

BPAC Resolution Regarding Seigenthaler Pedestrian Bridge Access during East Bank Redevelopment

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission affirms the importance of the Seigenthaler Pedestrian Bridge as a critical connection for Nashvillians and calls on Metro to ensure continuous and uninterrupted access to this bridge both during and after construction of the East Bank development.

The Seigenthaler pedestrian bridge is the only safe way across the river for people walking and bicycling and represents a key connection for which there are no safe alternatives. People who live and work in Nashville rely on this bridge every day to commute to work, take their children to school, and access downtown and East Nashville. Even a temporary closure would put lives at risk.

We appreciate the efforts that are currently underway to plan a new ramp connection from the bridge that would provide continuous access for bicyclists and pedestrians throughout construction. We look forward to continuing to be involved in these design conversations and submit the following initial recommendations:

1. Either the ramp connector or the existing landing of the bridge should be open at all times to provide uninterrupted access for people walking and bicycling.
2. The ramp connector should be safe and accessible for people of all ages and abilities. This includes smooth transitions from the landing to the ramp, from the ramp to the bridge, and a grade that is ADA accessible for people using mobility devices.
3. The ramp connector should be wide enough to minimize conflicts between modes and to accommodate all types of non-motorized vehicles, including recumbent bicycles, tricycles, cargo bicycles, child trailers, and mobility devices. At no point should bicyclists have to dismount to access the bridge or the ramp connector.
4. Pedestrian and bicycle routes to access the ramp connector must maintain or exceed the safety and convenience of existing routes to access the bridge. Pedestrians and bicyclists should not be asked to detour onto a longer route or to use streets that are not safe or accessible for all ages and abilities.

Thank you for your commitment to keeping this important connection open to all Nashvillians.

Approved by BPAC on February 23, 2026.

A copy of this statement is to be forwarded to:

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