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### **METROPOLITAN TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION**

**Howard Office Building—Sonny West Conference Room** 

## September 8, 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 Parker, Santos Gonzales (absent), Neil Kornutick, Jama Mohamed, Dr. Lin Ming, Lisa Haller, Capt. James Williams (MNPD)

### **STAFF**

Brad Freeze, Hal Balthrop, Erica Haber, Phylinda Ramsey, Andrew Smith, Emanuel Matyas, Korby Bowden, Darlene Thompson, Casey Hopkins.

### **OTHERS**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brandon Mason called the meeting of September 8, 2025, to order at 2:31 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 Mohamed moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Ming seconded the motion. The agenda was approved with no objections.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1 August 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes.
  - Council Member Parker made a motion to approve; Commissioner Ming seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with no objections.

### **4A. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Clarence Ewing Sr – Resident of Ewing Dr wanted to speak about the recent speed limit reduction. In his opinion asking the public to not speed is not working, he would like to see speed cushions added to his street. He also mentioned the large number of heavy trucks using the street, even with the posted weight restriction. As well as varying speed signs causing confusion and the sign by the overpass being covered with brush.

**Ben Hubert** – Speaking about Ewing Drive. He is thankful that the speed limit has been lowered. However, he would like to see the speed limit be further reduced. He would like to have an item added to the October agenda. He would like to see an authorization to lower the speed limit on Ewing Drive between Knight Drive and Dickerson Pike to 30mph as requested by the neighbors of Ewing Drive and the Vision Zero Advisory Committee.

**Dave Pomeroy** – President of the Nashville Association of Musicians, AFM257. Came to speak against about item 5.2. He is requesting a deferral of the item as it will negatively impact what's left of the creative community in Music Row.

**Kevin White** – SAC Institute is speaking out against the proposed paid parking. He would like to ask that we reconsider the request for paid parking on Music Row.

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

- 5.1 CD 06: Authorization for new multiway stop control at Woodland Ave and S 6th Street, requested by NDOT via HUB Nashville.
- 5.2 CD 17: Approval of new pay parking spaces in Music Row, requested by NDOT.
  - 5.2.1 Chet Atkins PI from Music Sq E to 19<sup>th</sup> Ave S, for approximately 37 spaces
  - 5.2.2 18th Ave S from Chet Atkins PI to Grand Ave, for approximately 15 spaces
  - 5.2.3 Music Sq W from Chet Atkins PI to Grand Ave, for approximately 14 spaces
  - 5.2.4 Music Circle N from Music Sq E to Music Circle E, for approximately 30 spaces
  - 5.2.5 Music Circle S from Music Sq E to Music Circle E, for approximately 20 spaces
  - 5.2.6 Music Circle E from Music Circle S to Division St, for approximately 37 spaces
  - 5.2.7 Roy Acuff PI from Music Sq E to 18th Ave S, for approximately 56 spaces
  - Commissioner Haller would like to move item 5.2 from 5.2.1 through 5.2.7 to the regular agenda. Commissioner Gibbs moved to approve item 5.1 and move others to the regular agenda. Commissioner Ming seconded the motion. The modified consent agenda was approved with no objections.

