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

November 10, 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, Ann Mikkelsen, Andrew Smith, Emanuel Matyas, Korby Bowden, Darlene Thompson, Casey Hopkins, Brandon Boatswain, Brent Schultz and Lexi Brown.

OTHERS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brandon Mason called the meeting of November 10, 2025, to order at 2:32 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 Kornutick moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Haller seconded the motion. The agenda was approved with no objections.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 October 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

- Commissioner Haller commented that the minutes should be updated to read one meeting deferral rather than 1 month deferral since a month hasn't passed since the last meeting. Commissioner Haller made a motion to approve. Captain Williams seconded the motion. The minutes with the above edits were approved with no objections.

4A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Rowand 7.2 Spoke in opposition of the paid parking request. He feels that the staff analysis is not informative enough, he would like to see pros, cons, and justifications added to the staff analysis.

Garth Shaw 7.2 A former board member of the Music Row Neighborhood Association. Came to speak in opposition to the proposed paid parking. He doesn't feel you should have to pay to park where you live, and musicians and song writers shouldn't have to pay to park where they work. Side note: Streetlamp at 11 Music Circle N is burned out and ½ block between it and the corner of Music Square East has never has streetlamps.

Jill Moody 7.2 Director of Song Writer Relations for the Nashville Song Writers Association came to reiterate that the parking around Music Row is essential to the song writers and musicians. She feels that the new proposed paid parking will have a negative impact on her business as well as the other surrounding businesses.



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Dave Pomeroy 7.2 – Provided an updated petition to the commission containing the signatures of 1804 individuals opposed to the proposed paid parking. He came to speak in opposition to the proposed Music Row Paid Parking. Music Row is one of the last places creatives can come and we can't afford to drive the new generation away. He feels like this is punishment and should not be approved.

Rich Eckhardt 7.2 Music Row is a unique part of Nashville, and it's not filled with restaurants and bars. He feels that if this proposal is implemented it will cause business to move away from Music Row, essentially destroying the heart of Nashville's entertainment industry. He would like the commission to consider the potential damage a decision like this could cause.

Gabriel Tangway 6.1 Speaking on behalf of Council Member Jacob Kupin. In opposition to the 2nd Ave project. He would like NDOT to focus on the completion of other safety improvements that have a larger impact across the city. Shifting gears Council Member Kupin is also speaking against the proposed paid parking on Music Row. Council Member Kupin also has other items of concern on the agenda 5.5 and 7.4 he is currently working with NDOT on these issues.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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5.2 CD29: Authorization for new stop control for the Creekview Dr neighborhood, requested by NDOT, as follows:

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5.5 CD19: Authorization of new two-hour timed parking, effective 24/7, on 11th Ave N between Charlotte Pk and Josephine Holloway Ave, on Josephine Holloway Ave between George L Davis Blvd and the Gulch Greenway, and on Nelson Merry St between George L Davis Blvd and the Gulch Greenway, requested by NDOT and property owners.

- It is requested that items 5.3 and 5.5 be pulled from consent agenda and moved to regular agenda. Commissioner Gibbs moved to approve the modified consent agenda. Commissioner Ming seconded the motion. The modified consent agenda was approved with no objections.

6. REGULAR AGENDA

5.3 CD19: Authorization for new valet lane for three spaces on the west side of 207 10th Ave S, effective 5pm-10pm/ 7 days, requested by Brookstead Parking Co.

- Commissioner Haller has concerns about the traffic in this area. She would like to know if staff have considered the volume of traffic in this area on large special event days and where along this stretch is there an uber loading/unloading zone? Emanuel Maytas with NDOT confirmed that the available parking spaces can be utilized in 15-minute increments. Discussions were had surrounding the location of the proposed valet and it was determined that this is a low volume valet, and they do not expect these spaces to interfere with the intersection. Commissioner Kornutick asked for clarification surrounding the valet being used by rideshare for passenger drop offs. Brandon Boatwain with NDOT confirmed. Commissioner Haller moved to approve. Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

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- NDOT is looking for an indefinite deferral. Commissioner Gibbs asked about the origin of the request. Andrew Smith with NDOT provided some background to the request and the deferral. Commissioner Haller asked for clarification on the nature of these spaces. It was confirmed that these spaces are currently free. Captain Williams moved to defer indefinitely. Council member Parker seconded the indefinite deferral. The indefinite deferral was approved with no objections.



