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**METROPOLITAN TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION**  
**Howard Office Building—Sonny West Conference Room**

**August 11, 2025**

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The regular monthly meeting of Howard Office Building Sonny West Conference Room. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

**ATTENDEES**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Brandon Mason (Chair), Robert Gibbs (Vice Chair), Council Member Quin Evans-Segall (absent), Santos Gonzales, Neil Kornutick, Jama Mohamed, Dr. Lin Ming (absent), Lisa Haller (absent), Capt. James Williams (MNPd)

**STAFF**

Brad Freeze, Hal Balthrop, Erica Haber, Phylinda Ramsey, Ann Mikkelsen, Andrew Smith, Ricky Rooker, Emanuel Matyas, Darren Pack, Korby Bowden, Darlene Thompson, Brandon Boatswain Laz Parking General Manager.

**OTHERS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Brandon Mason called the meeting of August 11, 2025, to order at 2:34 p.m. Chairman Brandon Mason announced the appeals process, Metropolitan Code of Laws 2.68.030.

*"If you are not satisfied with a decision made by the Traffic & Parking Commission, you may appeal the decision by filing for a writ of certiorari with the Davidson County Chancery or Circuit Court. Your appeal must be filed within 60 days of the date of the entry of the Commission's decision. We advise that you seek your own independent legal advice to ensure that your appeal is filed in a timely manner and that all procedural requirements have been met."*

*"Per the Tennessee Open Meetings Act, Public Chapter No. 300, members of the public are invited to provide comment on matters germane to the items on the agenda."*

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Commissioner Gibbs moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Mohamed seconded the motion. The agenda was approved with no objections.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.1 July 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

- Capt. Williams made a motion to approve; Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with no objections.

**4A. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Ben Hubert - Would like item 5.7 Ewing Dr. moved to the regular agenda. He would like to see the speed limit reduced to 30 mph on this street.
- Charles Weingartner – Vision Zero Committee and cycling advocate, would like to see Ewing Dr. pulled to regular agenda and spoke to the importance of this street to the cycling community. He stated that this is a highly traveled segment for cyclists and would like to see the speed limit reduced to 30mph.
- Carrett McBride – Resident of Ewing Rd. She would like to see Ewing Rd. widened and have sidewalks added. Anything to slow folks down, lots of speeding. Can speed-bumps be added?
- Clarence Ewing Sr. – Resident of Ewing for 40 years. He would like to see speed cushions added. He is looking for physical improvements. He would like to see drivers slow down.
- Richard Richardson – Resident of Ewing Rd. People are speeding and passing, last year he replaced his mailbox 6 times, no one had insurance. He would like to see speed cushions added to the street to slow folks down.



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#### **5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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5.2 CD 02: Mandatory referral 2025M-005AB-001 proposing abandonment of a portion of unnamed right-of-way from W. Trinity Lane to the northwest point of Parcel 07007006400, requested by Catalyst Design Group.

5.3 CD 21: Authorization for new multiway stop control for Albion St & 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave N, requested by NDOT via Hub Nashville.

5.4 CD 24: Authorization for a new vehicle size restriction, No Trucks over 8T on Bowling Ave from Murphy Rd to West End Ave, requested by CM Gadd.

5.5 CD 23: Authorization for a new vehicle size restriction, No Trucks over 8T on Vaughns Gap Rd from Harding Pike to Highway 100, requested by NDOT via Hub Nashville.

5.6 CD – Authorization of a new valet lane for 501 3rd Ave S for 3 spaces operated 24/7 on Peabody St in the newly developed cutout. Parking Storage for valet cars is located on property connected to the same building. Route enclosed

5.7 CD 01: Authorization to lower speed limit on Ewing Dr between Knight Dr and Dickerson Pk from 40 mph to 35 mph, requested by NDOT and Vision Zero.

- Commissioners would like to move 5.2, 5.6, 5.7 to the regular agenda. Commissioner Gibbs moved to approve modified agenda. Commissioner Kornutick seconded the motion. The modified agenda was approved with no objections.

#### **6. REGULAR AGENDA**

5.2 CD 02: Mandatory referral 2025M-005AB-001 proposing abandonment of a portion of unnamed right-of-way from W. Trinity Lane to the northwest point of Parcel 07007006400, requested by Catalyst Design Group.

- Andrew Smith with NDOT provided insight into the request. Commissioner Mohamed moved to approve. Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

5.6 CD – Authorization of a new valet lane for 501 3rd Ave S for 3 spaces operated 24/7 on Peabody St in the newly developed cutout. Parking Storage for valet cars is located on property connected to the same building. Route enclosed

- Emanuel Maytas with NDOT provided background into the request. Discussions were had surrounding the future of the valet zone. Capt. Williams moved to approve. Commissioner Mohamed seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

5.7 CD 01: Authorization to lower speed limit on Ewing Dr between Knight Dr and Dickerson Pk from 40 mph to 35 mph, requested by NDOT and Vision Zero.

