



TOTAL IDEA SUBMISSIONS

IDEA # 576

**Council District: 4
Department: WEGO**

Idea Address: Edmondson Pike, Nashville, TN , United States

Location: All public library locations especially those such as Edmondson that aren't served by public transport.

Idea:

Provide public transportation access to all public libraries. Currently, the Edmondson Pike Library and others don't have access to public transportation. Every neighborhood library should be accessible to all in the neighborhood. One lower-cost temporary method to achieve this would be to expand WeGo Link to designate all libraries as eligible Uber discount locations even if they don't currently have bus access.

Type of Project:

Bus Transportation, Libraries

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

To provide equitable access to libraries to all Nashvillians and to increase access to public transportation.

Please describe the public benefit:

Brings more equitable access to libraries and transportation to our city.

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IDEA # 674

**Council District: 4
Department: PARKS**

Idea Address: 5714 Edmondson Pike, Nashville, TN 37211, United States

Location: 37211

Idea:

More outdoor pools, rec centers, splash pads

Type of Project:

Parks

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

There are some Metro rec centers but these are more centrally located and are not convenient for folks that live in the outer parts of Davidson county. Why are we paying private companies like YMCA or going to other counties to use their rec centers?

Please describe the public benefit:

More access for more citizens to these type of places for ourselves and our kids to play or get involved without having to drive across town

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IDEA # 931

Council District: 4
Department: MWS
MNPS

Idea Address: 604 Hill Rd, Brentwood, TN 37027, United States

Location: 5501 Hill road 37027

Idea:

24/7 recycling drop off at Granbery Elementary

Type of Project:

Other

If other, please describe:

Recycling

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

Granbery currently hosts recycling drop off for a few hours on Saturday mornings. It is VERY popular and a great support to our community. When the recycling program began it was Friday afternoons and Saturdays. By having the bins available on Friday afternoon, the school had a thriving recycling program, but now that the bins only arrive on Saturday mornings, the students and school staff are not able to participate.

Please describe the public benefit:

By hosting the recycling bins 24/7 we increase the accessibility for recycling in our community. We also allow studnets to activity participate and learn about the benefits of recycling.

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IDEA # 626

Council District: 4
Department: NDOT

Idea Address: 6200 Banbury Station, Brentwood, TN 37027, United States

Location: Edmundson Pike between Banbury Station and Cloverland Drive in Davidson County.

Idea:

Work to enhance safety at the dangerous and narrow curve on Edmundson Pike between Banbury Station and Cloverland Drive. This short section of road is a major through road, which has a significant amount of traffic on it. The road passes through a very narrow section on a bend. The crash barrier has been demolished a number of times by crashes. Work to widen this section and if possible straighten the road would probably do much to contribute to drive safety.

Type of Project:

Streets, Alleys, Intersections, Traffic Calming

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

To make this stretch of road safer.

Please describe the public benefit:

The public would benefit from easier passage through this section of road. It would reduce accidents. Depending on the scope of the works that is possible, it would improve traffic flow through the area.

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IDEA # 377

Council District: 4
Department: NDOT

Idea Address: 6631 Holt Rd, Nashville, TN 37211, United States

Location: Holt Rd. 37211

Idea:

Please install multiple speed bumps down Holt Rd.

Type of Project:

Streets, Alleys, Intersections, Traffic Calming

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

Without sidewalks bike riders and people that walk are subjected to traffic that does not obey the speed limit. Also, this street becomes a car drag strip after dark.

Please describe the public benefit:

This will bring safety to the community.

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IDEA # 92

Council District: 16
Department: PARKS

Idea Address: , Nashville, TN 37211, United States

Location: 16th District from East Thompson Lane to the Briley Parkway overpass. Additional trailheads located at East Thompson across from Old Glenrose and across the creek at Currey/Southwood where Metro already owns land.

