



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

**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY  
COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**September 15, 2025  
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM**

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

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**Committee Overview**

This 11-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**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02p.

#### **2) Roll Call**

Present: Chair McDonell, Matthew Hertz, KJ Garner, John Norris, Carey Rogers, Courtney Ross, AJ Haney

Absent: Ashleigh Wilson, Liz Riggs, Anas Sabas

Staff Present: Brent Schultz, Anna Dearman, Valeria Martinez, Meghan Mathson, TD Schlafer, Derrick Peevy, Shandira Edgecombe, James Guthrie (Planning)

#### **3) Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Norris motioned to approve the minutes, with Mr. Hertz seconding.

August 18, 2025 minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **4) Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Rogers requested two agenda items be added on meeting length and potential permanent agenda items, Mr. Hertz requested one agenda item on attendance, and Ms. Garner motioned to create an agenda item for a Walk Month Resolution. Ms. Garner motioned that the agenda and minutes be resolved to be sent to BPAC from NDOT by the Tuesday before the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hertz. The meeting agenda was then approved.

#### **5) Public Comments**

- Charlie W. - League of American Bicyclists certification
  - Does not believe we have done enough as a city to be elevated from Bronze to Silver and would like the application to be made available for public input
  - Commented that redesigning the Commerce St. bike lane seems lower in priority than other projects.
- Kim - New VZAC member, also representing Germantown Neighborhood
  - Requests the removal of the “make eye contact signs” which, in addition to not always being possible, sends responsibility toward the pedestrian for potential danger. She also believes the style of the sign makes somewhat light of a very serious and deadly subject.
- Rebecca & Jennifer - Parents at Dan Mills Elementary
  - Lead a bike bus through their Inglewood neighborhood for students, where, particularly on Ardee Ave., many drivers are trying to pass the bike bus, leading to close calls.



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- There are few sidewalks throughout the neighborhood, lanes are shared most of the time. The school does not have flashing lights to mark the school zone – they are looking for ways to make the kids who participate in the group ride safer.
- Where traffic backs up, drivers sometimes use oncoming lanes to pass. Responded to by NDOT VZAC Coordinator Val Martinez, who recommended they contact school officials which may lead to an on-site inspection. Mr. Rogers promised to mention it to specific Council Member.

#### 6) Subcommittee Report Outs

\*Did not meet due to recent Metro Legal intervention on virtual meeting scheduling – may meet following the Commission.

- Rules, Process, and Reporting
- Community Engagement and Outreach
- Plan/Engineering Review

#### 7) Programmatic Updates

##### **a) Docked Bikeshare RFP Status – Tim Schlafer & Meghan Mathson (NDOT)**

- About a year's timeline from last September, negotiations on the first one stalled in April on specific infrastructure requests.
- Two companies made proposals, but only one with financial feasibility.
- The new RFQ proposal is with Metro Legal for contract review.
- Any contract that exceeds 60 months needs Metro Council approval.
- There may need to be a sponsor based on the financial requirements.
- Since micromobility falls under the BPAC's purview, several members stated they would like to be deeper involved as contracts are decided.

##### **b) Jefferson Corridor Study – Derrick Peevy (NDOT)**

- Study Area is Jefferson Street with a ¼ mile radius around the corridor from Rosa Parks to 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.
- Provided updates on the history and through line to the present-day study and Community Advisory Board.
- Success criteria includes: safer crossings, continuous spine of mobility, improved vibrancy.
- Invited BPAC to the ongoing CAB meetings, and asked that they promote the engagement methods.



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#### **c) 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue/Greenway Crash Response – Valeria Martinez (NDOT)**

- 3 Year Crash History – 33 incidents, with 1 fatal, 4 involving pedestrians.
- Potential Improvements to the corridor were listed.
- Stop signs have been installed as a temporary measure and will be removed when a PHB is installed. A more expensive intervention but is happening in coordination with Metro Water.
- Chair McDonell noted that vertical measures and stop signs would be cheaper and feels an expensive countermeasure like a PHB may be more appropriate on a pike.
- NDOT is scoping a few other intersections on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. for raised crosswalks.
- Ms. Martinez notes MNPD creates the initial crash report, following which NDOT Engineers and Planners perform a site visit after every fatal crash, and are presently notified about life-threatening or serious injury crashes.
- Mr. Rogers asked if NDOT receives and reviews the final MNPD report. Ms. Martinez agreed to follow up on the legal proceedings as it pertains to the recent fatality on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.
- Chair McDonell requested further information on the “Make Eye Contact” ped. signs, asking who installed them, and requesting that they be removed and taken out of commission.

#### **d) Ascend/Greenway Connection Update – David-Diaz Barriga (Metro Parks)**

- Mr. Diaz-Barriga provided an update on the Ascend/Greenway contract.
- Mr. Rogers requests information on the number of readings the upcoming contract will require, whether or not the parks board will have to approve the designs submitted by Gaylord, and would like to have a presentation on the design concepts when prepared.
- Mr. Diaz notes that the contract is for service and was spearheaded by another department and Parks, so there are elements of the process he is not aware of.

#### **e) Commerce Street Bike Lane Design - Informational Update – Anna Dearman (NDOT)**

- Redesign proposed to convert the existing cycle track to protected bike lanes on either side.
- Redesign has been presented to new Renaissance management who have been more receptive to the bike lane reconfiguration.
- Proposing curb running, parking-protected bike lane between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. are planned to be configured to one way through Connect Downtown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. conversion is underway.
- Commerce St. is scheduled for upgrade through Connect Downtown, sequencing and priority is under discussion.



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- Mitigation of stormwater and sewer is included in the cost estimate, and should be expected to be negotiated with Metro Water.
- Ms. Dearman welcomes feedback and will have revised plans which will be shared with BPAC

#### **8) Regular Agenda**

##### **a) Administrative Updates – Brent Schultz**

Mr. Schultz will reach out to the Mayor's Office about filling the two vacancies on BPAC. He will also confirm room scheduling at HOB from 4-5p for subcommittee meetings. Sign-in sheet and website should be updated to say BPAC is comprised of 11 members instead of 13, and to remove name(s) of those who have left.

##### **b) New Business**

- Attendance - Mr. Hertz would like to propose policy and punitive action (based in the bylaws) on members of the BPAC who do not attend meetings regularly
- Meeting Time - Mr. Rogers would like to remove the meeting time limit, and noted that the timeline is not restricted by the bylaws. The discussion landed on potentially scheduling two-hour meetings moving forward.
- Mr. Rogers would like to propose a permanent agenda item where the commission may take action to provide recommendations or advice.
- Ms. Garner would like BPAC to mark Walk Month by resolution – this item will be drafted by Ms. Garner and Mr. Schultz.

#### **9) Adjournment**

BPAC was adjourned at 6:45pm. Next meeting is scheduled for October 20.