- Darren Pack with NDOT spoke to the request. Commissioner Gibbs asked about the probability of speed cushions being installed. Commissioner Kornutick asked additional questions regarding the data behind the request and if we had explored any other type of speed cushions or conducted a negative impact study. Andrew Smith redirected the conversation back to the request. He provided additional insight surrounding the volume of the road, making it ineligible for traffic calming. Val Martinez provided insight into how the request originated from the Vision Zero Advisory committee. Commissioner Kornutick would like to know what additional items can be done on this road. Legal provided clarification of the commissions preview. Andrew spoke to the desire to make Ewing safer, however what that looks like it still to be determined. Commissioner Kornutick asked that we provide the commission with the survival rate at varying speeds. Chair Mason would like this item to be back on the agenda next month. Commissioner Mohamed would like to see what options for traffic calming would be available for the street. Extensive discussions were had surrounding this topic. Chair Mason asked for a motion to lower the speed limit to 35mph. Commissioner Gibbs moved to lower the speed limit to 35mph. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections. Chair Mason then asked for an additional motion regarding adding an agenda item for next month. Commissioner Gibbs moved that in the month of September we look at measures that can be done to make Ewing safer. Commissioner Mohamed seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections. Chair Mason also requested that we include all districts for Ewing Dr.

6.1 CD Various: Authorization to lower the posted speed limits on Main St and Gallatin Pk between S 5<sup>th</sup> St and the Sumner County line, requested by NDOT and Vision Zero.

6.1.1 South 5<sup>th</sup> St—Eastland Ave: Reduce posted speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph

6.1.2 Eastland Ave—Due West Ave: Reduce posted speed limit from 40 mph to 35 mph

6.1.3 Due West Ave—Old Hickory Blvd: Reduce posted speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph

6.1.4 Anderson Lane—Sumner County line: Reduce posted speed limit from 45 mph to 40 mph

- Darren Pack and Val Martinez with NDOT have no additional comments. Andrew Smith with NDOT gave a brief statement. Commissioner Kornutick inquired about the involvement of the Vision Zero Advisor Committed on this speed study. Val Martinez stated that the Vision Zero Advisory Committee is not a voting body. They do however provide recommendations for speed study locations. This has been presented to them as well as various other Council Members, WeGo and MNPd. Commissioner Kornutick would like us to move faster on these types of projects. Commissioner Kornutick moved to approve. Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.



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#### **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7.1 CD 19: Authorization for new 24/7 effective hours for the existing Loading Zone on the south side of Church St west of Mcmillan St, requested by NDOT.

- Andrew Smith with NDOT provided some background to the request. Commissioner Kornutick asked about NDOT's efforts to work with business in this area. Andrew provided additional clarification. Commissioner Mohamed asked about additional safety measures in the area. Andrew provided a response. Commissioner Mohamed moved to approve. Capt. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

7.2 CD 19: Approval for future valet operation for proposed development on the north side of 409 Peabody St, requested by KCI, on behalf of a developer.

- Andrew Smith with NDOT provided an update to the request. Commissioner Kornutick questioned why this is something we would review. Chair Mason asked if we would be open to a lawsuit if we approved now and disapproved later. Commissioner Kornutick would feel better if this went to Council first prior to Commissions approval. Chair feels the design is ambiguous and would like to see general data around this request. The commission looked for legal guidance. Legal stated that they would need to further investigate. Discussions were had around this request and the need for additional clarification. Commissioner Mohamed moved to defer one month. Commissioner Gibbs seconded the deferral. The motion was deferred for one month with no objections.

#### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

8.1 NDOT Parking update on the inclusion of the Music Row parking district

- Emanuel Maytas with NDOT provided an overview of the parking update. Commissioner Kornutick would like to see the dashboard of the parking utilization and revenues reintroduced to the commission. He appreciated the effort to lower parking fees for people.

#### **9. OTHER ITEMS**

9.1 Back at Sonny West Conference Room next month.

9.2 For a future item Commissioner Kornutick between Commerce and Broadway on 4<sup>th</sup> is time limited street/paid parking due to a transition lane. He recently noticed that some long-term permits had been assigned there, and buses had been parked in those spaces. He is aware that there will be a queue jump at some time in the future according to the Connect Downtown plan and would look to remove the time restriction or the paid parking. He would like to have that discussion in two months.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Capt. Williams moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Approved on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

**Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 25-08**

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I \_\_\_\_\_ with the Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure do certify the above items on today's agenda amending Chapter 12 of the Metropolitan Code were approved by the Traffic and Parking Commission on September 8, 2025.

**TENNESSEE NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

State of Tennessee

County of Davidson

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025, before me Andrew J. Smith personally appeared, to me known to be the person (or persons) described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that such person (or persons) executed the same as such person (or person's) free act and deed.

Witness my hand, at the office, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

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Notary's Signature

Seal

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Traffic and Parking Commission Authority:  
Chapter 9 of the Metropolitan Charter, Sec. 11.904. - Function of commission as to traffic regulation.

For the purpose of making the roads, streets and other public ways safe for pedestrians, motorists and others, and for the purpose of facilitating the flow of traffic thereon, the commission is hereby authorized to adopt and publish traffic regulations, including the erection of proper signs necessarily and properly connected with or incident to the following:

(a)The location and time when parking shall be limited.(b)Places where parking shall be prohibited entirely or only during certain hours.(c)The establishment of stop sign controls for through streets or isolated intersections.(d)The establishment of traffic signal controls.(e)The direction in which traffic may use any street or portion of a street.(f)Restrictions on the size of vehicles using certain streets.(g)The establishment of speed zones upon metropolitan streets and roads based upon the findings of the commission. When such zones are properly signposted, the speed indicated on the signs shall be the legal speed limit.

Such traffic regulations adopted by the commission shall take effect five (5) days after they have been published in a daily newspaper of general circulation within the area of the metropolitan government and after a certified copy thereof has been filed with the metropolitan clerk and the chief of police. Such regulations, when so adopted, shall have the force and effect of an ordinance, and shall be enforced by the metropolitan police. The metropolitan council shall provide by ordinance for the punishment of violators of such traffic regulations and shall fix proper and adequate fines and penalties.