### **6. REGULAR AGENDA**

- 5.2 CD 17: Approval of new pay parking spaces in Music Row, requested by NDOT.
  - 5.2.1 Chet Atkins PI from Music Sq E to 19th Ave S, for approximately 37 spaces
  - 5.2.2 18th Ave S from Chet Atkins PI to Grand Ave, for approximately 15 spaces
  - 5.2.3 Music Sq W from Chet Atkins PI to Grand Ave, for approximately 14 spaces
  - 5.2.4 Music Circle N from Music Sq E to Music Circle E, for approximately 30 spaces
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  - 5.2.7 Roy Acuff PI from Music Sq E to 18th Ave S, for approximately 56 spaces
  - Emanuel Matyas with NDOT spoke about the new rate structure that was previously approved and about this request for new paid parking spaces being proposed for the Music Row area. Commissioner Haller inquired about the scope/scale of the project, any community engagement and adequate notice to the public. In-depth discussions were had surrounding the topic. Chair Mason spoke to the previous presentation that was provided to the commission when the paid parking was originally rolled out and mentioned that a review of that would help the new commissioners. Commissioner Kornutick asked about Council Member involvement and approval. It was clarified that the Council Person does not have final approval. Commissioner Kornutick asked again about the parking dashboard, stating he would like to see that information regularly and the implementation of dynamic pricing. Commissioner Gibbs inquired about the hours of the parking and use of the neighborhood. Emanuel clarified the hours of parking would be paid until midnight (midnight to 6AM free parking) in this mixeduse area. Commissioner Gibbs also asked about the potential to add some type of consideration for residents of the area that would allow them to not have to pay to park. Andrew Smith with NDOT spoke to how this was received when it was rolled out to another area and how many of the residents have some on-site parking. Council Member Parker asked about the criteria for selecting an area for the various price structure. Emanuel discussed the rational. Council Member Parker would like to see a parking plan for residents in the future. Commissioner Kornutick asked if a residential parking would only apply to homeowners and not apply to the residents living in apartments. Commission Haller came back to the community engagement portion and asked has Council Member Vo been made aware. It was confirmed that the Council Member Vo has been informed. Extensive conversations were had surrounding community engagement. Commissioner Ming would like to use this time to do community engagement before we decide. She would like to use this time to inform and educate the community members by establishing a plan that fits well for the community. Chair Mason asked for a motion to defer items 5.2 from 5.2.1 through 5.2.7 for one month. Council Member Parker moved for a deferral. Commissioner Haller seconded the motion. The motion was deferred to next month's meeting.
- 6.1 CD 19: Authorization for a new pedestrian hybrid beacon on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave N at Magdeburg Greenway crossing, requested by NDOT.
  - Andrew Smith with NDOT spoke to this request providing the necessary background. Commissioner Kornutick questioned the
    placement of the stop signs, Andrew confirmed that the stop signs were a temporary measure until the PHB can be approved
    and installed. Discussions were had surrounding the additional improvements and the use the PHB's over RRFB's. Council
    Member Parker moved to approve. Commissioner Haller seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

## 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 7.1 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 spoke to this request and asked that an indefinite deferral be granted to the developer.
     Commissioner Mohamed moved to defer indefinitely. Council Member Parker seconded the motion. The item has been deferred indefinitely.



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### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

None

### 9. OTHER ITEMS

- 9.1 Ewing Drive follow-up
  - Andrew Smith, with NDOT provided an update to the impacted council districts and an update on additional improvements that are happening on Ewing Drive. An All-Way stop at Ewing and Quinwood has been implemented. We have added dynamic message boards advising community members of the new speed limit. Radar Feedback signs will be added to the street. The department is still evaluating the use of non-vertical measures for traffic calming on this street. The difference between Ewing and Broadmoor was provided. Commissioner Haller asked if the speed improvements and safety concerns take WeGo into consideration when they are being proposed. Andrew Smith provided clarification. Council Member Parker asked about non-vertical measures that are being considered. Andrew Smith with NDOT spoke to the items currently under consideration. Council member Parker would like an update on what will be done once repaving can occur. Commissioner Kornutick asked who assigns the road designations. It was confirmed that it comes from the planning commission. Chair Mason would like to see additional collaboration, so things can get done across the county.

Andrew reminded the commission that we will be providing agendas from other committees/commissions. We will meet again on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Capt. Williams moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Approved on the 20th day of October 2025.

<u>Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 25-09</u>
5.1 CD 06: Authorization for new multiway stop control at Woodland Ave and S 6th Street, requested by NDOT via HUB Nashville

6.1 CD 19: Authorization for a new pedestrian hybrid beacon on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave N at Magdeburg Greenway crossing, requested by NDOT. 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 October 20, 2025. TENNESSEE NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT State of Tennessee County of Davidson On this 20th day of October 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 20th day of October 2025. 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.