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6.1 CD 19: Presentation of Connect Downtown implementation for 2nd Ave N AND 2nd Ave S directional conversion from Union St to Korean Veterans Blvd, requested by NDOT.

- Brent Schultz with NDOT gave a presentation on the 2nd Ave conversion as outlined in the Connect Downtown Study. He spoke to the traffic study and Vistro modeling that shows if we do nothing, the city will be gridlock. It was determined that 2nd 3rd and 4th should be considered for one-way conversions. As a result, these streets will have additional traffic impact studies over the next six to nine months to help identify what actions should be taken and next steps. Council Member Parker asked how this will fit in with the additional conversions that are highlighted in the connect downtown plan. Brad Freeze with NDOT confirmed that these conversions are all interrelated. We are working to ensure that we get a net benefit. Council Member Parker also inquired about the protected Commerce bike lane, it was confirmed that, that would become a shared lane for one block and would remain protected from 3rd to 10th. Commissioner Kornutick questioned the milling and paving on 2nd. Brad Freeze confirmed that we are doing a temporary striping project on 2nd Ave. Commissioner Kornutick would like the meetings will be published about this conversion and for the meeting to take place in public forum.

6.2 Recommendation to Council regarding Metro Council Ordinance BL2025-1072 related to sandwich board signage, requested by Metropolitan Clerk's Office.

- Andrew Smith with NDOT confirmed that Council Member Huffman requested a one-month deferral. Brad Freeze confirmed that this is a conflict, and staff will be meeting on Wednesday Council Member Huffman and Planning to discuss further. Commissioner Kornutick moved to defer for one month. Council Member Parker seconded the deferral. The motion has been deferred for one month with no objections.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Smart Parking overview, requested by T&P Commission

- Emanuel Maytas and Brandon Boatwain with NDOT provided a comprehensive overview of the smart parking program. Background was given to the previous meters/the new metered program and the zones. They spoke to improvements that have been made to program. This program has improved and evolved based on the feedback and needs of the community. It was mentioned that this program has also helped lower the number of abandoned vehicles around the city as well as creating increased revenues for the city. Discussions were had surrounding the presentation. Commissioner Kornutick asked if we could get a monthly posting of the dashboard on a public portal and how we could recommend streets for the program. Council Member Parker asked if we could work to cut court fees. He would like to see if we could get rid of the administrative court fee, if the fine is paid within a designated period. He understands we would need a tweak of state law for this to happen and would like to work toward this in the future. Commissioner Haller asked questions about the additional future installments of proposed "pay parking" locations that have been identified across the city. Do we have a map of these future locations. It was confirmed that these locations are currently being added to a GIS layer. She also asked how enforcement offices are dispersed across the county. It was confirmed that CAL requests drive where the enforcement offices are dispatched. It was also mentioned that we always have enforcement on Broadway. Clarification was provided surrounding hourly parking fees in various zones.

7.2 CD17: Approval of new pay parking spaces in Music Row, requested by NDOT –

- 7.2.1 Chet Atkins Pl from Music Sq E to 19th Ave S, for approximately 37 spaces
- 7.2.2 18th Ave S from Chet Atkins to Grand Ave, for approximately 15 spaces;
- 7.2.3 Music Sq W from Chet Atkins Pl to Grand Ave for approximately 14 spaces;
- 7.2.4 Music Circle N from Music Sq E for approximately 30 spaces;
- 7.2.5 Music Circle S from Music Sq E for approximately 20 spaces;
- 7.2.6 Music Circle E from Music Circle S to Division St, for approximately 37 spaces;
- 7.2.7 Roy Acuff from Music Sq E to 18th Ave S for approximately 56 spaces; and
- 7.2.8 Music Circle E from Division St to its terminus, for approximately 30 spaces.

