



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

**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Agenda

**February 23, 2026
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM**

**Howard Office Building Sonny West Auditorium, Rooms C/D
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 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.

- 1) **Call to Order** - Chair McDonell called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm
- 2) **Roll Call** – Chair McDonell, Mr. Haney, Ms. Garner, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Weinman, and Mr. Cushing in attendance.
 - Mr. Hertz, Mr. Saba, Ms. Ross, Mr. Norris are absent.
- 3) **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - a) December 15, 2025
- 4) **Approval of Agenda**
 - Commissioner Rogers requested that BPAC issue a statement opposing a new Senate bill that would prevent e-bikes from using greenways. The Chair approved adding this item for discussion under New Business. Mr. Rogers moved to add the item to the agenda, and Mr. Weinman seconded the amendment.
- 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
 - Judith Goodhart expressed interest in seeing more organizations offer bicycle resources for senior citizens, including access to bikes, bike services, and secure storage. She shared that her own bike was damaged while using a city bus. She emphasized that bicycles and e-bikes are important tools that help seniors maintain mobility. Mr. Haney asked if she had any specific needs, prompting this feedback.
 - Councilmember Horton (District 20) requested thoughts and feedback for Metro Council regarding NDOT's Access Manual, specifically the requirement that prohibits street trees within 25 feet of an intersection. He noted that this rule may be too rigid and may limit opportunities for traffic-calming measures. Legislation related to this topic is currently being considered by the Planning Commission. The Councilmember asked that BPAC review the Access Manual's guidelines on street-tree placement near intersections.
- 6) **Subcommittee Report Outs (20 min)**
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 - Rules, Process, and Reporting
 - Community Engagement and Outreach – Ms. Ross is out so there is no update.
 - Plan/Engineering Review
 - Commissioner Garner attended a Seigenthaler Bridge closure meeting and mentioned there were concerns about ADA access during construction. She has concerns around dismounting policy.

7) Programmatic Updates

a) Docked Bikeshare RFP Update – T.D. Schlafer and Meghan Mathson (NDOT)

- Commissioner Rogers stated that this procurement has taken over 2 years and is unclear where it stands.

b) Red Light and Speed Cameras – Valeria Martinez (NDOT)

- Ms. Martinez provided an update on the Vision Zero program, noting that NDOT is exploring a school-zone camera pilot to improve safety.
- Commissioner Cushing asked whether any state legislation restricts the use of cameras in Nashville. Ms. Martinez explained that changes would need to occur at the local level.
- Commissioner Haney asked whether NDOT has the ability to issue citations when vehicles violate traffic laws, and whether enforcement would involve sending citations or warnings.
- Chair McDonnell asked how data collected from the pilot will be used and whether peer cities have relevant information. Ms. Martinez clarified that NDOT is currently focused specifically on speed cameras.

c) NDOT Budgeted/Expended Funds and Mileage Completed for Bikeways and Sidewalks – Brent Schultz (NDOT)

- Commissioner Rogers asked staff to define “bikeway” and to clarify the difference between painted bike lanes and protected bikeways. Commissioner Cushing noted that mileage alone does not necessarily reflect the quality or type of bikeway.
- Commissioner Cushing requested information on the types of roadways where bikeways are installed. Commissioner Rogers asked what metrics are being used to measure their effectiveness, particularly regarding low-stress versus high-stress facilities.
- Chair McDonnell observed that the reports appear to show unspent funds that could be used to build or improve bikeways and noted that there is also a separate funding category for Vision Zero improvements.
- Commissioner Rogers asked how CHYM factors into these improvements. Staff responded that those elements are being tracked.
- The Chair requested additional details on miles of greenways built, budgets for greenways and Vision Zero projects, and the types of projects being funded.
- Commissioner Rogers requested information on the connectors between Two Rivers and Opry Mills, noting that a substantial grant was allocated to the project. He requested project amounts and the proposed timeline for start and completion.

d) Final 2025 BPAC Annual Report – Chair Katherine McDonell

- Chair McDonell reviewed the 2025 Annual Report, which was sent to the Mayor's office and Metro council on December 31st. Commissioner Rogers asked whether the Chair would be presenting it to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and the Chair noted that this has not yet occurred.

8) Regular Agenda – BPAC Advisory Statement

a) Seigenthaler Pedestrian Bridge Accessibility During East Bank Construction
Chair Katherine McDonell

- The Chair noted that clarification from the route team is still pending but reaffirmed the importance of keeping this bridge open at all times and maintaining safe access to the ramp during construction. Commissioner Rogers asked who is responsible for decisions related to the detours, and it was stated that the Titans would be handling the bridge detours.
- Commissioner Garner moved to approve the item, and Mr. Rogers seconded.

b) Commissioner Rogers provided overview of SB 1782 – HB 1712 that would allow local governments or state agencies to regulate or prohibit class 1 or class 2 e-bikes on any street or highway where bicycles are determined necessary for public safety including greenways while explaining the difference between Class 1, 2, and 3 e-bikes.

- Commissioner Weinman moved to release a statement opposing the bill, Commissioner Rogers moved to second bill.

9) Administrative Updates/Next Meeting/New Business

a) Commissioner Garner shared that Bike Fun has received Platinum status from the League of American Bicyclists.

b) Commissioner Rogers encouraged the public to contact their representatives regarding the bill currently in the Senate.

c) Commissioner Garner requested that the new NDOT Walking and Biking Manager attend the next BPAC meeting.

d) Commissioner Weinman requested that Walk Bike Nashville provide updates on their strategic plan.

e) Robert Johnson announced that WeGo has opened electronic bike lockers at the North Nashville Transit Center. He asked for advice on how to market them to various demographics, including groups such as Dope City Pedalers.

f) Topics for future discussion include the Connect Downtown pilot bikeways, the budget for greenways, and NDOT's policy for clearing sidewalks and bikeways after storms.

g) Will Rogers with TDOT reported that an eco-counter for tracking bike and pedestrian data will be installed at the base of the bridge as part of a free trial. He would like to present the findings to BPAC once it is available.

10) Adjournment

Commissioner Rogers moved to adjourn meeting, Commissioner Haney moved to second at 6:04 pm