



***NASHVILLE DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION
& MULTIMODAL INFRASTRUCTURE***

VISION ZERO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

February 11, 2025

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**Sonny West Conference Center, Howard Office Bldg
700 2nd Ave S, Nashville, TN 37210**

Committee Overview

This 15-member group serves to increase collaboration and ensures effective implementation of Nashville's Vision Zero plan. The committee meets in-person monthly and acts as a guide to assist NDOT and others in eliminating fatal and serious injury crashes in Nashville.

Notice to Public

Agendas are posted online before each meeting at <https://www.nashville.gov/departments/transportation/plans-and-programs/vision-zero/advisory-committee>

Speaking to the Committee

Anyone can speak before the committee during a public hearing. An NDOT staff member presents each item, followed by public comment period, then committee discussion. Community members are asked to speak for two minutes each, at the discretion of the chair, and direct their comments to the committee.



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1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by Peter Robison.

2) Roll Call

Present: Peter Robison, Hannah Sasscer, Sam Warlick, Chris Bowe, Wesley Smith, Charles Weingartner, Ryan Renfro, Lindsey Ganson, Olivia Ranseen, Dylan Ringel, Austin Fernandez, Landon Clark

Absent: Jeremiah Wooten, Robin Lovett-Owen, Kim Ayers, Stephanie Owens

Staff Present: Piro Meleby, Valeria Martinez, Anna Dearman, Robyn Strain

3) Approval of Minutes for January Meeting

December minutes approved.

January minutes approved.

4) Public Comments

No public comment

5) Fatal Crash Statistics Update

Mr. Meleby presented on year-to-date roadway fatalities.

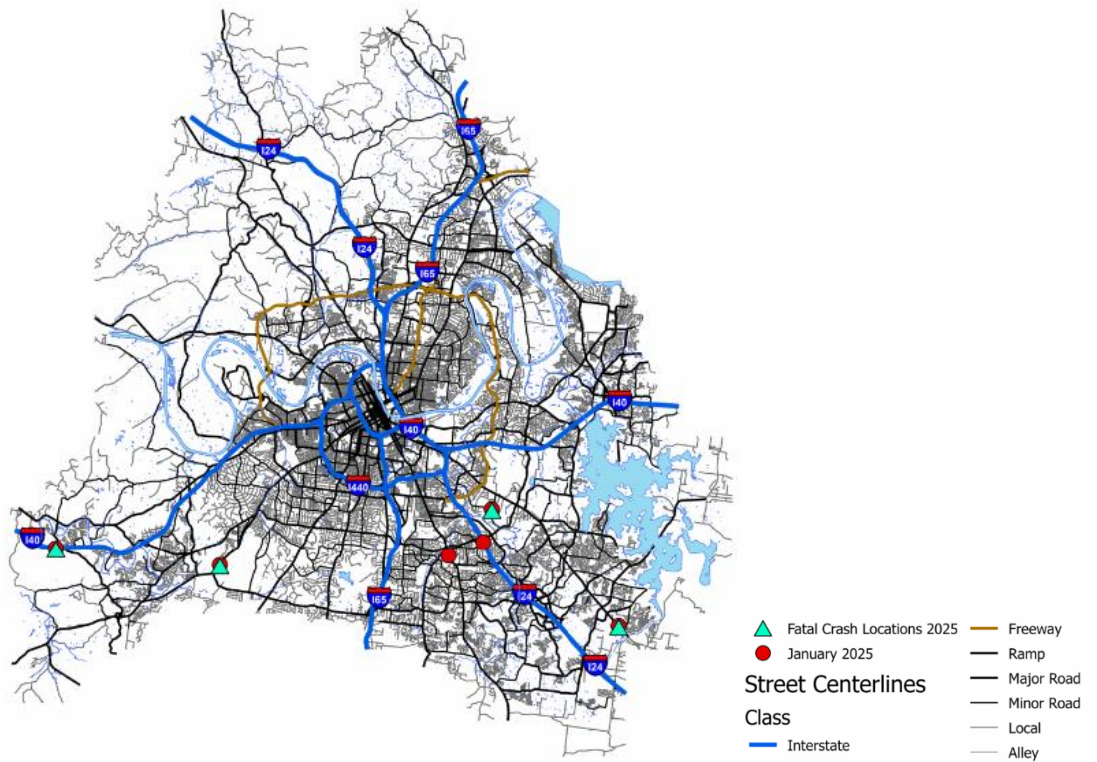
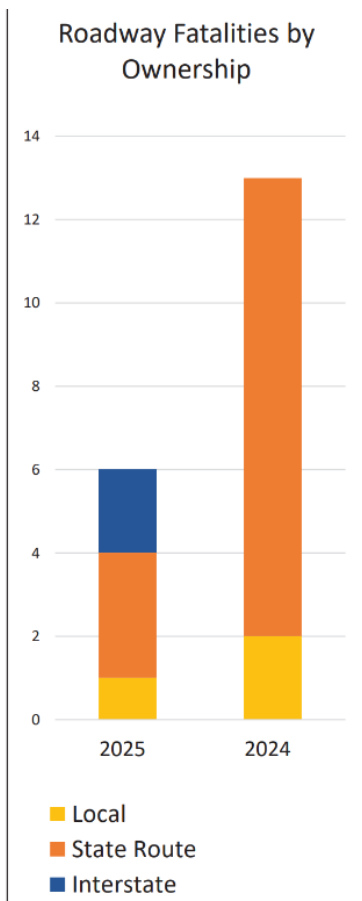
Chair Robison commented on the fatal crashes around Warner Park. He described the HWY 100 around the pilons area as unforgiving and advocates for the four-lane highway to be reduced to two lanes with a divider.

