

December 15, 2025

Dear Mayor O'Connell and Members of the Metropolitan Council,

We are pleased to submit the second annual report of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC), pursuant to MCL Section 2.153.040(C).

Major goals and accomplishments in 2025

Our three primary goals this year were to increase our commission's public accessibility and engagement, to strengthen our collaborations with Metro departments and our partner commissions, and to formalize our processes, both internally and externally, to provide tangible input on designs and policies to make our city more walkable and bikeable. To these ends, we:

- Began streaming all BPAC meetings on Metro Nashville Network on September 15, 2025
- Participated in the joint meeting between the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Traffic and Parking Commission, the Vision Zero Advisory Committee, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission on August 25, 2025
- Adopted bylaws to formalize the structure and roles of our commission
- Completed Metro Legal training
- Established checkpoints within the charter process for BPAC to review and provide feedback on new sidewalk and bikeway projects
- Continued to expand the role of our three subcommittees encompassing Community Engagement, Planning and Infrastructure Review, and Rules, Process and Reporting
- Renewed Nashville's Bicycle Friendly Community status at the Bronze level and reviewed feedback from our application to identify opportunities for improvement

Nine actions were passed unanimously by BPAC in 2025, providing advice to the Mayor's office and Metro Departments on issues concerning walking and biking. These actions included:

- A letter calling for all East Bank Boulevard designs included in the Imagine East Bank Vision Plan to be presented for public consideration and feedback at the public meeting in April 2025. This statement was co-signed by the Vision Zero Advisory Committee, Walk Bike Nashville, and the Civic Design Center.
- A statement urging Metro leadership to reject the 6-lane designs for East Bank Boulevard that were subsequently presented at the public meeting and to instead build a complete street that is safe for people using all modes of travel
- A resolution opposing the allocation of public land for a new road through Percy Warner Park
- A proclamation recognizing May 2025 as Bike Month in Nashville and Davidson County
- A statement expressing opposition to targeted traffic stops by federal immigration enforcement
- A statement recommending the removal of all "Make Eye Contact" signs and the identification of evidence-based infrastructure changes that can be implemented at each location instead
- A statement advising NDOT to study the effectiveness of the existing stop signs on 3rd Ave N and consider implementation of vertical traffic calming elements instead of a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon
- A statement expressing support for the planned redesign of the Commerce Street bikeway, including concrete protection from 2nd Ave N to 10th Ave N
- A proclamation recognizing October 2025 as Walk Month in Nashville and Davidson County

Status of sidewalk and bikeway construction and maintenance in Nashville

- Overall, 5.9 miles of new sidewalk and 2.1 miles of new bikeway were constructed in 2025. 4.7 miles of existing bikeways were also improved or enhanced this year. This represents a slight increase in sidewalk construction (3.8 miles in 2024) and a decrease in bikeway construction (21.4 miles in 2024). The new/improved bikeways completed in 2025 include:
 - 4.05 miles of delineator-separated bicycle lanes
 - 1.51 miles of delineator-separated bicycle lanes with rubber curbs
 - 1.03 miles of single stripe or buffered bicycle lanes
 - 0.17 miles of shared bikeways or neighborways
 - 0 miles of concrete-protected bicycle lanes
- In addition, 810 linear feet (0.15 miles) of bikeway were removed in 2025, including the new two-way cycle track on 9th Ave N and the Commerce Street bikeway between 2nd and 3rd Ave.
- A total of 207 citations were issued in 2025 for bikeway violations.
- 173 miles of bikeway are now swept bi-weekly, including 108 miles of bicycle lanes on metro roadways and 65 miles of bicycle lanes on State routes.

Recommendations for addressing the outstanding needs in our bicycling and walking infrastructure in 2026

- Given the funding available through Choose How You Move, 2026 should be the year that we demonstrate our priorities through infrastructure. Building networks of high-quality infrastructure with robust physical protection will make our streets safe and inviting for all modes of travel and transform the way that people move around our city.
- As part of this, we look forward to the completion of the Connect Downtown Phase 1 mobility lanes in 2026. These should be built out as continuous, concrete-protected bikeways that are safe for all ages and abilities and welcoming for new riders.
- We should also significantly accelerate our sidewalk construction in 2026 to address the many existing gaps in our network.
- We urge Metro to complete the bike share RFP as soon as possible and develop a strategy for expanding micromobility city-wide.
- We again call on Metro leadership and NDOT to formally reject the 6-lane designs for East Bank Boulevard that are opposed by 80% of the public and work together with BPAC, VZAC, advocacy organizations, and the community to design a people-centered street that is safe for everyone and reflects our modal hierarchy and the Imagine East Bank vision plan.
- We also urge Metro and the East Bank team to protect access to the pedestrian bridge at all times both during construction and after completion of the East Bank project. This bridge is an invaluable public asset and the only safe connection across the river for people walking and bicycling. Maintaining safe access to this bridge for Nashvillians is paramount.
- Finally, as we formalize our role as an advisory commission, we ask that Metro and NDOT ensure transparency of decision-making so that we are proactively involved in decisions regarding walking and bicycling infrastructure. BPAC should be consulted at the conceptual, 30%, and 60% design stages of all new projects and should be regularly updated on how plans are being executed, the status of current projects, and if the timeline or scope of a project is changed. We should also be consulted before any changes to existing sidewalks and bikeways.

Finally, we submit the following specific requests that will enable us to meet our goals and be more successful as a commission in the upcoming year.

1. Appointing and confirming our two final members as soon as possible so that we can start the new year with a full roster.
2. Designating a walking and bicycling lead in the Mayor's Office to attend BPAC meetings and take on responsibility for establishing citywide policy and goals for bicycling and walking in cooperation with BPAC and relevant departments.
3. Requesting a nominal budget in the next fiscal year to support BPAC community engagement and outreach.

We thank you all for your support and dedication to promoting safe mobility for all in Nashville.

Sincerely,



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