



NASHVILLE DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION & MULTIMODAL INFRASTRUCTURE

VISION ZERO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

March 10, 2026

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Sonny West Conference Room, Howard Office Bldg 700 2nd Ave S, Nashville, TN 37210

Committee Overview

This 15-member group serves to increase collaboration and ensures effective implementation of Nashville's Vision Zero plan. The committee meets in-person monthly and acts as a guide to assist NDOT and others in eliminating fatal and serious injury crashes in Nashville.

Notice to Public

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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.

Attendees: Landon Clark, Dylan Ringel, Charles Weingartner, Kim Ayers, Olivia Ranseen, Eric Hoke, Robin Lovett-Owen, Peter Robison, Ryan Renfro, Austin Fernandez, Sam Warlick

NDOT Staff: Hal Balthrop, Valeria Martinez, Piro Melby, Shandira Edgecombe

1. Charles Weingartner called the meeting to session at 5:06pm.
2. Approval of Minutes Kim Ayers motions to approve the minutes from the February VZAC meeting Peter Robison seconds the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Public Comment
 - a. Gib Jefferies: Avid walker and biker familiar with safety issues, referenced a pedestrian killed February 20th in a hit and run. Authored an article for his website focusing on South Nashville greenways. Commented that Nolensville Pk pedestrian crossing needs repainting as well as painted median and would like vertical delineators put in. Ideally this would be a permeant structure.
 - i. Charles commented that his website provides good information.
 - ii. Val went over future plans that can include reconfigured lanes and shared use paths crossing closer to Nolensville. In the short term delineators could be placed. Antioch and Nolensville will be refreshing lines and adding hardened median. Currently the project phase is 90% design, and could be completed in about a year.
 - iii. Active tactical urbanism application – Eric to check expiration and offered to help address comment.
 - b. JP Mitra (from south Nashville close to Rosedale) Would like to see improved bike and bus lanes to move people equitably. He asked how the committee identify priorities for improvements? He works as a software developer working for construction. Discussed software improvements to include. Wants to learn more about the process.
 - i. Charles Weingartner explained that the committee does not set priorities for NDOT.
 1. Hal Balthrop invited speaker to follow up meeting.
4. Work Session Updates
 - a. Olivia Ranseen gave update on the 1st working session
 - i. Updates
 1. Val updated on Student Ambassador Program, group was generally supportive. Val gave a quick overview and will add this to the next agenda.

2. Autonomous delivery bots in bike lanes were discussed. The committee discussed recommending opting out of this bill.
 - a. Peter Robison visited Atlanta where the bots are common and expressed concern with software capabilities and difficulty navigating around them.
 - b. Kim Unertl will prepare a statement from the committee.
3. New Committee members: topic was table to end of meeting.
4. Tree ordinance bill passed on 3rd reading.
5. Next work group session will be in 2 weeks.
6. Need to discuss bylaws next meeting.
7. Discussed that items will be shared on SharePoint.
8. Resolutions need to be brought up in work sessions.

5. Fatal Crash Updates

- a. Feb 5 fatalities 2 serious injuries (include Val graphic)
- b. Briley
- c. OHB
- d. Antioch Pk
- e. Gallatin/Virginia – Charles asked about details of the report.
 - i. Val provided that on February 26th A vehicle traveling south on lane struck a pedestrian in the center turn lane who continued to cross Gallatin Pk in an area without a crosswalk. There were no signs of impairment but the area is not well lit.
 - ii. There has been a tactical urbanism application submitted by Chris Bowie very close to this location.
 - iii. Eric Hoke noted other crashes on this strip.
 - iv. Valeria discussed future resurfacing of Gallatin Pk. from 5th to Briley.
 - v. Charles Weingartner noted street parking alternating from one side of road to other could slow traffic. Requests to consider was noted by Hal Balthrop and that more opportunities could be looked at through CHYM.
 - vi. It was noted that some projects are slowing down. Val Martinez noted CHYM could be getting some federal funding and new resurfacing and striping this summer. Hal noted CHYM project is a couple of years away and some ROW acquisitions need to be done ahead of time.
 - vii. Peter Robison asked about how timelines move forward and why projects slowed.
 - viii. Repaving, new striping with quick builds, PHB could be added later

- ix. What would it take to move to Reflecto thermal plastic and mentioned advantages. Hal Balthrop believes that NDOT does currently use this product. Build asset management database to better predict schedules

- 1. Hal Balthrop to confirm Reflective thermal plastic is used.