Idea:

Extend the South Nashville Whitsett Park Greenway

Type of Project:

Streets, Alleys, Intersections, Traffic Calming, Parks

If other, please describe:

Greenway

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

The East Thompson Community is a neighborhood choked by highways and high speed roads in every direction: Murfreesboro Pike, East Thompson Lane, Briley Parkway, and I-24 bound the neighborhood with dangerous, car-centric infrastructure. Neighbors have contended with a neighborhood designed for vehicles, begging for traffic calming for years and laughing at the idea of biking through the neighborhood. East Thompson Lane, the central, city-owned roadway through the heart of the neighborhood, is in Nashville's High Injury Network. Now, neighborhood leaders are struggling to find ways to foster connection and community among neighbors who predominantly rely on personal vehicles even to get to parks, schools, the grocery store, and the neighborhood center. Nashville opened the first segment of Whitsett Park Greenway nearly 10 years ago, providing a cherished neighborhood asset that is not yet fully accessible to the full neighborhood. Extending the Whitsett Park Greenway throughout the neighborhood will provide a opportunity to physically reconnect a neighborhood split by dangerous roadways and bifurcated by the beautiful Mill Creek. Leveraging recently acquired land by Metro, the greenway can have a trailhead both on East Thompson Lane in the neighborhood center and off Currey Road / Southwood, providing access from every corner of the neighborhood to one of the community's cherished public assets. The greenway extension will provide the opportunity for greater community connection and improve mobility for local residents to access community assets without relying on a personal vehicle. 10% of residents in this area do not have access to any vehicle.



Please describe the public benefit:

The greenway extension will provide greater access to Mill Creek and the surrounding Metro-owned protected floodplain. The neighborhood cherishes the current one-mile greenway, filling it up on weekends and even many weekdays. The greenway is currently limited in access due to the surrounding car-centric infrastructure. Providing multiple access points across East Thompson Lane, Mill Creek, and Briley Parkway will reconnect the neighborhood and provide opportunities for a healthier neighborhood through physical, mental, and relational stimulation. It will also make public land more accessible to the neighborhood, part of which the Greater Nashville Regional Council classifies as a highly vulnerable area. With 25% of residents living at or below the poverty line in this area, public investment in more green space, safe transportation infrastructure, and community connection would be beneficial to improving the quality of life and facilitating greater opportunities for residents.

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IDEA # 586

**Council District: 16
Department: PARKS**

Idea Address: 384 Thompson Ln, Nashville, TN 37211, United States

Location: Coleman Park next to the Thompson Lane Public Library

Idea:

Please fix up and expand the playground at Coleman Park. We deserve better!

Type of Project:

Parks

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

To fix a heavily used park and playground.

Please describe the public benefit:

There are not many playgrounds available in this area. So many people use this location. It is small and not in great shape. All communities deserve spaces for children of various ages to play.

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IDEA # 75

**Council District: 17
Department: MNPD**

Idea Address: 31 Perkins St, Nashville, TN 37210, United States

Location: Lafayette St

Idea:

Help reduce the amount of gunfire near Lafayette st and make the area safer for the people of the community in South Nashville

Type of Project:

Streets, Alleys, Intersections, Traffic Calming

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

Keep the people safe and allow for it be safe for people to be outside

Please describe the public benefit:

Making the area will bring more housing and businesses to the area

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IDEA # 275

**Council District: 16
Department: NDOT**

Idea Address: 2919 Southlake Dr, Nashville, TN 37211, United States

Location: Intersection of Thompson @ Southlake @E.Thompson

Idea:

Crate a walkable and bikable intersection

Type of Project:

Streets, Alleys, Intersections, Traffic Calming

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

To create a passable intersection to the district's ONLY major grocery store. This is a major intersection with no sidewalks, no crosswalks and no bike lanes

Please describe the public benefit:

To be able to walk/bike to the grocery store

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IDEA # 1151

Council District: 16
Department: NDOT

Idea Address: 67 Thompson Ln, Nashville, TN 37211, United States

Location: The intersection of Thompson Ln at 67 Thompson Ln, Nashville, TN 37211

Idea:

A traffic light needs to be added to the intersection of Thompson Ln at the entrance of the Al Farooq Islamic Center on 67 Thompson Lane. There has already been a major accident there since the opening of the Center in February 2023. The heavy traffic makes it impossible to take a left turn out of the facility. Right turns are also difficult because of the traffic and the limited sight distance for oncoming traffic. Adding a traffic light at the entrance of the Al Farooq Islamic Center on Thompson Lane would make the intersection safer for everyone who drives through that area

Type of Project:

Streets, Alleys, Intersections, Traffic Calming

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

To create a safe intersection for those visiting Al-Farooq and well as those traveling through the area

Please describe the public benefit:

Everyone traveling through that area will be safer. There would be less car accidents.

