



WalknBike Steering Committee Meeting #2 Notes
Downtown Partnership, 150 4th Street, Nashville, TN 31219

June 6, 2016

The second steering committee meeting for the 2016 Strategic Plan for Sidewalks and Bikeways Update, known as WalknBike, took place on June 6. Matt Hayes, of Alta Planning + Design, the lead consultant for the project, kicked off the meeting with a presentation, updating the committee on project progress to-date. Matt read the draft project vision statement:

“The Nashville bicycle and pedestrian system will be a network of high-quality, comfortable, safe sidewalks and bikeways, connecting people to opportunity. The system, inclusive to users of all ages and abilities, will promote and encourage safety, health, education, and active transportation.”

In addition, the Plan will follow four key principles: access and equity, connectivity, safety, and collaboration.

The presentation continued with a discussion of public input to-date. In total, nearly 1,800 Nashville residents completed the first survey and 3,600 points, lines, and comments have been recorded on the interactive map. However, it's clear that future public engagement needs to be focused on broader geographies and ethnic diversities. It will be a focus of the project team and the Outreach and Education subcommittee to determine the best means for receiving that input, going forward.

The presentation continued with Jennifer Baldwin, of Alta Planning + Design, presenting a high-level review of the DRAFT WalknBike Peer City and Aspirational City report. The purpose of the report is to learn about best practices from peer city and aspirational cities. The peer cities in the report are Memphis, Indianapolis, Louisville, and Raleigh; the aspirational cities were Austin, Denver, Minneapolis, and Seattle.

The overall committee broke into individual project subcommittee meetings around the following topics: 1) Outreach and Education, 2) Prioritization Methodology, 3) Policy & Enforcement, and 4) Design Practices. The project team provided the subcommittees with background information about general subcommittee structure and relevant sections from the 2008 Strategic Plan. The subcommittees discussed key issues that need consideration and reported back to the full Steering Committee at the conclusion of the meeting. Each subcommittee scheduled individual meetings over the course of the next month that will be advertised and open to the general public. Ultimately, the subcommittees, which include representation of multiple Metro departments and other agencies and stakeholders, will provide recommendations to the project team around their topic area.

The next meeting of the committee will be on August 4th, at the Martin Center, at 8am. The project team will create a doodle poll for future committee meetings beyond August.