- f. Peter Robison noted that all of these locations had had previous crashes

- g. Robin Lovett-Owen noted deadliness of Antioch Pk and suggested that the area warrants more than tactical urbanism but is unaware of long term plans

- i. When it goes to be resurfaced a permanent solution would be installed.

6. NDOT Leadership Updates

7. Five Year Implementation Plan FY 23-27

a. Framework

i. Five themes

1. Safe streets for everyone
2. Prioritize equity
3. Increase collab and transparency
4. Culture of safety
5. Improve data quality

b. Yearly funding

i. Val gave overview of yearly amounts in the budget

1. Hal discussed Diana Alacron's passion for VZ. NDOT is currently looking to hire staff for VZ and currently using outside staff. The budget is also changing direction. NDOT's past philosophy was to hold funds that may span over multiple years. The Mayors office sees balance and can reduce the budget. New approach to spend funds during the fiscal year in order to ask for more funds in the next fiscal year. Overall in FY 26 all Metro departments cut. CHYM is funded separately and awarded. Finalized active project list and would like to share next month along with map. Discussed layers that will be included. Prioritization of budget, state of good repair includes things that are ending their life of usefulness and could pose a health an safety risk.
2. Action items are programmatic Val discussed complications from the plan that make prioritization difficult.

3. Capital project prioritization on high injury network (HIN)
sorted between NDOT and TDOT – Completed 5 year work plan
priority locations include Dickerson Pk and Gallatin Pk.
4. Evaluation actions
 - a. Create advisory committee
 - b. VZ Report card
 - c. Education encouragement
 - i. Safe routes to schools
 - ii. VZ Education awareness campaign
 - iii. Equitable engagement playbook
 - d. Enforcement
 - i. Speed radar feedback signs in school zones
 - ii. Update police report and office training
5. Roles and responsibilities
 - a. Prioritize planned (aspirational safety projects)
 - i. Ongoing explained Charter process.
 - ii. Multi modal mobility plan in progress
 - iii. Track implementation of active transportation facilities – GIS tracking and annual end of year report, not pushed publicly yet
6. Design and development
 - a. Completed lighting manual, complete streets pedestrian crossing guide, access management manual
 - b. Resurfacing projects – ongoing, mentioned Edmonson Pike is currently on hold to identify safety improvements after a a crash. Overall NDOT is trying to take a more proactive approach.
 - c. Ongoing coordination with WeGo
7. Transportation systems management
 - a. NSTC programming prioritization evaluated on yearly basis.
 - b. Include presentation from Val's Vision Zero five year
8. Operations – ongoing
9. Maintenance – Ongoing
10. Regulation and enforcement
11. Administrative
 - a. Dickerson Pike: Mentioned a grant that Piro put together.

12. Drunk driving campaign and motorcycle campaign

13. Risk factor assessment gave overview of KERF

c. Next steps

- i. Focus on one or two projects that are close to construction and ask for funding once previous funds are spent.
- ii. Hiring program designers and GIS lead.
- iii. Next year the committee needs to discuss the 5 year plan
- iv. What moves forward as a priority and what do we ask to fund? Could be topic for next work meeting.
- v. Eric Hoke Curb suggested management and Lidar Get update for curb management staff.
- vi. Hal mentioned visiting the TMC at/after next months meeting and potentially meeting in the conference room for the next work group session.
 - 1. Demonbreun was noted specifically for enforcement violations
- vii. Mr. Sears mentioned a response from HUB Nashville where the car that was complained about was gone on arrival but the site would be monitored and expressed appreciation.

d. Sam Warlick expressed need for concrete builds

- i. The VZ goal to reduce casualties 5% each year goal is not concrete. Val mentioned potentially using existing funds and having conversation with the group to further discuss.

e. Austin Fernandez would like more information on how automated enforcement is managed. Val Martinez noted that cameras are only legal in school zones when students are present and that other cities doing things like noise cameras and red light cameras. Metro Police is supportive but still ironing out logistics with school zones. Currently the issue is at council level. Val noted some of the difficulties include getting language ready for the council to hear.

f. Hal noted some of the complexities of cameras and FOIA requests.

g. Peter Robison discussed deliverables and noted overall safety standards.