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IDEA # 962

**Council District: 16
Department: NDOT**

Idea Address: 83 Jay St, Nashville, TN 37210, United States

Location: Peachtree Street Jay Street Elberta Street Intersecting with Sterling Boone Dr
Woodbine, Nashville, 37210

Idea:

25MPH round speed humps

Type of Project:

Streets, Alleys, Intersections, Traffic Calming

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

These streets listed receive a lot of through traffic from Nolensville to get to Thompson Lane and many of these drivers tend to speed despite the significant pedestrian activity

Please describe the public benefit:

Calming traffic in a pedestrian heavy neighborhood with limited sidewalks

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IDEA # 502

**Council District: 17
Department: PROGRAM**

Idea Address: 468 Craighead St, Berry Hill, TN 37204, United States

Location: I will love to give a grant to New beginning Center to provide scholarships to women in district 30 because the women and my community need that type of program

Idea:

Type of Project:

Other

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

To help women to get physical strong and learn how to take care their mental health

Please describe the public benefit:

Low income woman

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IDEA # 149

**Council District: 34
Department: PARKS**

Idea Address: 7311 TN-100, Nashville, TN 37221, United States

Location:

Idea:

Type of Project:

Parks

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

Make Warner parks more beautiful and sanitary

Please describe the public benefit:

Actual restrooms with sinks to wash your hands and toilets instead of ugly, smelly, disgusting port-a-potties

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IDEA # 600

**Council District: 17
Department: PARKS**

Idea Address: 1400 14th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37212, United States

Location: 1450 14th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37212

Idea:

Rubber surfacing for the new playground that neighbors funded at the former Murrell School park.

Type of Project:

Schools, Parks

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

Neighbors have paid \$80k for a new playground with mulch, it would be great to upgrade to rubber surfacing to match other Metro Parks.

Please describe the public benefit:

Allows kids to play safely without the cost of remulching every year

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IDEA # 1310

Council District: 17
Department: PARKS

Idea Address: 1400 14th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37212, United States

Location: District 17, Zip Code 37212, along DeFord Bailey Ave. near 14th Ave. S. and 15th Ave. S.

Idea:

I am submitting this on behalf of the Friends of William Edmondson Homesite Park and Garden, a nonprofit. I previously submitted a proposal to fund the construction of a basketball court on vacant property adjacent to the Park, near the corner of 14th Ave. S. and DeFord Bailey Ave., that is owned by the police precinct and leased to the Nashville Soccer Club for construction of a soccer pitch. Additionally, other neighbors in the Edgehill area have submitted a proposal to resurface the playground at the Park and to install water and electricity to the Park. I am now proposing that all three of these suggestions be combined as a single proposal to enhance the Park.

Type of Project:

Parks

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

To enhance the park. The basketball court and possible pickle ball court would offer recreational opportunities to the public, and particularly to youth in the Edgehill neighborhood. Resurfacing the playground in the Park would reduce ongoing maintenance costs and improve safety. Bringing in water access and electricity would assist us in watering the Park's arboretum and plant beds, would provide additional recreational activities for youth, and would allow for more and improved park events such as the Annual WE Arts Festival the last weekend in October, music concerts, other kinds of fairs, movies in the Park, etc.

Please describe the public benefit:

See above



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IDEA # 496

Council District: 17
Department: ARTS

Idea Address: 1101 Edgehill Ave, Nashville, TN 37203, United States

Location: At the corner of 12th Ave. S. and Edgehill Ave. on the facade facing 12th Ave. S. of the mid-rise Gernert Studios Building owned by MDHA, Zip Code 37203, 1101 Edgehill Ave. , Council District 17 Colby Sledge.

