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Fact Sheet

Davidson Street Multi-Use Path

Investments in Sidewalks and Bikeways During Mayor Dean's Administration

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Mayor Karl Dean joined Metro Public Works today to cut the ribbon on the Davidson Street Multi-Use Path, the newest addition to Nashville's bikeway and walking paths. The 1.75-mile stretch is Nashville's longest path for pedestrians and bicyclists that is protected from car traffic through use of lane delineators. It also incorporates the first crosswalk that uses infrared radar technology to detect pedestrians and bicyclists and stops vehicle traffic so they can cross Davidson Street into Shelby Park.

This industrial corridor serves as a gateway from Nashville's downtown core to more than 2,000 acres of nearly contiguous open space and parks, which are connected by the Music City Bikeway. The new multi-use path provides benefits including:

- Connecting downtown residents and tourists to open spaces and recreational opportunities. The new path allows cyclists and pedestrians to bike and walk from downtown to Shelby Bottoms Greenway.
- Encouraging active and healthy lifestyles.
- Serving as Nashville's first flexible delineated protected Multi-Use Path in the roadway right-of-way.

The Davidson Street Multi-Use Path extends approximately 1.75 miles from the eastern end of the John Seigenthaler Bridge to the entrance of Shelby Park.

- The asphalt path provides a protected route for pedestrians and bicyclists along the southern side of Davidson Street. The path width ranges from 8 feet to 12 feet in various sections.
- Users are protected from traffic through a combination of flexible delineator bollards, striping, and concrete barriers.

Bikeway and Sidewalk Enhancements during Mayor Dean's administration:

Sidewalks

- Nashville is home to more than 1,070 miles of sidewalk, with approximately 200 miles added during Mayor Dean's tenure.
- Some \$82 million has been invested by the Dean administration for sidewalks.
- In the Fiscal Year 2016 capital spending plan, \$25 million was budgeted for improving and expanding sidewalks, the largest one-time sidewalk investment made by any administration.

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Bikeways

- Mayor Dean invested in 97 miles of the total 147 miles of bikeways across Nashville, including shared routes and dedicated lanes.
- 50 miles of paved, bikeable greenways and 67 miles of bike lanes have been added to the bike network through joint efforts between Metro and TDOT.
- Mayor Dean invested approximately \$9.9 million capital dollars for Metro's bikeways program.
- In 2012 and again in 2015, Nashville received a Bronze Award and designation as a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists. The 2012 designation was the first time in the city's history this honor has been made.

Other bicycle and pedestrian initiatives and innovative programs launched under the leadership of Mayor Dean include:

- The Mayor's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC).
- The first Bike Pedestrian Coordinator position in Metro Public Works.
- The city's first buffered bikeways and Nashville's first bike box.
- The Music City Bikeway, a 26 mile continuous bicycle route linking Percy Warner Park in western Nashville/Davidson County to Percy Priest Dam in eastern Nashville/Davidson County.
- Nashville's first bike share program, Nashville B-Cycle, which now includes 30 bike stations and 263 bikes located in and around the urban core that allow individuals to rent a bicycle, ride to their destination and return the bike at a nearby station.
- Nashville's first bicycle-only parking "Bike Corral" that provides space to park up to 10 bicycles.
- Several Complete Street Projects that include bikeways and sidewalks separated from traffic, including 28th/31st Avenue Connector and 11th Avenue in the Gulch.
- Phase 2 of the Harding Place Sidewalk and Pedestrian Enhancement Project is currently underway. This is a three- phase project that will result in more than three miles of continuous sidewalk on Harding Place from Interstate 65 to Interstate 24. It is the largest sidewalk project ever undertaken by Metro Government. Phase 2 of the project includes storm drainage improvements, a pedestrian bridge over Seven Mile Creek, crosswalks, pedestrian signals and improved lighting. Phase 2 is expected to be completed summer 2016.

More information on Nashville's sidewalk and bikeways programs can be found at <http://www.nashville.gov/Public-Works/Getting-Around-Nashville.aspx>.

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