreement with other participants' ideas.

What's Inside

Nearly 500 people attended the official public launch of Nashville-Next. The event featured speeches from former Maryland Governor Parris Glendening and Mayor Karl Dean and multiple ways for participants to give their vision for Nashville's future.

This report includes a brief summary of key themes of the public's comments, the full results of public comments, and a demographic profile of participants.

Input for the first round of NashvilleNext continues through June 2013. Visit www.NashvilleNext.net to contribute your vision for Nashville's future.

EVENT DETAILS

February 16, 2013,
10am – 1pm

Main Public Library

KEY THEMES

from the public

Schools
Transportation
Walkability
Creativity
Diversity

Future What would you like for Nashville's future?

ID	Comment	Up-votes
225	Rapid rail transit from the suburbs into downtown	14
223	Redevelop fairgrounds into area that benefits neighbors.	12
204	Theme park	10
213	A+ school system	10
215	Creative reuse	10
154	More sidewalks/pedestrian friendliness	9
176	Public transportation -- more, better	9
366	A vibrant local food system.	8
228	Community gardens and people to help inform public of how to plant, grow, maintain their own urban food sources. (Rooftops, empty lots, front yards, etc.)	8
198	More student art/public art	8
221	Keep and improve the fairgrounds	7
363	Make the Cumberland riverfront a world class front door to Nashville's District!	7
167	Better public transportation (bus rapid transit)	7
180	Better schools, school choice	6
153	Mixed income housing as part of Cayce Place revitalization	6
156	Get PSC Metals eyesore out of the East Bank area	5
364	More public transportation	5
227	Diverse entertainment	5
233	Mass transit - follow six legs of the interstate pattern	5
139	Focus on sustainable business practices in Metro government	5
196	A more competitive magnet school process or more magnet schools -- overall, we need better academics	5
208	Public transport needs improvement, mixed systems, subway, bus, train, light rail -- look at other cities (Washington!)	5

Future What would you like for Nashville's future?

ID	Comment	Up-votes
209	Focus on mixed use for primary arteries -- Charlotte, Gallatin, Nolensville, West End, etc.	5
369	Accept/promote host all new citizens not just Spanish, all religions, all languages.	4
224	Less discrepancies between comprehensive and magnet schools	4
165	Broadway, 5th to New Convention Center. Make Avenue of the Arts - Public art.	4
179	Neighborhoods that are less car dependent	4
177	The good-heartedness and generosity of individuals and communities. The growth of farmers markets and increased attention to locally-sourced food -- both for our local economy and the health of individuals.	4
164	Efficient, frequent accessible public transit	4
184	More bike lanes! An app for MTA bus schedule	4
379	Envision Smith Springs Road widened and people bicycling and walking from he neighborhoods to the adjacent area parks along this stretch taking advantage of the lakeview.	4
222	No more farmland turned into subdivisions, malls, industrial parks. Build up, multilevel existing developments.	3
189	Need an interactive Black museum for all generations to appreciate	3
155	Growth in youth support, music opportunities, jobs for youth, improvement in the education system	3
148	Improve the image/PR of our public schools (great things are happening -- let people know about them!)	3
217	To utilize the faith-based community to help with the Mayor's efforts on health. Creating a healthier Nashville in body and in spirit.	3
210	Ice cream	3
131	Small business that supports manufacturing	3
186	More Fortune 500 companies	3
226	Lowest high school dropout rates in the United States	3

Future What would you like for Nashville's future?

ID	Comment	Up-votes
140	Development of city parks. More health and wellness related programs. Increased use of bicycle paths/lanes.	3
130	Affordable housing	3
172	Band stands for open music showcases (like other cities do with public pianos), etc.	3
214	If the fairgrounds are taken, PLEASE consult the community surrounding! No more HG Hill developments! He doesn't care about established neighborhoods	3
149	Provide support and hire more African-American male teachers	2
150	Government offices/buildings: on Jefferson St, in Bordeaux, in East Nashville	2
158	Nashville needs to be welcoming to other cultures and nationalities	2
132	Invest in the state fairgrounds and fair	2
144	Major airline hub for BNA	2
195	Get rid of scrap yard near Titans Stadium. Relocate? Recycling is important	2
162	To have regional recreational community centers in all 4 quadrants of the City. Presently they are disproportionately in all areas. All youth and seniors should be in walking distance of a center.	2
163	More trees! Cooler city	2
211	Use the abandoned space near the farmer's market to develop an innovative hydroponics farm -- generates a greener, sustainable visible urban food source with the future population in mind. Becomes a model of innovation in urban markets.	2
136	Bring the trolley back.	2
171	Get the Sounds (B-ball) settled.	2
182	Mass transit -- train system	2
173	Stop Caucasian invasion of inner city neighborhood. Stop evicting North Nashville black residents to the suburbs.	2
135	Better urban planning to elderly, i.e., liveable communities	2
170	Pedestrianized, tree-lined streets downtown	2

Future What would you like for Nashville's future?

ID	Comment	Up-votes
145	Traditional street grids	2
174	Why do white police terrorize people in North Nashville? Why are there no black policemen in proportion to the population? 18-25%	2
166	All inclusive greater equality for all citizens.	2
201	Energy conservation for whole city	2
169	Keep its small town feel while continuing to grow and innovate. More cultural integration.	2
206	To walk from Bellevue to Bordeaux on trails	2
141	More creative field jobs -- we have more creative graduates than jobs for them.	2
212	A designated food truck park	2
175	Bells Bend cannot be developed. City needs green space. Use infrastructure in city for business and shopping.	1
207	Better and more services for Latino	1
178	Greatly strengthen recycle/reuse/conservation efforts in light of climate change	1
200	Apply what works for Hume-Fogg and MLK magnet schools (top nationally ranked schools) to ALL METRO SCHOOLS	1
181	No higher taxes	1
168	Put freeway 40 underground (has been suggested before!). Built parks, bikeway, public transport on top.	1
129	Investments in all parts of Davidson County	1
133	Legalize medical marijuana	1
220	Aid low income with energy conservation.	1
382	Need more Hillsboro Village = liveable communities.	1
570	New BaseBall Stadium	1
190	Mixed use zoning in the suburbs	1
191	Mix use zoning in the suburbs	1

Future What would you like for Nashville's future?

