

BPAC Statement Regarding East Bank Boulevard Designs

On February 10, 2025, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission unanimously approved a resolution calling for Metro to present all East Bank Boulevard designs included in the Imagine East Bank Vision Plan for public consideration and feedback.

During the public meeting that was subsequently held on April 24, 2025, the two 4-lane alternatives in Imagine East Bank Vision Plan were not presented to the public as viable options and were not included in the online survey, denying Nashvillians the opportunity to consider and comment on these designs.

Instead, project designers expressed that they had already decided to move forward with two preferred alternatives, each of which includes a 6-lane cross-section with a minimum width of 110 feet.

We join Walk Bike Nashville and the Civic Design Center in expressing opposition to this dangerous design. Abundant evidence shows that streets like this are unsafe for all road users and induce more car traffic and more congestion. The proposed 6-lane design would be wider than streets in Nashville that we already know are deadly, such as Gallatin Avenue, Dickerson Pike, and West End Avenue.

This design does not align with our commitment to Vision Zero, our Green and Complete Streets policy, our modal hierarchy, or the priorities of safe, multimodal connectivity that were clearly expressed in the Imagine East Bank Vision plan.

We call on Metro leadership to reject these dangerous 6-lane designs and to build a complete street that is safe for people walking, biking, taking transit, and driving, rather than a new segment of our high injury network.

Approved by BPAC at the Monday, May 19, 2025 meeting