- Commissioner Gibbs questioned how many residents live in this area. What is the percentage of residents being impacted in the area. It was mentioned that it was not easy to determine this number, and it was noted that we do not currently have an RPP in the Music Row Area. Commissioner Mohamed sought clarification to the oversight of the commission and its authority referenced on the agenda. Legal provided clarification. Commissioner Haller provided some insight into the number of residents in the Music Row area. She also questioned the authority and engineering investigation that has taken place. Emanuel Maytas provided clarification on this and mentioned that we are trying to be fair across Davidson County. It was mentioned that this area does not have huge competition for the curb, turnover is happening. Questions were had surrounding paid parking for public parks. Staff reiterated that this area was zoned for economy parking and that it was not uncommon to have paid parking at local neighborhood parks. Commissioner Kornutick is supportive and would like to see more TDM initiatives to help folks "Chose How You Move". Extensive discussions were had surrounding this topic. Council Member Parker moved to approve. Commissioner Mohamed seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Commissioner Gibbs



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objecting.

7.3 CD21: 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.

- Council Member Taylor asked that this item be deferred indefinitely. commissioner Kornutick moved to defer indefinitely. Commissioner Haller seconded the indefinite deferral. The motion was deferred with no objections.

7.4 Recommendation to council regarding Metro Council Ordinance BL2025-956, requested by the Metro Clerk's office.

7.4.1 Recommendation to Council for proposed substitute ordinance for BL2025-956, requested by NDOT.

- Erica Haber with Metro Legal recommended that we take five-minute break to review the ordinance. The wrong version was inadvertently added to the staff analysis. Chair Mason asked for a five-minute recess. Council Member Parker moved for the recess. Commissioner Kornutick seconded the motion for the recess. (RECESS) (RECESS END) Recap to the items that have transpired. Council Member Parker really liked the work that was put into this. Commissioner Haller is requesting additional clarification of language in section B3. Chair Mason clarified that the travel width must still be maintained, and Emanuel Matyas provided additional clarification. Andrew Smith with NDOT spoke to the code provision 12.40.080 that requires twelve feet for free passage. Commissioner Haller is seeking clarity in the language. Emanuel Maytas mentioned that C2 provides additional clarification to the language. Commissioner Haller asked that we copy and paste C2 to B3 in the highlighted area. Commissioner Mohamed sought clarification on the necessity of this bill. Council Member Parker clarified that it was necessary it is to clean up this section of code. Council Member Parker asked if we can partner with MNPS to allow school bus drivers the ability to park in the street. It was advised that we can bring this up in the monthly MNPS Meeting. Commissioner Kornutick questioned what permit that would be. It was confirmed this would be a new permit type. Extensive discussion was had surrounding the bill. Council Member Parker moves that we make no recommendation on the ordinance as initially filed. On the substitute ordinance that NDOT brought before us we recommend that Metro Council adopt and approve that with the change that the language in C2 is added to B3 for clarity. Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion. Legal asked for a formal recommendation to the clerk. Captain Williams moved to amend Council Member Parkers motion for 7.4 the Metro Council ordinance by the clerk's office make a motion for disapproval and for 7.4.1 recommendation for the substitute ordinance in front of us he made a motion to approve with the changes noted above. Council Member Parker seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Commissioner Kornutick objecting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Report on new valet operator license:

Brookstead Parking Company (formerly Volunteer Valet) and Tri-State Parking.

- Emanuel Maytas provided a quick update on valet operator licenses. It was confirmed that no negative actions had been taken against Volunteer Valet.

8.2 Election of Traffic & Parking Commission Chair and Vice Chair.

Chair Mason asked Legal to give a quick overview of the rules surrounding the election. Guidance was provided. The Chair handed the meeting to the Vice Chair. Vice Chair Gibbs sought nominations for Chair. Commissioner Kornutick nominated our current Chair Barandon Mason. Commissioner Mohamed second the motion. The motion was approved with no objections. Chair Mason took the meeting over and gave a quick acceptance speech. He then sought nominations for the vice chair. Commissioner Haller nominated Commissioner Gibbs. Commissioner Ming seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

9. OTHER ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Capt. Williams moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 PM.

Approved on the 8th day of December 2025.

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 25-11

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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 December 8, 2025.

TENNESSEE NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of Tennessee

County of Davidson

On this 8th day of December 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 8th day of December 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.