



METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

Megan Barry, Mayor

Public Works Department, Mark Macy, Director

PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WALKnBIKE, NASHVILLE'S STRATEGIC PLAN FOR SIDEWALKS AND BIKEWAYS

Autumn Hills Assisted Living Center on Saturday, August 6, 10am – Noon

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (July 27, 2016) –Residents, business owners, and community members are encouraged to join the WalknBike project team and steering committee to learn about the sidewalk and bikeways planning process, participate in an interactive prioritization exercise, and share ideas on how to improve the environment in our community. The meeting will be held on Saturday, August 6, from 10am to Noon at Autumn Hills Assisted Living Center (formerly The Knowles Home) located at 1010 Camilla Caldwell Lane.

Over 7200 citizens have participated in the WalknBike project since it was kicked off in April via attending public meetings, taking the survey, commenting on the [online interactive map](#), or through discussions with the project team at various pop-up events and festivals. To view the 1st survey results and see what the public has been saying so far, please visit: <http://nashvillewalknbike.com/testimonials/>.

The WalknBike planning process includes a multi-pronged public outreach strategy that encourage the public to participate actively in the planning process. A [second survey](#) has been released that digs deeper into the public's views, values, and opinions on sidewalk and bikeway priorities. The survey is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Approximately 1750 Nashvillians have taken the 2nd survey and preliminary analysis shows:

- Top 3 citizen priorities for location of sidewalk and bikeway improvement projects are Safety, Connectivity, Equity and Need.
- Top 3 uses of the existing sidewalk network: Walking to transit stations, For health reasons, For Recreation
- Top 3 uses of the bikeway network: Commuting to Work or School, For Recreation, For Health

The purpose of the strategic plan is to outline goals, priorities and policies regarding the location of the countywide sidewalks and bikeways network and provide a method for prioritizing improvements to ensure a healthy, active, safe and vibrant community. Mayor Barry directed Metro Public Works to move forward with updating the Strategic Plan for Sidewalks and Bikeways shortly after taking office. The current sidewalk and bikeways strategic plan was put in place in 2003 and updated in 2008. Since 2003, Nashville has added more than 300 miles of sidewalks and 130 miles of bikeways, and this update will lay out a plan for how to build on that growth and make Nashville a leading example of how cities are investing in their pedestrian and bikeways infrastructure. Nashville currently has 1100 miles of sidewalk and 250 miles of bikeways including shared routes and dedicated lanes.

In addition to Saturday's meeting, WalknBike continues to host "pop-up" events across the county to highlight the project and speak with residents about their thoughts and recommendations for the future of Nashville's sidewalks and bikeways. To view the [upcoming events schedule](#), visit: www.nashvillewalknbike.com. To request a WalknBike Talk, please contact info@nashvillewalknbike.com.

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About WalknBike

Led by Metro Public Works, Metro project team members include Metro Planning Commission, Metro Public Health Department, MTA, MPO, Metro Nashville Police Department, Metro General Services, Metro Nashville Public Schools, and Metro Parks and Recreation. The project team is also composed of Alta Planning + Design, Civic Engineering and Information Technology, Hawkins Partners, Inc., MP&F Public Relations, and a steering committee made up of internal and external partners. The steering committee has formed 4 [subcommittees](#) to work in specific areas. The 4 subcommittees are: Prioritization Methodology, Policy and Enforcement, Education and Outreach, and Design Practices. The project includes a robust public engagement process, evaluation of peer and aspirational cities, updated inventory of Davidson County's sidewalk and bikeways, modernized project prioritization, a comprehensive funding strategy, and new tools to provide easier access to information about implementation and program progress. The project purpose is to upgrade the Strategic Plan for Sidewalks and Bikeways. This yearlong process depends on your input. Help Nashville prioritize strategic, equitable investment in sidewalks and bikeways at Nashvillewalknbike.com.