Mr. Bowe noted in general that all fatalities can be attributed to distracted driving.

2025 Roadway Fatalities

By Ownership	2025	2024	Change (%)	January
Interstate	2	0	#DIV/0!	1
State Route	3	11	-73%	2
Local	1	2	-50%	1
Total	6	13	-54%	4

NDOT Jurisdiction (Local + State Route)	2025	2024	Change (%)	January
Vehicle	0	9	-100%	0
Pedestrian	1	4	-75%	1
Motorcycle	1	0	#DIV/0!	0
Bicycle	0	0	#DIV/0!	0
Single Vehicle	3	0	#DIV/0!	2
Total	4	13	-69%	3



6) Items to be discussed:

Schools discussion moved to the next meeting. PHB install and costs moved to the next meeting. Internal GIS tracking for VZ projects and fatal crash recommendations are under development.

7) Communications

Reports from Vision Zero Advisory Committee Members and Subcommittees

New Member Subcommittee

Did not meet in February.

Outreach Subcommittee-Landon Clark

- The Outreach Subcommittee has drafted and co sponsored a letter with Metro Nashville's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to request alternative designs for the East Bank Blvd. A motion to join the resolution was unanimously adopted. Chair Robison would like to see all names connected with the resolution on the email.
- Event by WBN and Families for Safe Streets. The Annual Pedestrian Memorial Service was held on February 22, 2025, and was open to the public.

Planning and Engineering Subcommittee-Ryan Renfro

The Planning and Engineering Subcommittee reviewed the East Thompson Lane Mobility Project and provided comments to NDOT staff.

Fatal Crash Investigation Subcommittee-Hannah Sasscer

Change format for Mr. Meleby-The Fatal Crash Subcommittee requested changes to the overview and reporting during monthly meetings

Strategic Planning Subcommittee-Charles Weingartner

The Strategic Planning Committee met and discussed strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities

8) New Discussion

Brandon Darks (brandon.darks@tn.gov) Manager from the TDOT Project Safety Office-Traffic Design Division presented the Tennessee Strategic Highway Safety Plan 2025-2029 to the committee.

Mr. Darks highlighted the areas of emphasis:

1. Data Collection and Analysis-predominately to aid in problem identification and countermeasure evaluation.
2. Driver Behavior-severely impaired drivers are responsible for 47% of rural crashes and 53% of urban crashes.
3. Infrastructure Improvements-primarily focused on roadway departures, lane departures, intersections, and railroad crossings-all of which accounted for 77% of fatalities and 79% of serious injuries between 2018 and 2022.
4. Vulnerable Road Users-from 2018 through 2022, fatal and seriously injured pedestrian crashes increased by 44% and serious or fatal cyclist-related crashes rose by 18%.
5. Operational Improvements-although work-zone fatalities decreased by 13% from the previous period of 2013 through 2017, there is currently a slight uptick.
6. Motor Carrier Safety-severe crashes involving large trucks accounted for 8% of all fatalities and serious injuries in Tennessee from 2018-2022. That percentage is on the rise.

Starting in February 2025, the Steering Committee will hold quarterly meetings to track Action Item performance.

9) Adjournment 7:03 pm