ID	Comment	Up-votes
219	Public transport. Use tracks of freight trains, establish bypasses at stops that freight trains can pass. Have priority.	1
216	A maintained and secured bioregion. An economic system that caters to healthy, happy, and productive lives for every person while working with breathable air, drinkable water, timber, livestock, climate stability and most important, fertile soil. Nashville's bioregion should be secured to meet its own needs for energy, water, nutrients, resources through sustained local capture, circular flow, utilization, and repurposing. Decision-making should be local and the system should organize from the bottom up. Diversity and redundancy would support local adaptation and resilience.	1
183	People & healthy city initiative	1
229	Live-make neighborhoods -- light manufacturing, additive/manufacturing 3d printing	1
452	I want the information superhighway that we already paid for.	1
146	Less big avenues, more public transportation, more walking areas, more parks.	1
143	Safe bikeways and connectivity	1
157	They have a lot of clubs. They have many schools.	
161	Safe, secured green space means space where communities intersect. Could be a park or a restaurant/village.	
159	The Whites Creek Pike area near downtown needs to be kept mostly residential or mixed use. Whites Creek Pike also needs widening with truck limitations.	
160	Less commute --> less fuel --> less stress --> more time with family --> more \$\$ to spend --> more \$\$ in the city --> more connections/community	
571	Being friendly to everyone in the community	
404	Promo idea for Nashville Next - "Progressive Night" Learn about your City. Cocktails - The Gulch Appetizers - Germantown Dinner - East Nashville Dessert - Downtown ----- Party!	

Future What would you like for Nashville's future?

ID	Comment	Up-votes
572	They should build more buildings for parking	
569	Less Traffic	
197	Additive (3D printing) manufacturing infrastructure	
567	Expansion of Green-belt parkway	
362	Every place a healthy place!	
202	Private-public partnerships to greatly reduce litter. Nashville is too beautiful a place to foul with trash.	
568	Better Schools	
368	Nashville needs some type of rail service.	
367	Celebrate all rivers & creeks. Nashville is more than the Cumberland River--not a national river. There are creeks and rivers like Harpeth that are state scenic rivers--focus on natural resources.	
199	Educate and promote passive solar	
185	Re-establish ferry over Cumberland River to connect Bells Bend with city directly	
187	More buses	
188	Affordability -- housing, food, entertainment, education. For educated singles (one income), divorcees	
192	Build one of the best state fairs I nthe country to showcase Nashville & Tennessee	
218	Free up air waves for radio diversity. We are "music city" --> open to college radio!	
193	All public buildings should carry solar panels (photovoltaic) to generate electricity locally	
194	More awareness/focus on our history via parks and greenways that highlight the past	
134	More diversity and tolerance	
151	MNPS middle schools are as strong as our current elementary schools	
147	Don't forget about families	
142	Hillside preservation! Large dog park! More pet-friendly venues!	

Future What would you like for Nashville's future?

ID	Comment	Up-votes
573	Build (elevated roadways) bridges for the big trucks around the city	
138	Great restaurants! Great symphony center! Easy to navigate!	
240	Urban running trail as a place/point of destination	
128	North Nash/Jefferson St/Scovel St./Beasley near my hoouse -- as an artist and teacher I would like financial assistance tow ork with artists and student groups for murals to serve culture and family.	
137	Light rail esp. toward Brentwood and Kingston Springs	
365	Better bus system coverage & frequency.	
152	Put a mandatory stop sign on 4th Street for pedestrian crossing by the symphony hall -- England has awesome ideas for crossing on busy streets	

Improve What does Nashville need to improve?		
ID	Comment	Up-votes
91	Need mixed use zoning in suburbia	17
271	More developed riverfront	12
37	West End to 5 Points connector. Downtown baseball stadium	11
30	More frequent residential recycling & glass recycling. Single stream!	11
309	Updated zoning regulations not designed around protecting suburbia.	10
261	More sidewalks	10
359	Better schools/equal opp for education so magnet schools aren't necessary!	10
314	Education system	10
311	More safe bikeways. Mass transit (BRT/streetcar)	10
65	Relocate PSC Metals	10
35	Kindergarten class size down to 18 or less	10
18	More public transportation -- mass transit	9
293	City parks and trees	9
295	Save and repurpose historic buildings! Keep Nashville's history alive!	9
279	Green space for all!!!	8
105	Better schools	8
23	Retail shopping downtown -- have the old convention center for upscale (not souvenirs) shopping!	8
305	Rapid transit system -- 2 hours by bus to get across town is too much.	8
33	Replace large parking lots downtown with either underground parking covered by a park or fewer high rise lots. Make parking fees expensive along with increased availability of public transportation	8
460	Nashville needs sidewalks please!!!	7
82	We need more grocery stores in the community	7
5	Grow small business	7

Improve What does Nashville need to improve?		
ID	Comment	Up-votes
267	Historic sites need to be preserved and protected.	6
313	Spread the economic growth to lower income areas	6
312	More manufacturing jobs	6
308	Better public transportation, more youth events, better preparation for college.	6
53	Add more bike lanes and sidewalks	6
291	Bring back teacher aides in schools and employ people	6
360	To have funding fo scholarships for ESL classes - quality ones like TFLI!	5
55	More housing for the homeless	5
36	Arts District in other areas outside of Downtown. Would like one in the Crossings area in Southeast Nashville	5
13	East Park Pool up and operating. Change the pool windows to garage doors so the pool will be better used in summer!	5
289	More homeless shelter	5
10	More sidewalks: connects people, improves accessibility, decreases car use, makes us healthier	5
265	Better public schools, better mass transit, more affordable housing in nice neighborhoods	4
104	More job and career opportunities for all people of different cultural, ethnic, and creed.	4
50	Complimentary dog waste management stations.	4
51	More bike lanes	4
4	Density! We need real, urban city neighborhoods.	4
3	Better transportation plan. i.e., Green Hills congestion, I-65 construction, better use of greenspace.	4
46	Large monument for civil rights activists at a prominent location to show gratitude and honor due those brave young students and people. Location round-about or 3rd and Union.	4
441	Place for the homeless, work on our roads.	4

Improve What does Nashville need to improve?		
ID	Comment	Up-votes
81	Revamp the Tennessee State Fairgrounds for a great State Fair!	4
67	Save operational expenses through energy efficiency in city/Metro buildings	4
24	Retain our appreciation for historic resources while welcoming new	4
98	Major league baseball	4
27	Food access in low-income communities	4
83	Transporte publico	4
119	Mejorar el sistema de transporte publico	3
303	Preservation and creative use of historic/industrial sites	3
12	Keep the Tennessee State Fair	3
25	Affordable housing for middle income individuals	3
42	Provide business financing for small Jefferson St "start up" firms	3
307	New Ag/Expo at current fairgrounds	3
28	"Equal" opportunities to empower self, families, small businesses: education, grants, entrepreneurs. Not just the "handpicked" ones.	3
71	Require Metro employees to live inside Davidson County or pay an employment fee	3
298	Improve public housing	3
60	Build a subway system -- it is painful, but worthwhile in the long run	3
69	Mass transit to suburbs and the airport!	3
54	More conservation of existing buildings and infrastructure. "The greenest building is the one that is already built"	3
299	The growth and expansion of the airport is awesome, but what about the businesses surrounding ...??? Dell, Genesco, Sheraton, Triumph, and many others. What is the future of TN: ????	3
246	Downtown elementary school	3
245	Zoning for home gardens - front & back yard	3

Improve What does Nashville need to improve?		
ID	Comment	Up-votes
16	Affordable housing	2
57	We need more shopping downtown for the people moving into condos. They should not have to drive to the suburbs to shop	2
32	Better roads	2
90	Nashville is set to grow in population. This will increase congestion. Think about public transportation in city using trains. Style Paris, France.	2
92	Put the Bus Rapid Transit on Charlotte Ave - more room for growth	2
93	More roundabouts	2
94	Promote its vital role in the 1960s civil rights movement on the national level.	2
86	Incorporate more ideas from the perma-culture... i.e., permagardens -- architecture built in regards to maximum efficiency to harness the natural energy, heat from sun, trees for cooling	2
102	Traffic light in 12th S Community. Traffic control. Keep 12th South safe for pedestrians and kids.	2
15	More mentorship programs for youth! (faith-based preferred)	2
316	More help for homeless to get jobs and housing in community to become productive	2
304	BRT on Charlotte Ave -- East Nashville to West Nashville	2
34	Give empty homes to neighborhood groups so they can house their homeless. Then the NA would get them involved in the neighborhood. No more empty homes or homeless.	2
269	Homeless situation -- begging and harrassing. Housing for the homeless.	2
9	Continue and/or expand the international cultural festival at Centennial Park	2
41	Tear down old Fairground building	2
297	Youth internships throughout government and business and non-profits.	2
277	Healthy food options for the poor. People living in economically depressed communities do not have access to stores with an abundance of healthy food. Heavily processed foods are cheaper to buy rather than healthy fresh produce. The poor find themselves living in a food desert. Unable to either afford or obtain a healthy and nutritious diet.	2

Improve		What does Nashville need to improve?	Up-votes
ID	Comment		
29	High quality/mainstream public university. UT Nashville?		2
244	More economic development on Jefferson Street		2
58	Better approaches to flood issues/more pervious concrete, etc.		2
445	Please improve the bus system with longer hours/days so people w/o cars can get to work/school.		2
115	Civil rights office, with subpoena powers funded through annual budget -- not controlled by the Mayor, Council, or Chamber of Commerce		2
112	Mass transit systems		2
111	Remember Antioch		2
268	Economic development between Downtown and West Wilson Co. via Donelson Hermitage.		1
97	Needs to improve more places for teens to hang		1
49	Green/soft infrastructure. Separate sanitary and stormwater conveyance. Make our streets linear parks. Don't build on top of/next to our waterways. Minimize the damage of the next flood.		1
88	Teacherse who are supported want to be teachers that have "what's" needed to teach our kids. Not just send them to the office, ignore them, say they need medication or an IEP.		1
47	Focus on teaching children to recycling. They'll work on the parents.		1
242	Affordable housing downtown		1
45	Mass transportation for reduction of isolation in cars = cultural mixing = tolerance = connection = unity		1
44	Zipcode -- look at poverty and education and health data 37208, 37228, 37207, 37213. Be intentional about improving systems, infrastructure		1
123	The homeless really need help also with medical and doctor care. Programs for better therapy and counseling.		1
74	Entertainment beyond music. Museums, upgraded mixed development neighborhoods.		1
84	Inclusion		1

Improve What does Nashville need to improve?		
ID	Comment	Up-votes
238	Start discussing the "geoengineering" of the Nashville skies. Stop chemical spray. [drawing of plane contrails]	1
80	Commuter bike arterials into downtown and college/university areas	1
266	Better relationship between police and the homeless people. Help programs to help them get a home. Job training for different fields.	1
118	Upgrade the TN State Fairgrounds for the Fair and activities	1
107	There needs to be something done to stop the police from putting homeless people in jail and charging them court fines when they have no place to go.	1
108	Homeless people, job programs, low-income housing, help with dental services, eyecare, shelter when the weather is bad.	1
95	Require 1st - 12th grade school curriculum	1
76	Programs to help the homeless to read, spell, write, speak, and to know the basic learning of adding, multiplying, dividing, subtracting.	1
52	Remove bike lanes	1
7	Need to make sure that Nashville keeps a hospital!!	1
64	Preserve farmalnd and provide incentives for farmers to farm in order to preserve nature and unlock its sustainable economic potential	1
252	Reuse of vacant lots for farming & gardening.	1
260	Get rid of visual clutter--too much and too big signage.	1
87	Schooling like regular education and for the ones who needs special skills, college skills to get a better job	1
73	We need commuter rail. It works in other cities and it can work here. As the population in Nashville and surrounding counties increases this traffic problem will only get worse.	1
287	PSC needs to MOVE from Riverfront.	1
310	A civil rights monument comparable to other southern cities.	1
306	Children's museum. At empty lot on Charlotte & 46th	1
315	Don't forget Bellevue	1