Idea:

I request that we honor DeFord Bailey, African American, original Grand Ole Opry star from the 1920s and Country Music Hall of Famer with a larger than life MURAL to be located in the Edgehill neighborhood.

Type of Project:

Arts Projects

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

To celebrate a very successful Nashville artist in his neighborhood with a large scale mural of his image on a blank brick facade of a 10 story building.

Please describe the public benefit:

To celebrate with a larger than life, beautiful mural of Nashvillian and African American founder of the Grand Ole Opry, Mr. Deford Bailey.

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IDEA # 487

**Council District: 17
Department: NDOT**

Idea Address: 1920 Nolensville Pk, Nashville, TN 37211, United States

Location: 1920 Nolensville & Woodycrest. D17. CM Sledge. 37211

Idea:

Three-way crosswalk with cross lights. Pedestrian right-of-way signs.

Type of Project:

Streets, Alleys, Intersections, Traffic Calming

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

Safe street crossings. Pedestrian right-of-way signs. Vision Zero

Please describe the public benefit:

Pedestrian traffic has increased in this area going to Geodis due to Braxton Music City Apartments-2165 Nolensville Pike, Park at Melrose Heights Condos-2197 Nolensville Pike, and Nolensville Pike Multifamily/Mixed-Use proposal 2180 Nolensville Pike. <http>

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IDEA # 980

**Council District: 18
Department: PARKS**

Idea Address: 45QM+5P, Nashville, TN , United States

Location: 45QM+5P Nashville, Tennessee

Idea:

Cleanup Love Circle park!

Type of Project:

Parks

If other, please describe:

Grass is destroyed, tons of trash -- make it a beautiful overlook for the city!

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

public green space & vista

Please describe the public benefit:

public park

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TOTAL IDEA SUBMISSIONS

IDEA # 1249

Council District: 18
Department: PARKS

Idea Address: 1301 Clayton Ave, Nashville, TN 37212, United States

Location: the TDOT owned property adjacent to 1301 Clayton Avenue/1402 Gale Lane running to Granny White Pike. This is all in 37212 zip code, District 18

Idea:

District 18 doesn't have a dog park. The surplus land owned by TDOT at 12th Avenue South/Gale Lane and Clayton Avenue provides an area that is shaded and under utilized. This would involve fencing a large area and providing parking and street access.

Type of Project:

Parks

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

To create a gathering place for community members with dogs.

Please describe the public benefit:

Dog Parks provide a great space for community to take place.

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IDEA # 1069

Council District: 18

Department: NDOT

Idea Address: 2009 12th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37204, United States

Location: Belmont Boulevard from Portland Ave. to I440, Council District 18, 37212

Idea:

Improve Belmont Blvd Crosswalks and Add Crosswalks at intersections where they are lacking, including: repainting wide crosswalk stripes; flashing signs at each crosswalks when pedestrians are present; Lighting on the top of crosswalk signs to illuminate pedestrians crossing at night; provide flags and flag holders at every crosswalk for crossing pedestrians in order to get driver's attention.

Type of Project:

Streets, Alleys, Intersections, Traffic Calming

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

Pedestrian safety, traffic calming

Please describe the public benefit:

safer streets for pedestrians

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IDEA # 398

Council District: 18
Department: NDOT

Idea Address: 2551 Blair Blvd, Nashville, TN 37212, United States

Location: Blair Blvd and adjacent walking street, like Natchez Trace. Nashville, 37212

Idea:

I live on « walking street » and see many people walk including seniors and handicapped people. There are no public benches anywhere and often see seniors resting on steps of neighbors front stairs to take a rest. There should be some public benches installed on Blair Blvd walking areas

Type of Project:

Other

If other, please describe:

Public benches

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

To help seniors and handicapped persons in walking area streets

Please describe the public benefit:

Would help seniors and others as no places to rest apart a bench by Kroger and 21st.
Observed seniors having to rest on people front steps houses.

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TOTAL IDEA SUBMISSIONS

IDEA # 824

Council District: 18
Department: HISTORIC

Idea Address: 1419 Acklen Ave, Nashville, TN 37212, United States

Location: Hillsboro/Belmont

Idea:

I propose that five historical markers be funded 2700 through Metro Public Works to memorialize the Black history of the Belmont-Hillsboro Neighborhood. This history has largely been erased in the development of the neighborhood, and many current residents are unaware of it. The markers would serve as a reminder of past prosperity and the effects of Urban Renewal Programs.

Proposed Markers:

Bass Street Neighborhood: This was the city's first post-emancipation-free black neighborhood near and on the site of Fort Negley. There has been recent archaeological work by MTSU and Vanderbilt.

1303 Caldwell Avenue: Formerly the site of the house of Rev. Kelly Miller Smith, who was a key organizer during the Nashville Sit-ins. According to Martin Luther King, the Nashville sit-ins were the most organized movement in the south. During the funeral of John Lweis, Civil Rights advocate James Lawson spoke about how the Reverend's work made it possible for John Lewis and others to be part of the non-violent movement.

Rose Hill: a memorial to the Turnkey III home development between 1975-1977. The homes were built after residents organized in opposition Organized Neighbors of Edgehill ONE to a significant new housing development proposed for the South Street area. This marker would celebrate the successful partnership of metro public works with neighborhood activism.

12th Avenue South: Two sites of the former 12 South black businesses to be selected in partnership with the metropolitan historical commission. Hick's Grocery Store, Clemons' Drug Store, and Patton's Funeral Home are potential sites.

sources

All Things Black History thenashvillehistorical.com

What Happened to Edgehill? - The Tennessee Tribune tntribune.com

Nashville's first post-emancipation free Black neighborhood honored with ceremony and new research | WPLN News

Type of Project:

Other



If other, please describe:

Historical Marker

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

I propose that five historical markers be funded 2700 through Metro Public Works to memorialize the Black history of the Belmont-Hillsboro Neighborhood. This history has largely been erased in the development of the neighborhood, and many current residents are unaware of it. The markers would serve as a reminder of past prosperity and the effects of Urban Renewal Programs.

Please describe the public benefit:



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IDEA # 653

Council District: 19
Department: PROGRAM

Idea Address: 88 Hermitage Ave, Nashville, TN 37210, United States

Location: 88 Hermitage Ave, Nashville, TN 37210

Idea:

I'd like to propose the establishment of a permanent, year-round Emergency Weather Shelter, specifically for the benefit of our unhoused neighbors.

Type of Project:

General Services Such as Utilities, Fire Department, Police Department

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

The intent of this idea is for those who are unhoused to have an Emergency Weather Shelter that is consistent in location, staffing, & accessibility. It would be opened during extreme cold, extreme heat, tornadoes, & whatever other severe weather events the Nashville area might experience.

Please describe the public benefit:

This would obviously benefit the members of the public whom are unhoused, as it would significantly lessen the number of 1 exposure-related injuries & deaths and 2 injuries/deaths caused by natural disasters.

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IDEA # 595

Council District: 19
Department: PROGRAM

Idea Address: 17 Delta Ave, Nashville, TN 37208, United States

Location: Cheatham Place and John Henry Hale apartments

Idea:

Well, walking through the Cheatham Place and John Henry Hill Apartments. I have learned that there is a strong need for the children, especially ages 10 to 17 to have something to do. I think that Funding could be allocated from the participatory budget to fund a community center or community activities for the summer. This could include summer events, such as face, painting, arts and crafts, activities, trips to Nashville Shores, or other activities to keep the children in the neighborhood occupied.

Type of Project:

Arts Projects, Other

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

Please describe the public benefit:

This would help children in the area, have something to do and reduce the instances of them getting into trouble in the neighborhoods. Everybody benefits.

