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WalknBike Releases 2nd Survey to Gather Information From Residents on their Priorities for Walking and Biking; Peer and Aspirational Cities Report Now Available Online

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (June 27, 2016) – The WalknBike Project team has released its [2nd survey](#) to gather information from residents on their priorities for walking and biking in Nashville. The survey is located at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/598MDSB>. Nearly 2000 Nashvillians took the WalknBike projects' 1st survey providing their opinions and input on the state of walking and biking in Nashville. 3600 points, lines, and citizens' comments have been recorded on the interactive project map. The WalknBike project team is now asking for additional input via this [2nd survey](#) to help understand how to prioritize sidewalk and bikeway improvements. This 2nd survey digs deeper into public views, opinions, and needs with regard to making Nashville more walkable and bikeable. Specifically, the WalknBike team will use results from the survey to gather information on residents' values and priorities for location, policy and design elements, which will inform the countywide strategic plan. The survey will be available online through July 31 and will also be available at various meetings, community events, and pop-up events and locations throughout the summer. To view the 1st survey results, please visit <http://nashvillewalknbike.com/testimonials/>.

In addition to the online survey to assess Nashvillians perspectives and priorities, the WalknBike team just completed a [Peer and Aspirational Cities report](#) to understand Nashville's bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, policies, and programs in relation to peer cities in the United States (cities that are similar in demographics, land area, and other factors including Indianapolis, Louisville, Memphis, and Raleigh), as well as to aspirational cities, Austin, Minneapolis, Seattle, Denver, which Nashville strives to model based on the safety and friendliness of its pedestrian and bicycling environment.

The WalknBike project team will continue to collect feedback at events and locations throughout the county this summer. In addition to the robust public engagement process and evaluation of peer and aspirational cities, the WalknBike project will include an updated inventory of Davidson County's sidewalks and bikeways, modernized project prioritization, and new tools to provide easier access to information about implementation and program progress. To learn more and to get involved with this process, please visit: <http://nashvillewalknbike.com/>. The next Steering Committee Meeting is: Thursday, August 4 at 8 a.m. at The Martin Center, 2400 Fairfax Ave, Nashville TN 37212.

A number of Metro agencies in addition to Metro Public Works are also working on long-term strategic plans including Metro Parks and Recreation's 'Plan to Play', and Metro Transit Authority's 'InMotion'. These initiatives are working together to ensure Mayor Megan Barry's vision for a world-class multi-modal transportation system is realized. Metro government departments are sharing information and planning joint community meetings and events on these plans throughout the process to make it easy for the community to provide feedback on all 3 plans and ultimately to ensure as Nashville continues to grow, the systems and services that improve our quality of life and ensure Nashville is and remains a vibrant city are aligned.

Toward this effort, citizens can take a survey for "WalknBike", 'InMotion' and 'Plan to Play' at the links below and help Nashville prioritize strategic, equitable investment in our sidewalks, bikeways, parks, and transit system:

Metro Public Works – WalknBike: <http://nashvillewalknbike.com/testimonials/>

Metro Parks and Recreation – Plan To Play: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PlanToPlay2>

Metro Transit Authority – nMotion: <https://nmotion.metroquest.com/> (Survey closes tonight at midnight)

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More About NashvilleWalknBike: Nashville has 1100 miles of sidewalks and 250 miles of bikeways. Metro Public Works is in the process of updating the strategic sidewalk and bikeways master plan with the WalknBike project. The goal of this year long process is to connect people to places they need and want to go through a network of the highest quality, comfortable, and safe bikeways and sidewalks. The project will be complete this winter. 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 is organized into 4 working groups: Prioritization Methodology, Design, Outreach/Education, and Policy. The subcommittees are focused on these areas and will make recommendations for quick, mid-term and longer term priorities, programs, and/or initiatives in each of their particular areas.