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

October 20, 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 (absent), Dr. Lin Ming (absent), Lisa Haller, Capt. James Williams (MNPd).

STAFF

Brad Freeze, Hal Balthrop, Erica Haber, Phylinda Ramsey, Ann Mikkelsen, Andrew Smith, Emanuel Matyas, Korby Bowden, Darlene Thompson, Casey Hopkins, Brandon Boatwain, Marcus Jackson, Melisa Hayes, Meredith King and Brent Schultz.

OTHERS

Council Member Brandon Taylor and Council Member Jacob Kupin.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brandon Mason called the meeting of October 20, 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

Prior to the approval of the agenda, Andrew Smith with NDOT requested that items 6.1 and 6.2 be flipped under regular agenda and that we add a presentation (non-voting item) on 2nd Ave under other items at the end please.

Capt. Williams moved to approve the agenda. Council Member Parker seconded the motion. The agenda was approved with no objections.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 September 8, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

- Council Member Parker made a motion to approve; Commissioner Haller seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with no objections.

4A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

CM Brandon Taylor – Came to speak about item 5.1 Residential Permit Parking on 10th Ave N and 11th Ave N between Coffee Street and Buchanan Street. Looking to bring some relief to the neighborhood. Nightclubs are causing issues with increased traffic in the area.

Dave Pomeroy – President of Musicians Union. Submitted a petition to the commission with 804 signatures. He is speaking out against the proposed paid parking for the Music Row area. He feels that if paid parking is implemented it will be severely damaging to his industries ability to do business. He doesn't feel that the community was properly engaged and is asking that this not be approved.

Jay Vern – Has a business on Music Row. Feels that this parking initiative will really punish all the businesses on Music Row. He is not in support of the proposed paid parking.



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Kevin Warner – 18th Ave Resident. Came to support the proposed paid parking initiative on Music Row. He is not in favor of city resources being given for free.

Frank Rowand – Does not feel enough information was provided in the staff analysis. He is asking for a rejection of the proposed paid parking items. He feels that the public information concept is inadequate and narrow and does not include the users of the spaces only the business and neighborhood residents.

Aretha Caruthers – Resident of 10th Ave. Issues with the clubs creating increased traffic and parking issues on her street, she would like some help with parking restrictions. She has been looking for help and trying for 8 years.

Jill Moody - Works for the Nashville Song Writers Association. She came to oppose the extension of the proposed Music Row Paid Parking. In her opinion this proposal is having a negative impact on business and the workshops that they offer.

Rich Earnhardt – Opposing the proposed paid parking on Music Row. He feels this is unnecessary.

Mannon Hall – Spoke in favor of the proposed managed paid parking on Music Row.

CM Jacob Kupin – Came to speak out in support of the musicians and would like for the proposed paid parking on Music Row deferred. He would encourage a deferral to allow for further discussions.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 CD 21 Authorization for new Residential Permit Parking on 10th Ave N and 11th Ave N between Coffee St and Buchanan St, effective 7PM—7AM / 7 days, requested by CM Taylor.

- Commissioner Kornutick would like to move this item to regular addenda. CM Parker moved to approve the modified consent agenda. Commissioner Haller seconded the motion. The modified consent agenda was approved with no objections.

6. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 CD 21 Authorization for new Residential Permit Parking on 10th Ave N and 11th Ave N between Coffee St and Buchanan St, effective 7PM—7AM / 7 days, requested by CM Taylor.

- Commissioner Kornutick questioned if this could be voted on, he's concerned the proper procedure wasn't followed. He is questioning if the appropriate petitions were gathered. Emanuel Maytas with NDOT confirmed that the item has department support and has requested a deferral. Commissioner Haller would like some clarification on the RPP process. How many spaces are there? Will parking be allowed on both sides of the street? Is parking currently free/paid? Do surrounding streets have RPP? And what would the impact be? Assuming new policy is being considered, would this align with that? Council Member Parker provided some insight and wanted to be sure that the neighborhood understands the tradeoffs associated with RPP. He supports a one-month deferral and would like this to come back to the commission with a petition behind it. Commissioner Gibbs asked if NDOT had considered making these streets one-way streets to help alleviate the congestion. Andrew Smith with NDOT provided guidance and Chair Brandon Mason, inquired about RPP policy and the amount of time staff would need to turn this around. Emanuel Maytas provided additional insight. Commissioner Gibbs asked if the business had been contacted regarding parking for customers, it was confirmed they had not been contacted. Commissioner Gibbs moved to defer one month. Commissioner Kornutick seconded the motion. The motion was deferred one month with no objections.

6.2 Consideration of Metro Council Bill BL2025-956, and proposed substitute ordinance, requested by NDOT and the Metro Clerk's office.

- Emanuel Maytas with NDOT provided background and mentioned NDOT was in collaboration with Council Member Tasha Ellis on this. Kornutick asked for clarification on the process surrounding this being proposed to Metro Council. Erica Habner provided legal clarification. Extensive conversations were had surrounding processes regarding a recommendation to Metro Council. Chair Mason confirmed that this is on our agenda, and we need to vote on it. Discussions were had surrounding the language in this bill. It feels very restrictive around trailers. It was suggested to maybe add verbiage that restricts overnight rather than prohibiting them from being parked on the street round the clock. Council Member Parker is not comfortable supporting the bill as written. Emanuel Maytas pointed out that other areas in policy would cover this, that many scenarios arise and his team would ensure folks are treated fairly. It was also noted that 12.40 Parking Code has lots of footnotes that outline some of these concerns. Commissioner Haller would like alleys added to page 2 Defined Public Right of Way. Commissioner Kornutick would vote no on this non-binding recommendation. Legal provided additional clarification on a "binding/non-binding recommendation". Council Member Parker would encourage the commission to vote on a bill/policy they can support. Cpt Williams also mentioned that clarifying language would need to be added from a MNPDP perspective. As he reads this MNPDP would ticket and possibly tow. Commissioner Kornutick questioned the loading zone portion of this bill and the ability to enforce. Brad Freeze with NDOT wanted to clarify that NDOT is trying to work to improve a bill that was previously submitted. Council Member Parker moved that we recommend a one meeting deferral of both the underlying bill and the proposed substitute and request that NDOT and or the sponsor make revisions and bring it back to us at the next meeting for consideration. Commissioner Kornutick seconded the motion. The motion has been deferred for one month with no objections.



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6.1 Consideration of draft Metro Council Bill regarding the proposed NDOT Access Management Manual, requested by NDOT.

- Melisa Hayes with NDOT and Meredith King with Arcadis are requesting a recommendation for approval of the Access Management Manual. They provided a high-level overview of the Access Management Manual and then focused on the legislation that is being proposed. The goal of the proposed legislation is to consolidate the code into one location. Currently access requirements live in two chapters of the Municode that reference access related requirements. Some of which are conflicting and some of which are the same thing with different language. Updated standards were outlined, calling attention to the proposed changes. Commissioner Haller asked about provisions/requirements for pedestrian safety. As well as clarification on the appeals process. Additional clarification was provided. Commissioner Kornutick clarified that with this change Council would be okay with moving these requirements out of the code to the manual. Council Member Parker confirmed that the Council would be okay with these changes. Legal provided additional clarification and directed commission to the section 13.12.180 This section of the code currently lists the commission as the party responsible for sending out non-conforming driveway letters. By removing this and adding it to the manual it becomes NDOT's responsibility. We are just trying to clean up the language. Commissioner Kornutick would like more time for a comprehensive review. Clarification was had surrounding what the commission is voting on. The agenda item should have read "review of proposed ordinance revision governing 13.12.180". Discussions were had surrounding what the vote should be over and if the item has been properly noticed. Captain Williams made a motion to approve the proposed changes to 13.12 as they are on the screen. Commissioner Haller seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

6.3 Smart Parking overview, requested by T&P Commission.

- Captain Williams moved to defer one month. Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion was deferred one month with no objections.

6.4 CD 17: Approval of new pay parking spaces on Music Circle E, for approximately 30 spaces, requested by NDOT.

- Captain Williams moved to defer one month. Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion was deferred one month with no objections.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 7.1 CD17: Approval of new pay parking spaces in Music Row, requested by NDOT—

- 7.1.1 Chet Atkins PI from Music Sq E to 19th Ave S, for approximately 37 spaces;
- 7.1.2 18th Ave S from Chet Atkins PI to Grand Ave, for approximately 15 spaces;
- 7.1.3 Music Sq W from Chet Atkins PI to Grand Ave, for approximately 14 spaces;
- 7.1.4 Music Circle N from Music Sq E to Music Circle E, for approximately 30 spaces;
- 7.1.5 Music Circle S from Music Sq E to Music Circle E, for approximately 20 spaces;
- 7.1.6 Music Circle E from Music Circle S to Division St, for approximately 37 spaces; and
- 7.1.7 Roy Acuff PI from Music Sq E to 18th Ave S, for approximately 56 spaces.

- Captain Williams moved to defer one month. Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion was deferred one month with no objections.

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. OTHER ITEMS

9.1 CD 19: 2nd Ave Conversion Presentation

- Captain Williams moved to defer one month. Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion was deferred one month with no objections.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Capt. Williams moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 PM.

Approved on the 10th day of November 2025.

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 25-10

6.1 Consideration of draft Metro Council Bill regarding the proposed NDOT Access Management Manual, requested by NDOT.

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 November 10, 2025.

TENNESSEE NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of Tennessee

County of Davidson

On this 10th day of November 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 10th day of November 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 our 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.