



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

**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Agenda

**October 20, 2025
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM**

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

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 bicycles, 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.

1) Call to Order at 5:04 pm

2) Roll Call

Katherine McDonell, Matthew Hertz, KJ Garner, Alvin Haney, Anas Saba, John Norris, Carey Rogers present; Courtney Ross absent

3) Approval of Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2025 – Approved unanimously

4) Approval of Agenda

Agenda Item # 8 to go first

- Walk Month Proclamation will be presented in November. Request from Commissioner Garner to start process earlier
- “Make Eye Contact” Signs
 - Chair McDonell requested removal of all ‘Make Eye Contact’ signs and a report that includes a list of all signs, timeline for removal, and one evidence-based infrastructure change at each location to improve safety at the November BPAC meeting.
 - Chair states signage places blame on victim instead of vehicles and counteracts modal hierarchy and Vision Zero
 - Commissioner Garner moves to pass amendment. BPAC votes to remove all ‘Make Eye Contact’ signs unanimously
- a) 3rd Ave North Pedestrian Crossing Treatments
 - Chair McDonell is concerned that a pedestrian hybrid beacon would introduce excessive delay for pedestrians and isn’t the appropriate treatment on this street.
 - Chair McDonell requests NDOT study the effectiveness of the existing stop signs and consider installing vertical traffic elements, speed cushions, and other efforts to improve safety at this crossing, while selecting a more appropriate location for the PHB on our high injury network.
 - Commissioner Rogers moved to pass amendment with commission voting unanimously in favor.

5) Public Comments

- a) The public is invited to speak regarding any issue. Members of the public are asked to limit testimony to three (3) minutes
 - Manaen Hall stated observed vehicles in the bus only lane this past weekend for the 4th Avenue Piloted Bus Only Lane. He requested NDOT use data that doesn’t include vehicle traffic in bus only lane.
 - He experienced reduced commute times by 30 minutes when the piloted bus lane was in place with vehicular traffic and stated gridlock can take a long time on the 55 or 52. He was also recently run off the road on a bicycle on one of the proposed bike routes in Connect Downtown.
 - Marybeth Snodgrass requested BPAC request to remove installation of two different fences – one on 12th Avenue S & Caldwell and one on 46th

Ave & Nevada. She stated there are sightline visibility safety concerns for drivers being unable to see cyclists due to a fence and road curve. Ms. Snodgrass also stated multiple cars are seen pulling into the bike lane to turn onto 12 S from Caldwell Ave due to the fence near a new preschool, which has made the bike lane unsafe to use. She requested more information on NDOT's coordination with developers, lawyers, and privately owned businesses when fence variances create visibility concerns

- Brent Schultz will follow up
- Commissioner Haney asked if there's other solutions than removing the fence and Ms. Snodgrass stated installing a traffic light might adjust traffic patterns.

6) Subcommittee Report Outs (20 min)

a) Subcommittee Report Outs

Chair mentioned BPAC just had their first in-person subcommittee meetings, which will be held at 4pm prior to each BPAC meeting and are open to the public.

- Rules, Process, and Reporting
- Community Engagement and Outreach
 - Chair stated Cortnye Stone presented logos for BPAC in order to improve outreach. Subcommittee discussed the three resolutions prior to BPAC meeting.
 - Commissioner Garner met with Brent to discuss improving Bike Friendly Community to increase from Bronze and more needs to be explored in the coming year.
- Plan/Engineering Review
 - Chair McDonell stated they will regroup on this subcommittee because there are currently three vacancies and only she and John Norris are on this subcommittee.

7) Programmatic Updates

a) Downtown Bikeway Charter – Anna Dearman (NDOT)

- Commissioner Norris requested information about the 3rd and 4th Ave conversions. Brent stated he will discuss this in the Connect Downtown Street update.
- Commissioner Rogers asked about schedule for Capital Spending Plan, staff stated it will be completed in November with proposals funding non-CHYM mobility lanes. CHYM mobility lanes have been approved.

