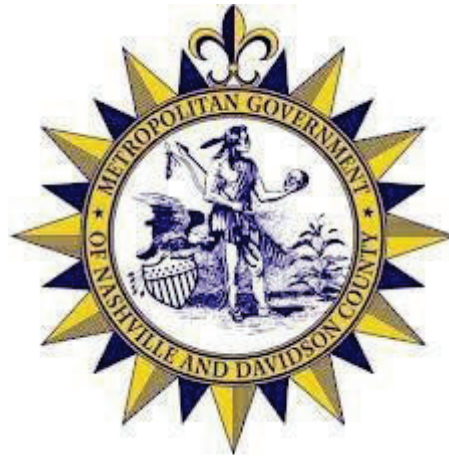




***NASHVILLE DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION
& MULTIMODAL INFRASTRUCTURE***

VISION ZERO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

**March 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

Meeting called to order by Mr. Robison at 5:00.

2) Roll Call

Members Present: Dylan Ringel, Charles Weingartner, Jeremiah Wooten, Peter Robison, Olivia Ranseen, Austin Fernandez, Ryan Renfro, Sam Warlick, Stephanie Owens, Kim Ayers

Members Absent: Hannah Sasscer, Chris Bowe, Wesley Smith, Landon Clark, Robin Lovett-Owen, Lindsey Ganson

Staff Present: Valeria Martinez, Piro Meleby, Shandi Edgecombe, Cortnye Stone, Robyn Strain

3) Approval of February Meeting Minutes

Mr. Warlick motioned to approve. Approval by unanimous vote.

4) Public Comments

Mr. Weingartner, speaking as a member of the public, promoted his Middle TN Cycling's April 5th -11th campaign "Bike Blitz" requesting community members submit ped/bike related HUB requests. He will be posting instructional videos for those unfamiliar with HUB Nashville submissions.

Shandi Edgecombe spoke about work with Nashville Connector, a transpiration demand management program within NDOT.

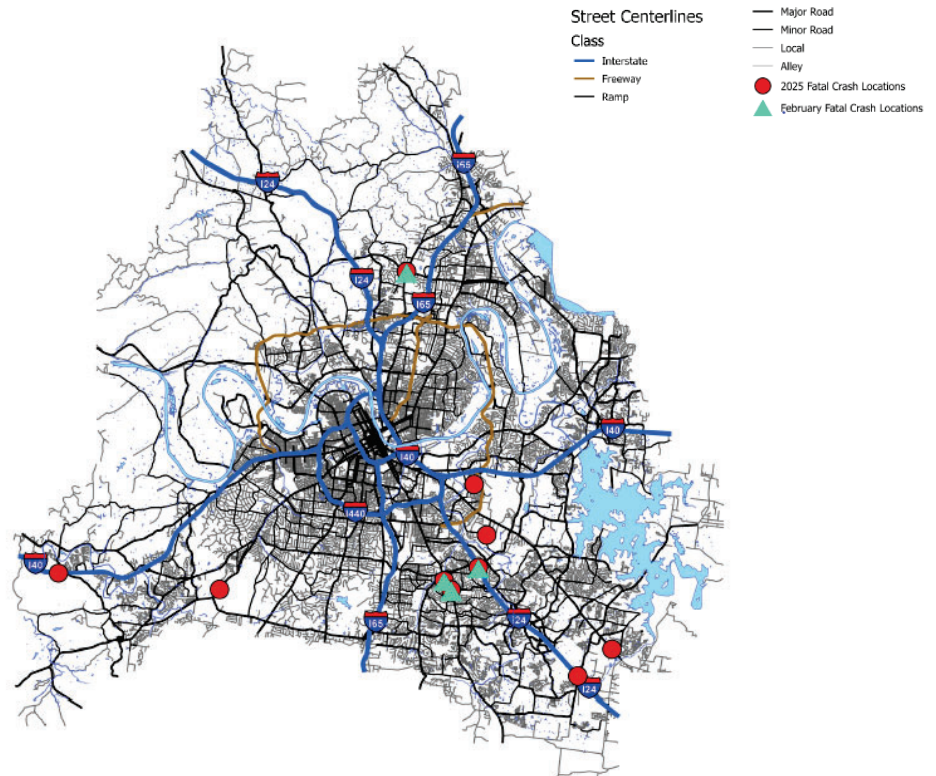
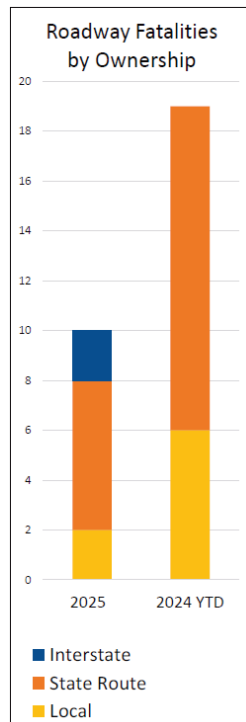
Pedestrian crash victim, Mary Childers, spoke of her desire to use her experience as someone severely injured by a pedestrian crash to serve her fellow citizens. She is interested in learning more and becoming involved in Vision Zero implementation and communication.