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IDEA # 148

**Council District: 19
Department: PARKS**

Idea Address: 1054 Scovel St, Nashville, TN 37208, United States

Location: Monroe Park, 11th Ave N and Monroe St 37208 This was district 19, Freddie O'Connell

Idea:

Monroe Park: Water fountain there was one many years ago but was removed; canopy trees of size large canopy trees were lost in the tornado; playground upgrade the surface beneath the playset is dilapidated; add swings; stripe a cross walk between the entry points basketball court and playground on the alley that separates the park; picnic tables; murals would be nice

Type of Project:

Parks, Water, Garbage & Sewer

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

Upgrade the park to the same standards of other parks in Davidson County - ex: Francie Pierce Park. Provide shade and water

Please describe the public benefit:

Children and adults alike will have access to public water and shade. Currently there is very little / no shade and no water. Safety of children

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IDEA # 906

Council District: 19
Department: PARKS

Idea Address: 1054 Scovel St, Nashville, TN 37208, United States

Location: Corner of 11th Ave N and Scovel to the corner of Monroe and 11th Ave N. District 19. 37208

Idea:

Upgrades and beautification of Monroe Park

Type of Project:

Parks

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

To create a safer space for children and community members to play and enjoy the park

Please describe the public benefit:

This idea centers around creating a safer place for children and elderly there is an assisted living home next to the park to enjoy the park. After the tornados of 2020, the city invested the bare minimum to replace damage at the park. The park would benefit from more mature, fast growing, native tree species to be planted, seating areas next to those shade trees, upgraded playground with a shade cover over the equipment, and a reinstalled water fountain that has been gone for over 10 years.

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IDEA # 777

**Council District: 19
Department: NDOT**

Idea Address: 1520 Edgehill Ave, Nashville, TN 37212, United States

Location: Edgehill Ave at Villa Pl

Idea:

Widen crosswalks and provide blinking lights and traffic calming at the intersection of Edgehill Ave and Villa Pl; overall improvement of intersection to accommodate the many pedestrians that cross the street at Edgehill and Villa.

Type of Project:

Streets, Alleys, Intersections, Traffic Calming

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

safety

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safety while crossing street

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**Council District: any
Department: LIBRARY**

Idea Address: 600 Church St, Nashville, TN 37219, United States

Location: 37221

Idea:

In light of recent banning of certain titles from schools and libraries, Davidson County should put more money into world literature to accommodate TN's changing demographics. I would like to see more Central Asian literature introduced for the growing Central Asian community in Nashville.

Type of Project:

Libraries, Schools, Arts Projects

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

Purchase Central Asian literature translated into English to expand TN's understanding of the world as well as accommodating newly arrived Central Asians to TN.

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Department: PROGRAM

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Location: 643 Harding Place, Nashville, 37211, on the corner of Harding Place and Danby. Our city council representative is Courtney Johnston.

Idea:

It is no secret that affordable, quality child care is at a crisis level in Davidson County and surrounding areas. Southminster Child Care is hoping to double the size of their childcare to help fill this need, but lacks the full funding to do so at this time.

Type of Project:

Other

If other, please describe:

Other - Child and infant care, early learning.

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

The purpose of the idea is to expand our ability to provide quality, ongoing child care for the families of South Nashville.

Please describe the public benefit:

If parents can work, knowing their little ones are in safe, loving care, they are contributing much more -- financially, socially, etc. -- to the community.

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IDEA # 473

Council District: 26
Department: PARKS

Idea Address: 474 Elysian Fields Rd, Nashville, TN 37211, United States

Location: Corner of Elysian Fields and Coventry Ct., 37211

Idea:

Public playground at the corner of Elysian Fields and Coventry Court

Type of Project:

Parks

If other, please describe:

Public playground

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

There are many families with young children living in Caldwell Abbay Hall, but the public playground at Norman Binkley is too dangerous to walk to because we have to cross Harding Place, and there is no comfortable and safe way to do so. We need a walkable playground on our side of Harding, and I think Croft middle property is perfect. There is ample green space for a public playground.

Please describe the public benefit:

A safe place for children and families to gather, socialize, and allow children a place to play and exercise.