Improve		What does Nashville need to improve?	Up-votes
ID	Comment		
282	Better roads		1
284	Students reading scores in top 10 percent of the country		1
62	Create villages within areas in existing and new neighborhoods. Add business opportunity places, sidewalks, small parks, restaurants, green space/community gardens where people can walk or bike to get what they need and the common spaces, village centers encourage community participation and pride.		1
292	More developed downtown neighborhoods. Corporate jobs, quiet urban housing. Better stores.		1
6	Year-round opportunities for individuals and families to be active in local community.		1
285	Animal spay/neuter programs. Lower kill rate in shelters. It's WAY too high.		1
26	Invest in fairgrounds for great state fair		1
286	Truly have the governing bodies that are supposed to be for the conservation of our natural resources actually protect and conserve. Stop fracking. Start caring more about wildlife water soil.		1
117	Establish pedestrian only areas, e.g. downtown, Hillsboro Village. All major cities that have created such traffic-free areas have found that business increases because people tend to linger, stop for coffee and shop.		1
113	Ability to repurpose old buildings quicker, green, and more economically. They too are part of our past and need to be treasured.		1
43	Traffic patterns with continued growth		1
236	Need more affordable housing especially for single person, young & older. IDEA: Target neighborhoods where turnover in housing sales (single family) could see larger homes reworked into several smaller units with a common area. OR substandard homes could be replaced with new infill that fits the character of the neighborhood, but that provides 2-6 units within for people. Add a common area within the house to create community.		1
11	Connect East Nashville to Downtown, i.e., infrastructure improve		1
358	Wholesale distribution for local food to schools, hospitals, etc.		1
274	More arts in East Nashville		1

Improve What does Nashville need to improve?		Up-votes
ID	Comment	
235	More cross town buses. More frequent service.	1
22	Immigrant population needs to be integrated into the civic process.	1
96	Remove Cordell Hull Building and State Library Building for greenspace around Capitol Building.	
278	More support in Antioch, Hermitage, and Bellevue development	
263	More folks from Chicago, Ill to sing music - Gordon Anunziato	
272	Edible landscaping (short trees, bushes) under NES powerlines so trees are not butchered.	
79	Calm traffic, camera at red lights, 25 mph speed limit in residential areas (see Arizona!)	
273	Should put more gyms in all the community centers and have a healthy initiative program every month locally at the center to help the Mayor with his health initiative.	
78	Instead of getting stress so much about how they are going to afford their college education they need large amount of money for scholarships, grants	
270	Help develop existing structures in Madison and surrounding areas.	
275	More jobs for low-income communities. Make Nashville Energy Works a program that enrolls most of the 100,000+ households in Davidson County. Tie this to weatherization work in the above communities.	
77	Food incubator at the farmers market	
66	Get lots of stories, data out to the public -- create buzz	
317	Renew Green Parking stickers program past July 2013.	
59	Incentivize developers: for adding greenspace/community space, for building infill that offers affordable housing w/in houses that fit the neighborhood, for building streetside business that have apartments on the 2nd and 3rd floors	
61	Metro - review the employment practices	
56	Make Jefferson St into a 4 lane boulevard from Rosa Parks to TSU	
288	Mass transit	
302	What about programs that support older artists?	

Improve What does Nashville need to improve?

ID	Comment	Up-votes
296	Utilize empty lots and buildings on Charlotte for museums, gardens/parks, grocery, living spaces!	
68	Paint neighborhoods! See TED Talks by Eduardo Paes. Just start, building by building. Use volunteers	
63	Roundabout at 12th and Demonbreun	
300	Encourage all of the arts. We are not just country!	
99	Green roofs, solar roofs, white roofs. Recycling, repurposing, green art. Community gardens. Green transportation. Green JOBS. Local currency. Local economy. More small businesses esp. green businesses.	
290	Expand 440 loop	
72	Nashville must seek to provide more affordable housing	
89	More business in the south Nashville/Antioch area. Why are more homes being build in this area, but NO new busienseses, transportation, or economic growth?	
294	Renovate Richland Creek library and park on Charlotte Ave. Plans were approved in 2008.	
85	More bicycling-friendly streets	
280	Use our stormwater as a resource. Better stormwater management.	
101	Police precinct in Southeast Nashville. Consider old library for the location.	
103	Keep historic areas historic. Don't let large commercial interests move in.	
106	Rethink ways of handling solid waste! Everything in the landfill does not capture raw materials, uses up space, compromises water.	
75	Make 25 mph the maximum speed in all residential areas! And enforce it!	
109	Children's afternoon school class to keep their grades up.	
70	Neighborhood gardens. Development opportunities	
301	What about Amtrak? Why don't we have a station?	

Improve What does Nashville need to improve?

ID	Comment	Up-votes
48	Community-wide micro-Ks in parks and greenspaces. Micro-Ks are fundraising events and people can walk or run for 5/10/15 (or more) minutes. Micro-Ks are an outreach program of Microfitness™. Our website is in development. We can currently be reached at leslijacobs@gmail until an online brochure is available. We hope to be able to sponsor/help organize micro-Ks by spring! (Micro-Ks do not produce revenue for Microfitness)	
114	Expand household and business recycling programs to include glass and styrofoam	
116	Extend efforts to extend and preserve green space, e.g., prevent Bells Bend development.	
8	Diversity ... programs that encourage it.	
19	Less concentrated areas of wealth & poverty. A diverse population thrives on diverse housing options.	
100	Serious planning should go into services, neighborhoods, housing options, for an aging population	
126	Enforce traffic/crosswalk laws. Make Nashville more pedestrian friendly.	
121	The mother and children need job training for extra skills to get a better job for themselves and their children of all ages, baby on up	
476	Use TVA easements for countywide greenways.	
122	School programs need to be set up for the homeless people to progress their education and skills. The homeless people are treated like animals.	
124	Park for the homeless people to sit and rest. Warm and cold meals. A law to be passed to keep homeless people from having to go to jail because of the harassment.	
125	Bring sidewalks to both sides of Harding Pike near Belle Meade (City Hall/voting location)	
40	More funny & engaging & motivating vs. fear-based PSAs about health and wellbeing -- especially how to move more, stress less, as well as the proven health benefits of volunteerism, as well as general kindness toward others	
39	Move ahead with something quickly so people can see progress and get excited. Watching the Gulch take shape has been energizing!	
38	More and regular group walks and fitness events in parks and green spaces would be amazing	

Improve What does Nashville need to improve?

