

# Multimodal Access Closure (MAC) Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes: July 9, 2026

Project: 1622 Rosa L Parks Blvd

Steffan Gibson, Civil Constructors

Project Duration: July 2026 – July 2026

## Project Overview

- The building is substantially complete, with remaining work focused on replacing curb, gutter, and sidewalk along Rosa Parks Blvd.
- Construction will occur in phases, with work later transitioning to Garfield Street.
- Looking to begin work as soon as possible.
- Planned work hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## *Traffic and Pedestrian Impacts*

- A single lane closure on Rosa Parks Blvd. will be required during construction.
- A temporary pedestrian detour will be in place while sidewalks are closed.
- The roadway will remain open to traffic, and the lane closure will be removed at the end of each workday.

## *Project Discussion*

- The committee discussed pedestrian safety, temporary crosswalks, bike lane coordination, and traffic control measures.
- Temporary traffic control will utilize barrels and cones, with permanent pavement markings installed after final paving.
- Garfield Street work will begin after the Rosa Parks phase is complete to help minimize impacts to traffic and nearby bus operations.

## *Action Items*

- The project team will continue coordinating traffic control and signal improvements.
- The project team will be sending a new traffic control plan for Garfield.

- Committee feedback will be incorporated, with a final response expected next week.

#### *Recommendations*

- Coordination with WeGo regarding bus stop.
- Updated traffic control plan for Garfield.

#### *Committee Action*

Approved with the recommendations.

## Project: Shelby Avenue Improvements (East Bank Authority Project)

Tristan Carroll, Middle Tennessee Infrastructure, Inc.

Project Duration: July 2026 - December 2026

### Project Overview

- The contractor presented a traffic control plan that was for night work only while asking the committee for daytime only work or what our feedback might be for that request. There was no traffic plan presented for what they were asking.
- The project includes utility and roadway work requiring phased lane closures and traffic control measures.
- The primary focus of the discussion was maintaining traffic flow, minimizing impacts to downtown commuters, and coordinating construction activities with utility work and surrounding infrastructure improvements.

### Project Discussion

- The committee reviewed a traffic control plan for the project which assumed night-time work only. The discussion was around accommodating the contractor's request for daytime work. There was discussion as well about a new engineering analysis for the proposed work inclusive of daytime work.
- The team discussed the potential use of a **flex lane configuration** to maintain traffic flow. Committee members noted that similar operations have been successful in other areas of downtown and could be effective for this project.
- Discussion but no conclusion around the need to accelerate this to 18 or 24 hours of work to finish before James Robertson Pkwy closure on around 1/1. The general consensus seemed to be that faster is better while balancing KVB ingress / egress to downtown. The consensus also was that day only work was not recommended. The contract with the development authority is night work only.

- It was noted that there is still time to refine the traffic control plan before work reaches Shelby Avenue.

#### *Traffic and Construction Considerations*

- The committee discussed maintaining as much traffic capacity as possible during construction, including:
  - Keeping two lanes open in each direction.
  - Scheduling intermittent lane closures or crossing work during weekends or off-peak periods.
  - Minimizing impacts before the planned James Robertson Parkway closure.
- Members emphasized the importance of maintaining traffic flow, as Shelby Avenue carries a significant volume of vehicles traveling into and out of downtown.

#### *Utility Coordination*

- The relocation of the existing fire hydrant at Interstate Drive and Shelby Avenue was discussed.
- The project team confirmed that a functioning hydrant will remain operational throughout construction, and the existing hydrant will be abandoned only after the new installation is active.
- Coordination with utility representatives will continue throughout the project.

#### *Action Items*

- Continue refining the traffic control plan before construction begins on Shelby Avenue.
- Review updated traffic analysis and signal operations.
- Coordinate utility relocations and maintain communication with affected stakeholders throughout construction.

#### *Recommendations*

- The committee recommended reviewing updated traffic studies, particularly near the bridge approach and signalized intersection, to address potential sight distance and traffic queuing concerns during daytime operations.
- The project team acknowledged these concerns and stated that the traffic control plan was originally intended for nighttime work but has not been adjusted to accommodate daytime construction.

- Coordination with NFD, MNPD, and CM
- Install advance traffic message boards at least **two weeks prior to the project start date** to notify motorists of the upcoming construction, expected traffic impacts, and lane closures.

#### *Committee Action*

Approved with recommendations for nighttime work only.

## Project: 3333 Lebanon Pike

Josh Moss, Bell Construction

Project Duration: July 2026

### Project Overview

- The project team presented a storm drain replacement project adjacent to a new office building.
- Work will require temporary impacts to the bike lane and sidewalk while the storm drainage improvements are completed.
- Construction is expected to last approximately **two weeks**.

#### *Project Discussion*

- The committee reviewed the proposed traffic control plan and discussed adjustments to improve traffic operations and transit access.
- The project team agreed to shorten the downstream taper where feasible to provide additional space for buses and nearby driveways.
- Steel plates will be installed over excavations at the end of each workday to safely reopen the area.
- Water-filled barricades will be used to protect the work zone during construction.
- The committee discussed maintaining pedestrian access using the nearest signalized crosswalks and explored the possibility of providing a temporary pathway through the existing bike lane buffer where space allows.
- The project team confirmed sidewalks will be restored and reopened at the end of each workday whenever feasible.
- Nighttime traffic control devices will include flashing warning lights on barricades.

- Bicycle accommodations were discussed, including adding signage instructing cyclists to **dismount and walk** through the work zone if a shared-use path cannot be safely maintained.

#### *Recommendations*

- Revise the traffic control plan to shorten the downstream taper and improve bus access.
- Evaluate whether a temporary pedestrian pathway can be provided within the bike lane buffer during daytime work.
- Install appropriate bicycle dismount signage through the work area.
- Maintain flashing warning lights on all barricades during nighttime hours.
- Continue coordinating traffic control adjustments prior to construction.

#### *Committee Action*

Approved with recommendations.