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**Council District: 26
Department: PARKS**

Idea Address: 465 Benita Dr, Nashville, TN 37211, United States

Location: Paragon Mills Park: 465 Benita Dr, Nashville, TN 37211

Idea:

A paved pathway trail/greenway at Paragon Mills Park. For instance, maybe you create a loop from the entrance alongside the shrubbery wall to behind or beside the playground and back.

Type of Project:

Parks

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

to create a safe environment for community members wanting/needing to exercise at their local park when visiting in turn enhancing park amenities & better serving the needs of a growing community.

Please describe the public benefit:

The park has a number of amenities but a safe, paved pathway to walk/run/skate/bike, walk your dog etc. is not one. If you're wanting to get some laps in, you're only option is to walk on/through/around the parking lot "street" or grass, both of which are not ideal/safe. The community would greatly benefit from a paved pathway exercise incorporation, increased safety, increased visitors, greater accessibility etc.

This addition would really help round the park and serve all members of the community. Oftentimes I'm wanting to go for a walk, but find parks with paved pathways to be inconveniently located. They're too far of a drive from the neighborhood. The streets of Paragon Mills do not offer much safety when it comes to leisurely walks there's very limited sidewalks. I'd love to see the addition of a paved pathway at Paragon Mills Park.

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IDEA # 470

Council District: 26
Department: NDOT

Idea Address: 643 Harding Pl, Nashville, TN 37211, United States

Location: Danby to Nolensville

Idea:

Complete the Harding Road sidewalk extension between Danby and Nolensville Road.

Type of Project:

Streets, Alleys, Intersections, Traffic Calming, Other

If other, please describe:

Sidewalk

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

Create a walkable city that is safe for pedestrians. Safety

Please describe the public benefit:

Pedestrians will be safer

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IDEA # 724

**Council District: 26
Department: NDOT**

Idea Address: 22243 Harding Pl, Nashville, TN 37211, United States

Location: From the intersection of Harding PL/Nolensville RD to Harding PL/I24 exits.

Idea:

Public trash receptacles along popular walking paths.

Type of Project:

Water, Garbage & Sewer

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

To decrease the heavy amount of litter seen on these roads and sidewalks. This area has heavy pedestrian traffic accessing grocery stores and restaurants with no where to dispose of trash.

Please describe the public benefit:

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IDEA # 1247

Council District: 27
Department: PARKS

Idea Address: 5150 Edmondson Pike, Nashville, TN 37211, United States

Location: Whitfield Park 5150 Edmondson Pk Nashville, TN 37211

Idea:

Whitfield Park

- UV Shade for playground/ballpark
- Upgrade equipment cable climb web has sharp pieces; inclusive equipment for handicap
- Replace Seven Mile Creek Greenway sign with info
- Fix Whitfield Park wooden sign
- Bathrooms including a family bathroom with baby changing station
- Refillable water station
- Visible large yellow "Pedestrian's Crossing" signage as you approach crosswalk to the entrance

Type of Project:

Parks

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

Maintain & Upgrade Whitfield Park

Please describe the public benefit:

- UV shade would ensure that children can play on the playground without scolding themselves from hot equipment & protect them from harmful UV rays during peak hours of sun exposure. *Example: Coleman Park has a UV shade over their playground. Several shade trees around the area could be of benefit to future generations
- Upgrade play equipment so children do not harm themselves accidentally by grabbing the sharp metal; install inclusive equipment so all children even handicapped can utilize the playground
- Replace Seven Mile Greenway signage to educate about the area
- Fix Whitfield Park sign so it is easily read from a distance
- Bathrooms are necessary for all ages. There are many activities that occur at the Whitfield Park which means lots of people



- Refillable water station would cut down on pollution from plastic water bottles and help everyone stay hydrated during their outdoor activities
- Visible signage for pedestrians crossing would hopefully slow the cars down along Edmondson Pk. Many neighbors including our neighbors at the apartment complexes must walk across the road to get to the park

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IDEA # 220

**Council District: 27
Department: PARKS**

Idea Address: 5204 Edmondson Pike, Nashville, TN 37211, United States

Location: Marchand dr and Edmondson pike

Idea:

