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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Ms. Laura Womack, Executive Director of the Fairgrounds Nashville Ms. Sheri Weiner, Fair Board Commissioner Chair Mr. Jasper Hendricks, Fair Board Commissioner Vice-Chair Mr. Mario Avila, Fair Board Commissioner Mr. Todd Hartley, Fair Board Commissioner Mr. Anthony Owens, Fair Board Commissioner The Fairgrounds Nashville 410 Wingrove Street Nashville, Tennessee 37203

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Subject: Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway Bristol Motor Speedway Transportation Management Plan Kimley-Horn Project Number: 118410000

Thank you to Fairgrounds staff and the Fair Board Commissioners for allowing us to present the outline of the Transportation Management Plan (TMP) that we will prepare on behalf of our client, Bristol Motor Speedway (BMS). As a follow-up to the January 10<sup>th</sup> work session, we offer this summary memorandum to clarify some information discussed during the work session:

**TMP Development:** The development of a thorough transportation management plan takes time to appropriately prepare. Input from stakeholders (Fairgrounds staff and Commissioners, Metro Nashville Police Department (MNPD), Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure (NDOT), BMS staff, WeGo Public Transit, etc.) is necessary. Addressing all modes (vehicular, pedestrian, bicycle, transit, rideshare, and shuttle) is needed as well as addressing the varying levels of events and a plan for when there are multiple events on-campus. And finally, appropriate review time for the stakeholders coupled with a comment resolution time frame is needed prior to developing an approved TMP. This is likely a four (4) to six (6) month effort. Hence, it will not be completed prior to the Fair Board Commissioners finalizing an agreement with BMS.

**Parking:** Through prior efforts assisting Laura Womack, her staff, and other clients on the Fairgrounds campus with traffic and parking needs, we are confident that there is ample parking available – when one considers on-campus and walkable, adjacent off-campus sites – to support a 30,000-person race event at the Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway. Earlier assessments in the area surrounding the

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Fairgrounds Nashville identified over 4,000 parking stall opportunities within a walkable radius of the Fairgrounds campus. This parking stall tally excludes relying on any on-street parking along neighborhood streets in the area; rather it only captures off-street public and private parking opportunities within a walkable radius of the Fairgrounds campus.

The key for a successful off-campus parking plans is an aggressive and proactive approach to identify and secure off-campus parking opportunities and connect the attending fanbase with those opportunities.

**Speedway Infield:** To clarify what was discussed on Tuesday, BMS plans to regrade and level up the backstretch side of the speedway infield to create more usable space. This will accommodate more vehicles with additional paved area. It will also allow flexibility for large events that need a clear and level surface. This will improve infield operations for race days and provide additional parking for a variety of other Fairgrounds events (i.e., Flea Market, Fair, etc.).

**TMP Execution:** A plan is only as good as its execution and follow-up refinement. Having worked with BMS staff this past year, coupled with our teams' prior experience on the Fairgrounds campus, and our experience with special event planning at other large-scale venues across the Country, we are confident that an executable TMP can be developed for race events on this campus.

In conclusion, we appreciate the dialogue and look forward to partnering with each of you as we plan for and execute a workable Race Day Transportation Management Plan for the Nashville Fairgrounds. Please do not hesitate to call if anything further is needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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