ID	Comment	Up-votes
120	Como tratamos a los que no vienen de aqui	
501	South Nashville/Crieve Hall/Seven Springs area needs tornado sirens (we can't hear any)	
281	New Sounds stadium with great restaurants within walking distance.	
456	More farms (& closer to the city) growing healthy foods.	
230	More sidewalks = more business along routes	
473	Sidewalks none exist before rebuilding imperfect ones!	
415	To remove Musica.	
373	More sidewalks along Harding Pike (St. Thomas Hospital and across the street) I hope!	
14	Education: Since reading level by grade 3 is a predictor for drop out, hire volunteer coordinator for 2-6 school to focus on getting neighborhood people to read with children. Talk with Kim Kline at Saddle Up! About her excellent training and management of volunteers. Keep this job's focus on reading (maybe math) but not homeroom parties.	
127	Make Nashville smoke-free	
31	Master of Fine Arts (MFA) program -- partner with existing schools, galleries, etc.	
110	The homeless need help with food stamps so they won't be hungry	
361	Better radio diversity. More college/indy stations. Come on "Music City"!!	
376	Need more open areas for exercise/walking.	
21	Ciclovias and transporte publico	
20	Create a sewer and water authority for the Middle TN region. Necessary for water pollution,planning - reductions, drinking water supply for most cost-effective options. Too many private and public utilities now -- hamper logical planning and rates are high.	
17	More food from other countries around the world.	
503	Need greenways in all areas of Nashville. Southeast Priest Lake area needs more access to local greenways since there is a lack of sidewalks in neighborhoods.	
276	More soccer fields	
243	Better road planning--more concentration on infrastructure	

Improve What does Nashville need to improve?

ID	Comment	Up-votes
239	Assure that AT&T Uverse carries Metro gov't channels & CATV.	
247	Edmondson Pike from Cloverland to Williamson County line needs to be widened! Narrow, curvy, no shoulder, heavy traffic.	
249	More diversidad en restaurantes y comida internacional. (More diversity in restaurants and international food.)	
250	How do we stop large property owners like H.G. Hill from tearing down histoic Nashville??	
251	Respect & preserve & promote our history: buildings, past happenings, etc.	
258	All great cities have beautiful avenues. All beautiful avenues have landscaped medians and roundabouts. Think Belle Meade Blvd, Riverside. Apply to Nolesville Pk, Charlotte Pk.	
237	New downtown baseball park to replace Greer Stadium.	
241	Grocery store downtown	
248	Separated bike lanes	
283	High quality non Private (State) Universities. Ex. Univ. Pittsburgh. Possibly a UT branch campus.	
259	Make BNA an international airport - in general Nashville is an expensive airport in and out of - if there were more affordable flights tourism could increase.	
262	More places where it's legal to carry guns.	

Love What do you love about Nashville's future?

ID	Comment	Up-votes
434	It's a creative community.	14
447	Big city amenities. Small town feel!!	11
417	It's diversity.	11
451	4 African American Universities: 1. TSU 2. Fisk 3. Meharry 4. American Baptist	8
419	The courtesy of people. --Danny Dareas	8
466	The parks 17	7
430	People, org/churches willing to help/volunteer	7
396	Hillsboro Village	7
485	The music!	6
391	I like the diversity that I view as I travel throughout the city.	5
432	Great variety of "things to do"!	5
433	The greenway	5
409	Parks and green space.	5
389	Simpli(city)	4
421	Great neighborhoods close to downtown - their histoici character and diverse systles of housing.	4
482	Music variety!	4
450	City life with a small town feel! I <3 Nashville!	4
448	Welcoming spirit of Nashvillians.	3
370	Greenways! Solar electric car chargers.	3
411	Creativity expression	3
449	-beautiful landscape/environment -happy people -cool, walkable funky neighborhoods	3
481	Girls!	3

Love What do you love about Nashville's future?

ID	Comment	Up-votes
468	The people.	3
253	Still a huge tourist mecca---but ... also a great place to live!	3
255	Native landscapes & landscping, "spongy" forest, yards, & hard surfaces.	3
401	The smiles! =)	3
424	I love the vibrant art community. (The Parthenon, Frist, Cheekwood, The Symphony, ballet, opera) The MANY galleries & events. I love the diversity of cultures. Hooray for Casa Azafran!!	3
387	Multitude of churches.	2
393	I like how it's not an overwhelming city like NY or LA, and I like that good ol' southern charm --Ellen O.	2
477	-spirituality -openess of people -down to earth -opportunity -incredible energy -creativity	2
254	Greenway expansion.	2
413	It's not too fast and it's not too slow paced.	2
257	Lower taxes, less govt intrusion, more liberty.	2
384	I love the sense of community in Nashville and also the diversity.	2
464	Great opportunities to volunteer.	2
443	The power/influence of the grass roots movements. =)	2
492	The Library! This building! This room!!	2
374	The opportunities: jobs, education, fun.	2
232	Farming in Bells Bend; community gardens in city	2
454	PSC Metals	1
462	It is a great city to live. Good transportation.	1

Love What do you love about Nashville's future?

