



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

**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Minutes

**July 21, 2025
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM**

**Howard Office Building/ITS Enterprise Room
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 commitment to increasing safety and the use of bicycle, micro mobility devices, and pedestrian travel as significant and beneficial modes of transportation and recreation.

Notice to Public

Agendas are posted online before each meeting at:

<https://www.nashville.gov/departments/transportation/boards/bpac>

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.



- MINUTES -

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION

1) **Called to Order at 5:07 p.m.**

2) **Roll Call**

3) **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

June 16, 2025-Approved unanimously

4) **Approval of Agenda**

Approved unanimously

5) **Public Comments**

The public is invited to speak regarding any issue. Members of the public are asked to limit testimony to three (3) minutes

6) **Subcommittee Report Outs (20 min)**

Subcommittee Report Outs

- Rules, Process, and Reporting - Chair, Katherine McDonell

7/14 Katherine McDonell and Matt Hertz met and planned for future meetings

- Community Engagement and Outreach - Chair, Courtney Ross

With a new chair in place, the committee is reorganizing

➤ Need social media assistance

- Plan/Engineering Review - Chair, Ashleigh Wilson
Subcommittee met on 7/14; Katherine McDonell reporting

Discussed the configuration around 12th and Division
Katherine McDonell attended Commerce Street and
Connect Downtown/NDOT meetings.

7) **Programmatic Updates**

Charter Process & BPAC Concept Plan Review
– Justin Cole, Transportation Planner (NDOT)

1. Describes scope and ensures alignment with Executive Order 45
2. Proposed BPAC engagement touchpoints



1	Pedestrians All people of all ages and abilities	
2	Bicycling People using bicycles and bikeshare	
3	Transit People using transit	
4	Moving Goods People transporting goods	
5	Car Sharing People carpooling	
6	Personal Car People driving themselves	

- a. Refine & improve consistency of engagement given recent controversial projects
- b. NDOT leadership & staff desire to engage BPAC routinely and as a full Commission
- c. Proposed engagement touchpoints discussed
 - i. Planning phase - 0-20% complete plans, includes background information, visioning, broader community engagement
 - ii. Design phase - 30% and/or 60% design, ongoing broad engagement
 - iii. Evaluation phase - post-construction, includes comparing before and after data, broad engagement
- d. General agreement that Planning phase and early Design phases would be preferable
- e. NDOT leadership has expressed a preference to engage full BPAC rather than subcommittees
- f. Question – what are the criteria for a project to come before BPAC?
 - i. Different projects may come before BPAC in different ways. NDOT would envision presenting all major corridor-wide projects for our feedback, in addition to some simpler decisions as well such as striping changes at 12th and Division.
- g. Question - how much weight will our feedback have?
 - i. Staff will consider this along with all other feedback gathered.
- h.

Multimodal Access Closure Advisory Committee (MAC)

Meeting Process - Anas Alrejja, Traffic Control Manager (NDOT)

1. The intent of the policy is to prohibit the continuous closure of multimodal pathways in the public rights of way for a period of seven days or more.
2. Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis and granted at the sole discretion of the Director.
3. Specific closures were reviewed including detailed schematics and aerials including closure options like those MAC reviews routinely:
 - 8th Ave S and Demonbreun St.
 - Concern was expressed from multiple commissioners regarding shared pathway for bicyclists and pedestrians, especially when westbound sidewalk is closed.
 - Commissioner Garner asked about the possibility of a split phase signal for left turns
 - Question regarding who is responsible for maintaining the quality of a detour once it's put in place.
 - NDOT states that it's the contractor's responsibility to maintain the detour and it's NDOT's responsibility to make sure they're following the plan through inspections. Hub requests can help notify them of any problems.
 - Chair McDonnell stated that this is a perfect opportunity to follow our

modal hierarchy. Pedestrian volumes are greater than car volumes at this intersection at some times of the day. Demonbreun is our only east-west bicycle route through town, and closing it would give us no safe options, whereas drivers can choose from multiple equally safe routes. She strongly recommended that NDOT close the left turn lane instead of keeping three lanes open for cars and forcing bicyclists and pedestrians onto a shared pathway.

➤ Stockyard St. and Greenway

- Commissioner Rogers noted problems with signage – there are signs to direct people off the greenway but there are no signs to direct people back onto the greenway going northbound. Going southbound, the sign directing people back to the greenway is obstructed by a tree.
- Chair McDonell noted the larger problem of closing an all ages and abilities greenway and detouring people onto 2nd Ave, which is not a safe route. She asked if NDOT could provide a dedicated space for pedestrians and bicyclists on 2nd Ave to avoid having to share the road with high-speed traffic.

8) Regular Agenda

Selection of BPAC member to be MAC Representative

A discussion was held regarding appointing a BPAC member to sit on the Multimodal Access Closure Committee. There were some concerns regarding the time commitment, particularly given that the meetings are held on Thursday afternoons during the work day. No member volunteered to serve as a representative, but other options discussed were to have members rotate on the committee or to have BPAC nominate someone to serve on our behalf.

9) Administrative Updates/Next Meeting/New Business

10) Adjournment 6:21