- Commissioner Rogers asked about Greenways on this project. Staff is coordinating with Parks. Planning is building off 1st Ave to reimagine park. Commissioner Rogers asked if and how the park is being modified with mention on lack of wayfinding egressing on Pedestrian Bridge preventing information about getting to Germantown.
 - Commissioner Rogers requested an updated from Parks for next month's meeting to hear about the plans on the 1st Avenue redevelopment.
- WeGo ex officio member Robert Johnson asked if there was a quick build then permanent build option and Anna mentioned it is still in discussion.
- Chair McDonell requested we use concrete barriers for mobility lanes.

b) Connect Downtown Update – Brent Schultz (NDOT)

- Commissioner Haney asked if the new bollard system will be able to be used for regular traffic blocking or only for special events and Brent said both regular traffic and special events.
- Commissioner Rogers asked how much micromobility corrals cost and if they're built in house and how many bike racks are downtown.
 - NDOT installs corrals in house and Brent will get requested information to Commissioner Rogers.
- Commissioner Garner asked about speed limit on 2nd Avenue with Chair McDonell requesting installation for raised crosswalks and safer infrastructure for pedestrians.
- Commissioner Garner requested bollard installation on 2nd Ave with concern about drivers yielding to pedestrians. Requested staff to follow up on request.

c) 4th Ave N/S Temp Bus Lane – Katie Freudberg (WeGo)

- Commissioner Norris asked what hours this pilot took place, and Katie stated that the pilot started 7 pm with 17 officers between 4th and Commerce.
- Community member Manaen Hall asked if they allowed vehicles in the bus lane this weekend and Katie stated it was to prevent bottlenecks. They're going to analyze data this week to compare bottlenecks a vehicular usage in the piloted bus lane.
- Commissioner Norris asked if bicycles were included in the transit only lanes and staff said no.

- Commissioner Haney asked if this will be a feasible long-term solution and to have the 17 officers on the corner of 4th and Broadway. He is a rideshare driver and from that perspective, how will that be communicated. Is the staffing going to be ongoing. Staff said they're still figuring out next steps.
- Chair McDonell stated there's a narrow sidewalk on 4th with pedestrians spilling into streets, demonstrating lack of pedestrian space downtown. Would it be possible to reroute vehicles so only buses and pedestrians are allowed on 4th.
- Katie said the routes operate every 15 minutes and when buses are not there, pedestrians take over.

d) Safe Routes to School & Bike Buses – Valeria Martinez (NDOT)

- Commissioner Garner has sat in on the MNPS calls and several of the school representatives focus on traffic and vehicles. What is the role of NDOT and how can Safe Routes to School ensure their focus shifts away from prioritizing vehicular traffic? Val stated creating new traffic patterns provides an opportunity to reroute vehicles traveling in both directions – using one way in and one way out during school drop off and pick up. Commissioner Garner requested staff refer to the Open Streets Playbook for implementation.
- Commissioner Rogers will be discussing a bike bus on November 6th for Dan Mills which could be a model for other schools and they could be willing to be a model for other schools which could be an opportunity to get more school board members more involved. KJ Garner stated Lockeland Elementary is also coordinating a bike bus.
- Val will follow up with Commissioner Rogers to provide contract information for traffic engineers at NDOT who works with schools to direct traffic plans.

8) Regular Agenda

- a) October 2025 Walk Month Statement – Commissioner Garner & Commissioner Haney
- b) “Make Eye-Contact” sign
- c) 3rd Ave North Pedestrian Crossing Treatments
 - Shifted to top of agenda

9) Administrative Updates/Next Meeting/New Business

- Commissioner Rogers requested an update on docked bikeshare negotiations at the November BPAC meeting.
- Commissioner Garner requested an update from staff on the bicycle parking ordinance for bicycle facilities passed in 2014 with James Guthrie stating he will look into it. Planning is working to document if developers are doing what they're supposed to do.
- Commissioner Rogers states there was a Greenway issue in the spring where we requested NDOT follow up. Brent will follow up with Anas.
- Chair McDonell requested a CHYM presentation next month.

10) Adjournment meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm