



***NASHVILLE DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION
& MULTIMODAL INFRASTRUCTURE***

**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMISSION
Minutes**

**March 17, 2025
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM**

**Howard Office Building Sonny West Auditorium, Rooms C/D
700 2nd Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37210**

Committee Overview

This 13-member group serves to increase collaboration between the Metro Government of Nashville and Davidson County to ensure a commitment to increasing safety and the use of bicycle, micro mobility devices, and pedestrian travel as significant and beneficial modes of transportation and recreation.

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Speaking to the Committee

Anyone can speak before the committee during a public hearing. An NDOT staff member presents each item, followed by public comment period, then committee discussion. Community members are asked to speak for two minutes each, at the discretion of the chair, and direct their comments to the committee.



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1) Call to Order 5:03pm

2) Roll Call

Present: Katherine McDonnell; Matthew Hertz; KJ Garner; Ashleigh Wilson; John Norris; Carey Rogers; Nathaniel McDowell

Absent: Alvin Haney; Anas Saba; Courtney Ross; Liz Rigs

Staff Present: Brent Schultz, Robyn Strain, Shandira Edgecombe, Anna Dearman

3) Public Comments

- CM J. Kupin-looking for guidance on making bikeways safer and more accessible
- Will Rogers-GNRC-just introducing himself
- Shandi Edgecombe-lunch and learn this month

4) Approval of February 10, 2025 Minutes

Edits to minutes: Mr. Rogers requested a change for his comments from 1826 to 1926.

Motion to approve with edits by Mr. Rogers. The motion was seconded by Mr. Norris and was approved unanimously.

5) Review of Agenda

6) Subcommittee Report Outs (20 min)

Rules, Process, and Reporting

Mr. Rogers brought a vote to the floor on the Resolution to the Mayor and City Council regarding the Belle Meade Highlands study. Mr. Schultz encouraged discussion but noted that voting at this meeting could void the vote and would be a violation of Open Meetings Act. Mr. Schultz, having conferred with Metro's legal department, advised to wait until April. Mr. Rogers pointed out that the resolution had already been discussed in the February 2025 meeting and was ready to be voted on. Mr. Rogers recommended overriding the advice of staff



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and the legal department. Ms. McDonnell commented that a vote was needed to add items to the agenda. Mr. Rogers responded with a second motion to pass the Belle Meade Resolution. Mr. McDowell seconded, and the resolution passed unanimously.

Community Engagement and Outreach

The Community Engagement and Outreach Sub-committee did not meet this month. However, they are currently working on the design of the citizen's ticket and a logo.

Plan/Engineering Review

The committee met on 3/17/25. They circled back to getting a scheduled presentation of active projects that they can give advice on. They are interested in having Ms. Dearman to speak at a subcommittee meeting. Ms. Dearman, who was present, agreed to speak. The committee requested that Ms. Dearman and Mr. Schultz coordinate this.

The subcommittee also inquired about a process to review and maintain current complete streets.

The subcommittee would like to establish communication with the Vision Zero Advisory Committee as well.

7) Programmatic Updates

Bike Lane Enforcement & Cleaning (20 min) – Richard Rooker (NDOT) & Cody Osborne (NDOT) PPT

- Mr. Rooker reported that as of Sept 2024 there were 248 bicycle related citations issued.
- He noted that the areas focused on changes are dependent on season. One example would be ticketing lawn companies for parking service vehicles in the bikeway.
- He also emphasized that the departments responses are also complaint driven through HUB Nashville.
- Additionally, the department is focusing more on areas not contained in the downtown enforcement corridor.
- Ms. Garner asked how many enforcement officers were slated. Mr. Rooker said there are currently 27. Formerly, there were 2.



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- Mr. Hertz expressed frustration with the timing of HUB Nashville resolutions saying they are often too late.
- Mr. Rooker encouraged reporting and promised to monitor the cite for bikeway specific offenses.
- Mr. Norris enquired about an effort to track repeat offenders. Mr. Rooker responded that the information is available.
- Mr. Rogers said he has successfully reported offenses by calling 615-862-8775. Mr. Norris indicated that there is probably a faster response time for safety issues.
- Ms. McDonnell was interested in knowing how the data is tracked if the phone is used. Mr. Rooker indicated that the data is available upon request.
- Mr. McDowell was interested in a joint effort with NDOT and a “Flood the Hub” campaign for bikeway offenses. Mr. Rooker indicated that NDOT would be willing to discuss and willing to partner with anyone making the city safer.
- Mr. Osborne reported on the activities of clearing and cleaning bikeways around the city. The street sweeping schedule cleans most paths every 7-10 days and noted that as protected bike lanes are added, they are included in the schedule.
- Ms. Garner inquired about an addition of a 3rd street sweeping vehicle. Mr. Osborne said it was slated to be added in 2026.
- Ashleigh-regarding construction in bike lanes-is there a notification for bike lane users about construction debris? Mr. Osborne stated that either sweeping is required of contractor by inspector in the ROW or it is picked up by street sweeping equipment.
- Is pedestrian bridge swept nightly? Mr. Osborne advised that it was monitored with hand and broom

Open Streets Update (20 min) - Koby Langner & Calah Gipson (Walk & Bike Nashville)

Koby Langer giving an early look at the toolkit providing for Open Streets permit availability that is more simple.

- Q1-Mr. Hertz-How long can a street closure last? How often can a block close the street? Mr. Langer advised that one day is allotted for complete closure. If multiple days are needed, there is a partial soft closure available through Tactical Urbanism it it qualifies.
- Q2-Ms. Garner-Where there are no residents but businesses are present, what is the process for closure?-Mr. Langer explained that would require a festival permit needing 6 months advance notice.



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- Q3-Mr. Hertz inquired if WalkBike or NDOT help with neighborhood notifications and collecting signatures for community support. Mr. Langer explained that, as these projects are inherently community driven, that the signature responsibility is on the community coordinator or sponsor.
- Q4-Mr. Rogers-Who is going to count the 2/3rds signatures. In dense population (apts) centers, how will the signatures be acquired? The answer is door to door.

Green & Complete Street, Part 2 (20 min) – James Guthrie (Metro Planning)
PPT

- This is an approach, not a set of projects.

ACTION ITEMS

- Mr. McDowell suggests getting the PPT from planning for review and comments.
- Mr. Rogers requested a representative from Parks be at the meetings. Mr. Schultz will follow up on this.

8) Adjournment

Mr. Norris motioned to adjourn. Ms. Garner seconded and the meeting adjourned at 6:43.