ID	Comment	Up-votes
458	Easy to get around, despite the traffic	1
203	Opryland	1
427	We have the resources to make our city as good as we want it.	1
497	East Nashville Police Department! They rock!	1
231	More local talent	
435	The Academies of Nashville ROCK!! - Changing the lives of our students. The rest of the country knows this & representatives from around the country come here every month to copy what we're doing. We're not there yet - but Nashvillians need to catch the excitement.	
407	Tons of entertainment & festivals.	
487	Lighted bus shelters along Murfreesboro Rd BRT Lite Route proposed.	
489	-12South area -great univiersities -diverse city -The Gulch -our parks -business community	
499	Access to farmland in Davidson Co. A metropolitan with rural character. Countrypolitan if you will.	
494	The pedestrian bridge, parks, and other walking areas.	
398	Merge - neighborhoods make us all Nashville.	
256	Attention to jobs creation, energy efficient housing, and neighborhood development in our low-income neighborhoods.	
264	Partnerships between the creative & non-profit communities.	
234		
319	...clean ... there's no litter and more trees.	
205	Fox Trot Carousel	

Map		
Comments on a map of Davidson County		
ID	Comment	Up-votes
510	No more used car lots and tire stores on Nolensville Rd. Improve and beautify Nolensville corridor leading downtown.	3
341	Need public transit around the city	2
513	Creative alternative housing featuring passive solar, geothermal.	1
488	Cacye Homes -- excited about revitalization -- hope PSC metals relocated	1
418	Planful growth -- keep as much "rural" as possible. Consider minicommunities with needed commerce (food, gas, public transit, etc.)	1
463	Brick Church n of Briley and S of Briley --> industrial and middle school; condition of road is bad.	
324	Fund and make public schools a priority!	
455	Berry Hill/Metro area transition from industrial to mixed use -- no sidewalks.	
478	TVA easements in southeast for greenways	
461	Land trust opp. Behind Skyline Walmart	
480	Dedicated bike paths from Brentwood to Downtown	
457	12South needs traffic control/stop lights -- concern for pedestrians/kids/families	
440	Don't have walkable sidewalks -- keep character and open space (R10) big lots. Need to keep rural (sewer lines)	
467	Don't tear down historic buildings on Capitol Hill	
343	Encourage community to be more walkable -- helps transit	
442	Capping of I-40 in Midtown needed	
459	Median income above TN average in Bellshire/Chesapeake, \$10,000 above average (2000)	
446	Keep farmland for healthy food for city and surrounding counties. Farm to School and School to Farm sustainable jobs that cannot be outsourced.	
328	Mass transit needed along all the Pikes	
438	Segregated bike lanes needed in downtown core	
329	Keep parks in good shape -- we have lots and need task force to maintain	

Map Comments on a map of Davidson County

ID	Comment	Up-votes
342	Crosstown bus service needed	
327	Improve stormwater policy with green source reductions.	
470	Consult surrounding community on fairgrounds. Keep people there	
325	32% unemployment rate -- African American males in Nashville (#8 in the country)	
469	Bransford & Craighead lack of shoulders and sidewalks -- can't bike	
453	Reinvest in Dickerson Pike from Douglas to Skyline. Good location and convenient, needs sidewalks badly and transit upgrade.	
349	Regional watershed/sewer authority. Too many of them/competing interests.	
465	Tear down Cordell Hull and State Library -- make green	
472	Old Hickory Blvd and I-65S -- intersection there needs fixed	
471	Revamp State Fairgrounds -- make it a great state fair	
475	Need narrow roads in SE upgrade w/ sidewalks, turn lanes	
326	Need more fun stuff in parks -- each one have Movies in Park, paddle boats, etc. Not all at just Centennial.	
351	Need more opportunities to participate in cultural activities and art.	
380	More buses, light rail	
429	Restore Sugartree Creek to natural creek	
428	Showcase TSU more	
340	More recycling needed -- greater variety of items	
339	Main arteries (pikes) -- focus on mixed use -- make walkable development and sidewalk, parking.	
431	Glen Echo Abbott Martin/Richard Jones -- fix intersection	
338	Newcomers are scared and feel isolated (seniors are welcoming) -- encourage people not to stay in enclaves	
426	Schrader Lane Church of Christ wants to get adjacent state property for TSU students	

Map			Comments on a map of Davidson County		
ID	Comment				Up-votes
334	Greenway needed between Bells Bend and Beaman Park				
336	Expand greenway in Bordeaux and Harmon Park				
423	We need a FREE zoo (like STL) and Parthenon				
439	Retail and restaurant development from new connector to White Bridge				
335	Bells Bend needs smart growth development				
422	Sidewalks needed on Kings Lane				
337	No assimilation between races --> no mix of demographics (i.e., Nolensville Pike and North Nashville)				
484	Downtown Madison needs revitalization				
350	Aquarium needed -- great white shark. Children's museum needed.				
348	Partner with others to make existing arts known (universities, etc.). Don't duplicate.				
474	Need Civil War themed bikeway from Franklin to Ft. Negley				
346	Can't walk -- don't want to be in car, don't want to around people				
345	Live in Metro, work in Williamson				
344	Bury electric lines				
486	Need healthy food options in Madison/NE. No Whole Foods				
425	Need urban running trails -- mile markers on them -- public art around them.				
483	Save the fairgrounds, save the track				
420	Improve stormwater drainage in Bordeaux				
437	Green Hills traffic is so bad and crowded -- open stores in other places				
491	Roundabout needed at Demonbreun/12th				
399	Bike parking at all schools and parks				
512	North Nashville needs to keep up with rest of Nashville (infrastructure)				
395	Fully fund the sidewalk and bikeways plan				

Map		Comments on a map of Davidson County	Up-votes
ID	Comment		
511	Widen Clarksville Pike from Ashland City Highway to Briley.		
394	Implement a robust complete street policy		
381	Do stuff with families that doesn't cost a lot of money. People are working to pay bills/taxes and not enjoying themselves.		
416	Make Jefferson St a complete street for stormwater, etc.		
353	Extended hours for indoor facilities are needed for kids after school		
354	Concerns on gentrification downtown -- make bus routes known/empower transit riders.		
355	D.O.T. functions need to be consolidated		
356	Bellevue Park -- use it more -- keep out signs behind Home Depot, can't go beyond loop.		
371	Subway system to Bellevue		
490	Do the Plan of Nashville and turn interstate into a boulevard		
402	Cultural and arts facilities in growing parts of the county -- visual and performing arts		
410	Need BRT down Charlotte		
493	Remember the Plan of Nashville -- better connections between East and West		
414	More pocket parks		
412	Jefferson St four lane from Rosa Parks to TSU (boulevard)		
496	Donelson needs business/housing options that complement white collar workers		
495	Sidewalks needed in downtown Donelson		
372	BRT continue to Bellevue past White Bridge		
378	Park shuttle type service to keep people going to parks but not develop		
498	Road to connect from Old Hickory to East Nashville and Downtown		
377	Keep Bells Bend rural and country		
375	Sidewalks needed in Bellevue -- bigger issue of making community centers closer and walkable. Big potential Bellevue Mall		
436	Hillsboro through Green Hills -- good buffer needed between street and sidewalk		