Expand seven mile creek greenway

Type of Project:

Parks

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

Expand the existing greenway for a longer run

Please describe the public benefit:

More recreational space for the community on an already popular greenway

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IDEA # 1175

Council District: 16
Department: NDOT

Idea Address: 67 Thompson Ln, Nashville, TN 37211, United States

Location: The intersection of Thompson Ln at 67 Thompson Ln, Nashville, TN 37211

Idea:

A traffic light needs to be added to the intersection of Thompson Ln at the entrance of the Al Farooq Islamic Center on 67 Thompson Lane. There has already been a major accident there since the opening of the Center in February 2023. The heavy traffic makes it impossible to take a left turn out of the facility. Right turns are also difficult because of the traffic and the limited sight distance for oncoming traffic. Adding a traffic light at the entrance of the Al Farooq Islamic Center on Thompson Lane would make the intersection safer for everyone who drives through that area.

Type of Project:

Streets, Alleys, Intersections, Traffic Calming

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

To create a safe intersection for those visiting Al Farooq and well as those traveling through the area

Please describe the public benefit:

Everyone traveling through that area will be safer. There would be less car accidents.

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IDEA # 569

Council District: 27
Department: NDOT

Idea Address: , Nashville, TN 37211, United States

Location: Nolensville Ave between OHB and Harding.

Idea:

Complete sidewalks from OHB to Harding. Many people walk out of necessity and should have sidewalks. Also, build in protected bike lanes as you go.

Type of Project:

Streets, Alleys, Intersections, Traffic Calming, Other

If other, please describe:

Sidewalks

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

Safety of children and adults who walk usually out of necessity on Nolensville Pike.

Please describe the public benefit:

Bring some equity. Sidewalks are currently concentrated in rich areas where people can afford cars. Poor, immigrant areas like Nolensville Pike deserve EQUITABLE access to safety. Prevent pedestrian DEATH.

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IDEA # 349

**Council District: 27
Department: WEGO**

Idea Address: 5117 Edmondson Pike, Nashville, TN 37211, United States

Location: Maybe one stop at the Edmondson Library and one at Brandywine and one at the corner of Brewer and Edmondson.

Idea:

A city bus that runs on Edmondson Pike. We once had one and then it stopped.

Type of Project:

Bus Transportation

If other, please describe:

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

To create viable ways for residents to utilize bus services without having to walk 1 mile or more to get to Nolensville

Please describe the public benefit:

Reduce traffic on limited roads and make it possible for people to get around town

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IDEA # 877

**Council District: 30
Department: PROGRAM**

Idea Address: 4829 Gillespie Dr, Nashville, TN 37013, United States

Location:

Idea:

Assistance for disabled persons who live in the community to have safe and liveable conditions in their own homes without restrictions based on critical needs

Type of Project:

Other

If other, please describe:

Elderly homes with much needed living environmental upgrades

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

To rid mold, carbon monoxide poison, pest control, safe drinking water, air quality control

Please describe the public benefit:

The public would appreciate the importance of these living conditions as top priority

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IDEA # 727

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Department: NDOT

Idea Address: 3675 Tampa Dr, Nashville, TN 37211, United States

Location: Traffic calming project on Tampa Dr. from Harding Place to Wallace and on Largo from Tampa Dr. to Sherman Oaks Dr. There is an existing traffic calming application in the system.

Idea:

Traffic calming

Also, restrict city busses from going down Tampa Dr. There are no bus stops on Tampa and the busses are using Tampa to cut through to Wallace Rd. Please reroute the busses.

Type of Project:

Streets, Alleys, Intersections, Traffic Calming

If other, please describe:

rerouting city busses off of Tampa

What is the purpose or intent of the idea?

Slow down traffic on Tampa and reroute busses off of Tampa

Please describe the public benefit:

Safer streets and less noise pollution

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Beautification

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Investment in a diverse community when it comes to other forms of transportation

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Department: NDOT**

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Location: En la Haywoodlane y apachetrial, y en la limbar y Wallace,

Idea:

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Streets, Alleys, Intersections, Traffic Calming, Schools

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