



- MINUTES - METROPOLITAN TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION Howard Office Building—Sonny West Conference Room

April 13, 2026

Note: The monthly meetings of the Traffic and Parking Commission are documented via video and are available on the [Metro Nashville Network YouTube Channel](#).

The regular monthly meeting of Howard Office Building Sonny West Conference Room. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

ATTENDEES

COMMISSIONERS

Brandon Mason (Chair), Robert Gibbs (Vice Chair), Council Member Parker (absent), Santos Gonzales (absent), Neil Kornutick, Jama Mohamed, Dr. Lin Ming (absent), Lisa Haller, Capt. James Williams (MNPd).

STAFF

Brad Freeze, Ricky Rooker, TD Schlafer, Brent Schultz, Ann Mikkelsen, Erica Haber, Andrew Smith, Emanuel Matyas, Casey Hopkins, Korby Bowden, Darlene Thompson, Brandon Boatwain.

OTHERS

Council Member Emily Benedict

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brandon Mason called the meeting of April 13, 2026, to order at 2:35 p.m. Chairman Brandon Mason announced the appeals process, Metropolitan Code of Laws 2.68.030.

"If you are not satisfied with a decision made by the Traffic & Parking Commission, you may appeal the decision by filing for a writ of certiorari with the Davidson County Chancery or Circuit Court. Your appeal must be filed within 60 days of the date of the entry of the Commission's decision. We advise that you seek your own independent legal advice to ensure that your appeal is filed in a timely manner and that all procedural requirements have been met."

"Per the Tennessee Open Meetings Act, Public Chapter No. 300, members of the public are invited to provide comment on matters germane to the items on the agenda."

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Mason noted that item 6.5 needs to be changed to 6.4. Commissioner Haller moved to approve the modified agenda. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The modified agenda was approved with no objections.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 March 9, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

- Commissioner Haller provided a point of clarification. New Business Section 8: the last bullet. The joint meeting referenced included the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Vision Zero, BPAC etc. Captain Williams moved to approve with the changes. Commissioner Haller seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with no objections.

4A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council Member Emily Benedict, District 7, came to speak about an incident on Sunnymeade Drive in Englewood. Traffic is being diverted to side streets due to speed cushions in the area and a few weeks ago a resident and driver had a physical altercation. The Council Member is asking the department to look and see if something can be done on this street. Streets referenced are Ardee Ave, McAlpine Ave, Stratford Ave, and Sunnymeade Drive.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 CD 19: Authorization for new multiway stop control for 2nd Ave N and Madison St, requested by NDOT.

5.2 CD 19: Approval of new southbound WeGo bus stand at 127 4th Ave S, approximately 60 ft in length and effective 12PM—6PM Mon—Fri, with existing pay parking to remain during all other times, requested by WeGo.

- Commissioner Haller asked that item 5.2 CD 19: be moved to the regular agenda. Commissioner Haller moved to approve the modified consent agenda. Commissioner Kornutick seconded the motion. The modified consent agenda was approved with no objections.

6. REGULAR AGENDA

5.2 CD 19: Approval of new southbound WeGo bus stand at 127 4th Ave S, approximately 60 ft in length and effective 12PM—6PM Mon—Fri, with existing pay parking to remain during all other times, requested by WeGo

- Commissioner Haller asked for clarification surrounding the location of the existing bus stop. Andrew Smith with NDOT provided clarification. Commissioner Haller asked that we look to add additional safety measures at this crossing. Captain Williams moved to approve. Commissioner Haller seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

6.1 CD 18: Approval of related traffic and parking changes for 12 South, requested by NDOT.

6.1.1 Authorization for 2-hour time limited parking on both sides of 12th Ave S, effective 6AM—8PM, between Ashwood Ave and Kirkwood Ave.

6.1.2 Approval for new rideshare pickup and dropoff zones at follows:

- 12 S & Ashwood Ave—SW corner;
- 12 S & Linden Ave—SW corner;
- 12 S & Elmwood Ave—SW corner;
- 12 S & Beechwood Ave—S and NW corner;
- 12 S & Dallas Ave—SW corner; and
- 12 S & Paris Ave—NW corner.

6.1.3 Approval for new loading zone, effective 6AM—10AM, with 2-hour time limited parking effective 10AM—8PM as follows:

- 12th Ave S on the west side, south of Ashwood Ave;
- 12th Ave S on the SE corner of Caruthers Ave;
- 12th Ave S on the SE corner of Gilmore Ave;
- 12th Ave S on the NW corner of Sweetbriar Ave;
- 12th Ave S on the NW corner of Dallas Ave; and
- 12th Ave S on the west side, south of Paris Ave.

- NDOT requested a one-month deferral for 6.1 in its entirety. Commissioner Haller moved to defer one-month. Commissioner Gibbs seconded the deferral. The motion was deferred for one month with no objections.

6.2 CD various: Approval for retaining existing seated sightseeing vehicle stands, requested by NDOT.

- TD Schlafer and Ricky Rooker with NDOT provided some background to the request. Commissioner Kornutick questioned if they were seeking approval of stops not in the public right of way. Ricky Rooker provided additional clarification. Commissioner Gibbs inquired about other entities offering a similar service that we need to look at. It was confirmed that Old Towne Trolley was the only company that complied with the ordinance and submitted a request for a vehicle stand approval with the Traffic and Parking Commission. Extensive discussions were had surrounding the stops, enforcement, and the ordinance. Commissioner Mohamed moved to approve. Commissioner Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

6.3 CD 19: Approval of parking fee waiver for Summer Open Street series, requested by NDOT.

- Emanuel Maytas with NDOT provided details surrounding this request. He also provided a high-level overview of the three upcoming events scheduled for May 16th, June 13th, and July 11th. Commissioner Kornutick inquired about whether we tracked the actual lost revenue last year or whether it was just a shift/movement of vehicles to other places. Commissioner Kornutick would like to see a comparison this year over last year, day over day to see any fluctuations. Commissioner Haller moved for approval. Commissioner Kornutick seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

6.4 Downtown Rideshare Zone Program

- Brent Schultz with NDOT provided background and insight to this request. He outlined the locations of the proposed rideshare zone program that would operate Sunday to Thursday 5pm to 4am. He outlined the engagement that has taken place with the downtown community and added that the community is supportive. Brent elaborated on the community engagement/education

that will roll out with this program. Commissioner Gibbs had questions regarding the Geo fencing abilities and the possibility of the city recovering the lost revenues and how this would impact special permitted lane closures. Commissioner Mohamed questioned the conflict with the 4th Ave Bus route pilot. Brad Freeze provided some clarification. Commissioner Mohamed asked if we had engaged the drivers that this would impact. It was asked if this had gone before the TLC and confirmed that it hadn't. Brent Schultz mentioned that no engagement was provided to specific rideshare drivers. Brent mentioned that some drivers who had reached out were enthusiastic. It was shared that our goal is for the companies to Geo fence to these locations. Enforcement was discussed. Commissioner Kornutick is supportive and would like to see more reporting on this monthly update as we roll this out. He would like to see a circulation map developed, one that keeps folks from crossing Broadway. For example: if you are going south use these zones and if you are going north use these. Commissioner Haller asked if any other comparable cities had used this successfully and have we benchmarked against this. Discussions were had surrounding locations, conflicts and ADA Compliance. It was asked if we had plans to do this in other areas of the city, specifically 12th Ave S in Downtown. Brent confirmed that he is hoping to roll out more locations at a later date. Commissioner Mohamed asked about the enforcement and Brent spoke to the education that would be provided as we work toward doing this. Commissioner Mohamed would like more time to get more feedback from stakeholders. Commissioner Kornutick would like to see more reporting on this; he doesn't want this to become punitive. Commissioner Kornutick is supportive of this. However, he would like to see how Council Member Parker feels about this, Brad added that we do face some challenges. In the future we plan to gather heatmaps and lidar data on this. Chair Mason spoke in support of this, he felt that this would be helpful to all parties involved and it had been a year in the making. He is looking forward to seeing what the data says. Commissioner Haller is also favorable and would like to see an extension of hour and dates in the future. Commissioner Haller moved to approve. Captain Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Commissioner Mohamed objecting.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Recommendation to Council regarding Metro Council Ordinance BL2026-1255 related to sandwich board signage, requested by Metropolitan Clerk's Office.

- Casey Hopkins and Brad Freeze with NDOT provided background to the current ordinance. Brad mentioned that legal has some concerns with the way the bill was written. Commissioner Kornutick questioned where the bill is at with council, it was confirmed that the bill is currently at 3rd reading. Extensive discussions were had surrounding the bill and when our recommendation would have an impact on the vote total and if the recommendation is binding. They also discussed the fact that some language/issues that were previously suggested had been removed. Legal has issues surrounding the bill as well as some concerns with the definition of the word sandwich boards. Commissioner Haller is looking for clarity on the recommendation, what are we being asked to approve. Brad Freeze stated that NDOT's recommendation is based on the ADA aspect and public safety and we are seeking approval based on safety/ADA concerns. NDOT supports legal's recommendation on this issue. Legal staff elaborated on the concerns they have and confirmed that the bill made it through second reading without the amendment. The commissions options were discussed and further clarification was provided. Commissioner Gibbs moved to not approve. Captain Williams seconded the disapproval. Commissioner Kornutick sought clarification on the wording of the disapproval. The motion was disapproved with Commissioner Mohamed and Commissioner Kornutick objecting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Chair Mason asked about the coordination process and what it takes to get Dirt Bikes on Broadway. It was confirmed that this was part of the special event permit process in conjunction with all other Metro agencies.
- Chair Mason also asked how we are considering Waymo and safety impacts. Maybe encouraging folks to use WeGo and utilizing our transit system. Happy to provide a TMD Update (later date)
- Commissioner Mohamed mentioned pedestrians that were struck stuck on Lafayette, he asked what we can do to make that area safer and pedestrian friendly. Andrew Smith confirmed that we are looking at additional signage and the placement of new speed limit signage. Commissioner Mohamed Asked if Hawks or an Island refuge would be beneficial? Brad confirmed that we are conducting a study to see if we can make any quick improvements to this. Once we have the recommendations we can provide a feedback. (later date).
- Commissioner Haller asked if we can we get an update on the scramble ped crossing downtown. When will all the signage be in place?

9. OTHER ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Capt. Williams moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 pm.

Approved on the 13th day of April 2026.

Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 26-04

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6.4 Downtown Rideshare Zone Program

I _____ with the Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure do certify the above items on today's agenda amending Chapter 12 of the Metropolitan Code were approved by the Traffic and Parking Commission on May 11, 2026.

TENNESSEE NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of Tennessee

County of Davidson

On this 11th day of May 2026, before me Andrew J. Smith personally appeared, to me known to be the person (or persons) described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that such person (or persons) executed the same as such person (or person's) free act and deed.

Witness my hand, at the office, this 11th day of May 2026.

Notary's Signature

Seal

My commission expires: _____

Traffic and Parking Commission Authority:

Chapter 9 of the Metropolitan Charter, Sec. 11.904. - Function of commission as to traffic regulation.

For the purpose of making the roads, streets and other public ways safe for pedestrians, motorists and others, and for the purpose of facilitating the flow of traffic thereon, the commission is hereby authorized to adopt and publish traffic regulations, including the erection of proper signs necessarily and properly connected with our incident to the following:

(a)The location and time when parking shall be limited.(b)Places where parking shall be prohibited entirely or only during certain hours.(c)The establishment of stop sign controls for through streets or isolated intersections.(d)The establishment of traffic signal controls.(e)The direction in which traffic may use any street or portion of a street.(f)Restrictions on the size of vehicles using certain streets.(g)The establishment of speed zones upon metropolitan streets and roads based upon the findings of the commission. When such zones are properly signposted, the speed indicated on the signs shall be the legal speed limit.

Such traffic regulations adopted by the commission shall take effect five (5) days after they have been published in a daily newspaper of general circulation within the area of the metropolitan government and after a certified copy thereof has been filed with the metropolitan clerk and the chief of police. Such regulations, when so adopted, shall have the force and effect of an ordinance, and shall be enforced by the metropolitan police. The metropolitan council shall provide by ordinance for the punishment of violators of such traffic regulations and shall fix proper and adequate fines and penalties.