Map Comments on a map of Davidson County

ID	Comment	Up-votes
357	Bellevue -- bike lanes needed to downtown	
392	Too much suburban traffic -- needs to be addressed	
331	Keep investing in community centers	
332	Keep rural	
444	Art that celebrates individual communities by, with, and for children, by, with and for local artists and teachers.	
333	Let terrain dictate preservation because too costly. Develop where its already developed.	
323	Connect Nashville to national rail transit grid.	
386	Figure out that some places will not get all services (fire, school, etc.)	
509	Extend overpass to connect roundabouts	
508	Social fabric needed in Antioch	
507	Green spots/village don't provide interaction with people -- car routes don't take you there (Antioch) like E. Nashville	
506	Need better transit into downtown from outlying counties	
505	New I-40 interchange between Hermitage and Mt. Juliet	
504	More economic development in Donelson/Hermitage to Wilson County. Fill in gap	
390	Incentives/promotion needed for residential construction to include pervious concrete.	
502	Keep the tree cover in rural area -- watershed	
400	Need good public education (higher ed.) i.e., MTSU, etc., in Nashville	
479	Bus/train from Brentwood to downtown	
385	LEED certified public schools	
500	Donelson -- want to know more about Stones River Park and recently acquired. Community input needed.	
347	Comprehensive EV charging plan needed	

Map

Comments on a map of Davidson County

ID	Comment	Up-votes
383	Establish a nature preserve or land conservation between Davidson and northwest counties	
388	Connect Peeler Park over the Cumberland	
397	Good BRT connectors with rail leading into town from surrounding suburbs	
406	Preserve character of neighborhood (Blair/Hillsboro), traffic/walkability concerns	
408	Urban core (HWE) density concerns balanced with infrastructure needs	
405	5 arterial greenways needed as commuter bikeways (Charlotte-Church) (Charlotte-West End), low traffic streets	
403	Why it takes so long for change??? Dynamic population change needs to be addressed now	
330	Think of city streets as greenways -- widen sidewalks and make streets good public space	
352	Make 25 mph the maximum speed in all residential areas and enforce it!	

White board Nashville in 2040 is _____ because:

ID	topic	Comment
524	Livable	We all work together for the greater good. To leave a great foundation for the next Generation! #Legacy
320	Equitable	we have planned for it!
321	Equitable	We care!
322	Equitable	nonresident/absentee developers are coralled.
514	Inviting	As big as grow we are still a Southern city with open arms and charm.
515	Greener	More parks have been created and there will be less pollution because (BRT) Bus Rapid Transit will be in place throughout Nashville.
516	Sustainable	Better food options, healthier schools, menu labeling, Healthier City!!!
517	Diverse	Nashville will support all different races & cultures. Different cultures will enjoy each others ethnicity and backgrounds.
518	Vibrant	Diverse economy (healthcare, music, auto, publishing) that attracts smart, educated, and creative people here!
519	Safe	We, the people, care for each other to keep our community safe.
520	Connected	I-65 Construction ENDS! Residents of all ages can efficiently and swiftly commute to otherwise travel throughout the city and resources match needs.
521	Friendly	The people are welcoming, warm, diverse, and cool
523	Diverse	The LGBT community is vibrant, considered as an asset of the city and protected from any discrimination that may remain.
539	Fun	It is such a great city that my children decided to live here after college and I get to be with my grandchildren.
565	Friendly	we teach our children at a young age how accept, respect, and welcome friends.
318	clean	
526	Diverse	The leadership and citizens know how diverse our population is becoming and celebrate it as a strength.
527	Inviting	Historic Buildings will live long and prosper! Repurposed structures will keep Nashville's history alive, and it's present unique!

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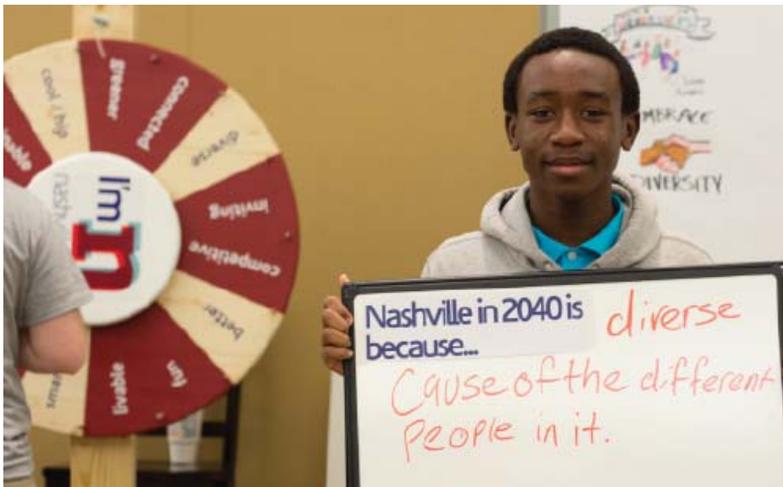
ID	topic	Comment
528	Cool/Hip	The Tennessee State Fair is cool & hip
529	Connected	Create opportunities/forums to bring diverse people together to create synergy.
530	Sustainable	our citizens care about each other, our homes, and our environment. WE ARE NASHVILLE!
531	Cool/Hip	it will have a more diverse entertainment selection.
532	Better	it has more galleries and museums
533	Smarter	We have clued in to need for technology and closing the gap between education and workforce needs.
534	Smarter	More focus will be placed on public education
535	Safe	We don't feel afraid to drive, walk, or play in any neighborhood
536	Cool/Hip	Because of our history, culture, music and talent!
522	Friendly	the people are welcoming, warm, diverse, and cool.
537	Greener	Recycling will be INCENTIVIZED and ACCESSIBLE, as well as community gardens.
566	Fun	one day nashville will be diverse and share different cultures.
540	Smarter	it thinks (and acts) about the future.
541	Friendly	all surrounding counties, like Williamson County, will work together to make Nashville the friendliest place to work and play.
542	Equitable	-broad affordable housing -broad economy base (skills, jobs) -we celebrate differences
543	Friendly	In addition to our already good-hearted and gracious city, the launch of microfitness- a healthcare paradigm based on the research-backed benefits of kindness, mindfulness and connectivity will give Nashvillians and increased pride and investment in our friendliness because friendliness isn't just fun and a good practice- it actually improves our health.
544	Livable	Upgraded food shops, more farms, everyone has a garden
545	Equitable	the city supports the idea's and vision's of entrepreneurs in 2013
546	Competitive	More sports and athletic events. Baseball Stadium.

