

Comment Cards

The following are transcribed comment cards received at the April 25 Open House.

Walk/Bike-friendly infrastructure creates/heightens community – exciting stuff!

A bike lane on 8th Ave is the most ill-conceived, illogical, irrational proposal I have been exposed to in a long time. This will cause horrible traffic problems and exacerbate the current traffic problems. DO NOT close a lane on 8th Ave S. Really bad idea.

Traffic on 8th Avenue is bad enough now and will be getting worse when the multi family dwellings fill – YOU ARE TAKING AWAY LANE FOR CARS SO BIKES WILL HAVE A LANE?!?!
DO NOT close a lane on 8th Avenue – TERRIBLE idea!!!!

Please make 8th safer to cross on foot. It is currently a death trap. Will growth on this corridor, a road diet is essential!

Making Nashville more bike and ped friendly is very important. This proposal for 8th Ave will help in making progress. I hope we were able to make this work.

What was done in Phase I – I advocate for in Phase II. Center left turn lane, bike lanes, streetscape buffer, and sidewalks. I bike from & to Downtown & Berry Hill weekly and would like to feel safe on 8th Ave. Also, more crosswalks. Have the 8th bus be more frequent

Would like some data where going from 4 lanes to 3 has been done. Like the safety of 2 lanes & turning but does it hurt traffic flow?

Phase II is madness...makes zero sense for anyone, commuters, businesses, residents etc... Phase I makes some sense, but if we are removing 2 previous lanes of traffic to add a turning lane & 2 huge bike lanes, far more thought needs to be put into it. My favorite city in the world is Copenhagen, and it is a world-class biking culture. Nashville will never be that...we are too hot for 5+ months of the year. To take an entire lane and give it to bikes is silly. Just look at new bike lanes are currently being utilized in Nashville. They are not. We are all for walkability & safety, but two dedicated bike lanes are a waste of space. Sidewalks should be the priority, along with crosswalks & some additional lights to slow traffic. My 2 cents.

Ample lighting is important for safety especially with increase of violent crime in Spring 2017 (Wedgewood murder). Bike to downtown will be good to decrease drinking & driving. Excited that this is a near future reality. Need permeable green spaces for stormwater management.

1. Really cool! Excellent presentation & encouragement of public participation
2. I would like to see more focus on green spaces along the corridor to address water permeability & urban health
3. Possible to create a continuous bike lane down 8th Ave to connect down Korea Veterans to Davidson to Shelby Bottoms

I like the proposal and trust it won't make driving times on 8th Ave worse. I'm most interested in a livable and vibrant city street.

The plan for phase I is one of the most ridiculous proposals I have ever witnessed in my 88 yrs of citizenship in Nashville. Take the money and complete the sidewalks. To spend millions to accommodate bicycle riders on a major U.S. thoroughfare is a terrible waste of money.

Road diet is an excellent & necessary step for 8th Ave. Buffering the sidewalk from traffic w/ parked cars and adding bike lines will increase safety for bikers and

pedestrians. It will stop traffic from weaving between 2 lanes by creating a turn lane. Please put in more crosswalk & walking signals, too. Great plan!

Safety issues?

Too crowded

Cutting 8th Ave from 4 lanes to 2 lanes will NOT solve a traffic problem. Not enough people will walk or bike to make up for the increased congestion. We can't appease a small group (bikes) at the inconvenience of all the car traffic.

A traffic light is needed at 8th and Drexel. Thanks for your good work.

Bike lanes are future!!

8th is a very inhospitable street right now, but it has huge opportunity to be a place where people want to be (rather than just get through). Reducing # of lanes would be a huge safety and livability improvement for everyone (including cars!)

Please put a traffic light or caution at 8th & Drexel.

Great idea!

We need as many crosswalks as possible!

I think you are asking for a traffic nightmare if you take it from 2 lanes to one on each side plus a center turning lane. It is bad enough as it is but I think you would be compounding the problem by proceeding w/ Phase II.

I'd love to see bike lanes and safer walkability on 8th Ave. I'm happy to sacrifice slightly more congestion during rush hour to be able to walk to neighborhood businesses on 8th Ave.

We should put a new priority on the citizen of the city! This means more equal space, infrastructure, dollars spent on the pedestrian realm! Compare square footage and cost requirement of pedestrian to a speeding car.

Plans looks great overall. A multimodal corridor is an absolute necessity here. Prioritizing other modes of transportation and making 8th Ave safe for biking & walking is the only way forward. Ensure safe ways to cross the street and make this area a destination rather than a highway for cars. This is also a major connector for the growing bike network in Nashville and needs safe, protected bike lanes.