- i. Hal talked about priorities and added safety measures like bike lanes and striping. Pebble Valey Road has added speed cushions. NDOT does look at improvement but some roads that get resurfaced are not candidates for additional improvements. Peter Robison mentioned the importance of creating a measurable goal. Valeria Martinez noted that further work could be further defined and recorded better to.

Antioch pike is currently doing a traffic study which has slowed the process.

- ii. Landon Clark brought up SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound) goals and suggested incorporating goals with this approach into resurfacing projects.
 - iii. Hal will show which projects listed in the active project list will incorporate increased safety measures.
 - iv. Valeria Martinez gave suggestions of other metrics that should be tracked withing paving projects to better capture the work that is being completed. In FY26 VZ requested specific funding for paving. Ms. Martinez discussed the potential for identifying safety improvements before repaving.
 - v. Charles Weingartner suggested a public paving schedule.
 - 1. Hal Balthrop will bring Active Project List to the next meeting and discuss potentially publishing.
 - vi. Challenges with changing priorities can be challenging but appreciates committee efforts and welcomes feedback.
 - 1. Charles Weingartner recognized the wealth of work that has gone into committee/NDOT planning.
 - 2. Olivia asked about getting updates on projects including the local intersection improvement list, local transformative project list, lighting improvements, and high injury network. Val noted that these updates will be part of the active project list, Hal added that we need to track and report on the NES Light Program.
8. Charles Weingartner was not able to prepare an East Bank Resolution but will at the next meeting.
- a. East side of bridge will have ramp going down on south side to allow the bridge to stay open while construction occurs.
 - b. Still potentially address concerns with ROW designs that are not satisfactory.
 - c. Add to a working session: NDOT leverage with NES to update sections for street light improvements. How can NDOT encourage NES to fulfill contractual agreements on fixing lighting issues in a reasonable time.
9. New Member Discussion
- a. Val reached out to Greg who is unable to join until the fall. He will be top of the list in 2027

- b. 2 seats are currently open. Olivia gave an overview of the 3 selected in the last work group.
 - c. Top Candidates
 - i. Ishida Dash
 - ii. Ezra Howard
 - iii. Shawn Carver
 - d. The group discussed candidates Robin Lovett-Owen noting Ishida's relevant experience with her work at Vanderbilt.
 - e. Sam Warwick moves a motion to elect Ishida Dash and Shawn Carver as new committee members to the Vision Zero Advisory Committee, Kim Ayers seconds the motion with the group voting unanimously to elect Mr. Carver and Ms. Dash as new members.
 - f. Peter noted eventual openings on the committee that will be coming up in the future.
 - g. Olivia Ranseen introduced a motion to invite Ezra Howard as a member If either Ishida Dash or Shawn Carver are not interested in joining the committee any longer. Sam Warwick seconds the motion and the motion passes unanimously.
10. Hal asked about willingness to have someone from enforcement on the committee.
- a. The committee has not previously seen this type of candidate apply but if given the chance the group would entertain the prospect.
11. Working group topics
- a. Kim Ayers will write a resolution about the bots in bike lanes.
 - b. Charles Winegartner will be responsible for the East Bank resolution
 - c. Upgrade streetlights
 - d. Speed cameras
 - e. Near miss reporting tool (and awareness campaign)
12. Bulb-outs removal
- a. There is currently no current process in SOP for this kind of action.
 - b. Charles Winegartner noted that the bulb-outs are safer and would like to see them stay in place.
 - c. Peter Robison mentioned another instance in Bellevue where a similar modification where traffic calming implementations were removed.
 - d. Hal Balthrop expanded on the instance in Bellevue at Harpeth Bend that residents wanted street parking, but there are difficulties with mail delivery.
 - e. Charles Winegartner discussed the previous administrations and the need for shift in NDOT culture change.

- f. Hal Balthrop discussed that NDOT strives for collaboration and cooperation with the state and complexities that can occur with differing goals.
 - i. The committee expressed support in supporting NDOT with safety goals.