White board Nashville in 2040 is _____ because:

ID	topic	Comment
547	Diverse	of the vast range of people and livelihoods of this city.
548	Diverse	we have restaurants that reflect our multi-cultural composition
549	Connected	We have multiple forms of transportation (bus, train expansion, bikes, etc.)
550	Better	The school board began a 1st-12th grade curricullm on racism, black history, & the civil war in Tennessee
525	Better	Stacey Campfield will be Governor and we will not only have good, better but best leadership possible.
552	Diverse	cause of the different people in it
551	Vibrant	We embrace diversity and culture!
554	Friendly	We embrace diversity and make visitors and new residents feel welcome. Casa Azafran Rocks!!
555	Cool/Hip	of the many diverse people with cool and hip ideas to make Nashville and even better place to work, play, and have fun...
556	Better	of its sustainable neighborhood development, energy efficient homes, and mass transit.
557	Greener	Nashville and its citizens are constantly looking for ways to better protect and clean the enviroment, and they shall continue to do so for the next 27 years.
558	Vibrant	Nashville fosters creativity and variety in all things.
559	Greener	we have added 1000's of acres of open space per the open space master plan, protected riparian buffers to our streams, reduced imprevious area in our critical watersheds and planted (+maintained) more trees in our urban areas.
560	Greener	of the improved education of the public about sustainable urban food/gardens in small spaces. Lets pland gardens on rooftops, empty lots, front yards, etc... and teach people to maintain them :)
561	Competitive	We built the infrastructure where jobs can flourish on a base of community where people what to thrive.

White board Nashville in 2040 is _____ because:

ID	topic	Comment
562	Livable	-our people are friendly and approachable -it is still an affordable city -contiunes to develop urban living spaces -greenways are accesible for healthy living -It's a spiritual center for all cultures and beliefs
563	Greener	the river becomes a livable space from the Titans Stadium around to shelby park w/ places to walk, see sculpture, listen, read, and Be
564	Inviting	walkable neighborhoods are interconnected with parks and each other
553	Smarter	of the people of difference
538	Competitive	Lots to see and do, great symphony, convention center, great for arts, great for sports, great for education.



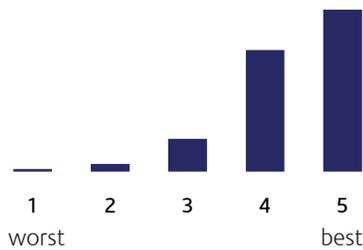
Participants were asked to rate the event and provide demographic information. Participants gave the event strong marks; nearly all said they would tell someone else about NashvilleNext.

Participant demographics (next page) showed several gaps compared with 2010 Census figures. These gaps will be used to target additional participation through the rest of the process.

Comment Cards

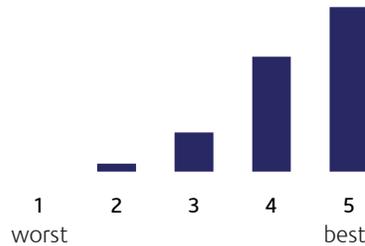
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Responses **129**
Average score **4.3**



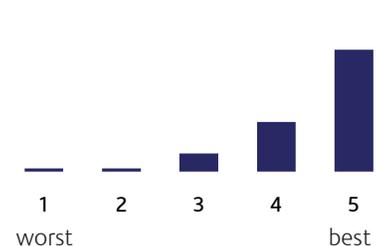
Were the materials useful and understandable?

Responses **125**
Average score **4.3**



Was the event worth your time?

Responses **130**
Average score **4.5**



Would you tell someone else about the process?

Yes **99%**
No **0.8%**

Will you attend another event?

Yes **100%**
No **0.0%**

Demographics

Legend

50 Davidson County (Census 2010)
 • Kick-Off participants

How to interpret these charts

50 —• Shows over-representation at the Kick-Off, compared to Census figures
 • — **50** Shows under-representation at the Kick-Off

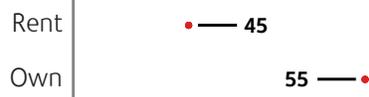
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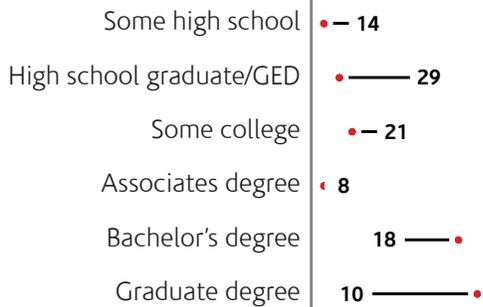
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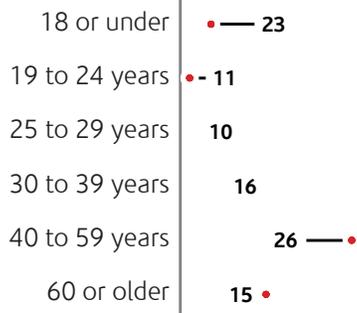
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Educational attainment (Census: over 25 years old only)



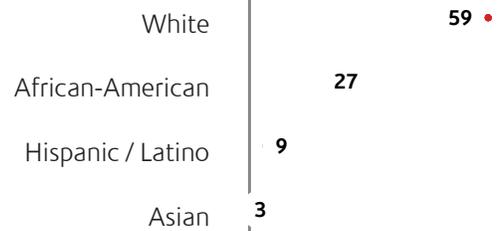
Age



Time in Nashville (no Census data available)



Race/ethnicity (mark all that apply)



Born in the U.S.?



Geography