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5) Fatal Crash Statistics Update- Piro Meleby



At the request of the committee last month, Mr. Meleby presented a look back at previous fatal crash statistics over the past 3 years for the following locations:

- Lafayette St. between University Ct. & Fairfield Ave.
 - 49 crashes in 2022, 51 in 2023 and 47 in 2024
- Murfreesboro Pk. & Thompson Ln.
 - 53 crashes in 2022, 57 in 2023 and 45 in 2024.
- Murfreesboro Pk between Ransom Pl. & Edge O Lake Dr.
 - 72 crashes in 2022, 98 in 2023 and 69 in 2024.
- Myatt Dr. & Roosevelt Ave.
 - 3 crashes in 2022, 3 in 2023 and 3 in 2024.

His presentation covered improvements already completed in these areas as well as planned future improvements.

Questions and Comments:

Mr. Wooten expressed interest in getting data on whether Lafayette improvements are having intended results. He also asked for clarification on the difference between city posts and delineators, and suggests delineators for Murfreesboro Rd/Thompson Ln improvements.

Mr. Warlick is interested in seeing the wide shoulders on Murfreesboro Pk. at Ransom Pl. and Edge O Lake Dr. used for dedicated bus lanes.

Mr. Wooten supports the center line hardening and would like more of the same at key areas. Piro confirmed that plans were underway to expand this type of improvement.



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Mr. Weingartner is a proponent of Myatt Dr. speed reduction from Anderson Ln to OHB. He defines the area as inherently hazardous and wants to avoid fatalities.

Mr. Meleby confirmed that much of Murfreesboro Pk is amid a speed study.

6) Vision Zero Marketing and Education Overview-Cortnye Stone (NDOT Director of Strategic Communications and Policy)

Ms. Stone presented to the committee on marketing and education related to Vision Zero. She discussed:

- The Safe System Approach and the role of education and encouragement.
- Brand awareness and community buy-in through engagement & empowerment.
- Strategies for influencing driver behavior.
- How Vision Zero marketing and education is funded.
- How citizens and committee members can become involved.

Questions and Comments:

- Mr. Robison-What does NDOT do to gauge effectiveness of Vision Zero?

Ms. Stone-NDOT focuses on behavior change, and measures changes in public sentiment regarding different travel modalities pre and post engagement and education. Mr. Robison commented that it will be difficult to control for the number of changes in the city overall.

- Ms. Owens-Does NDOT have any influence over how road knowledge and driving skill is evaluated in the driver's license exam?

Ms. Stone-While driver's license testing is a TDOT function, there are increasing conversations with regional entities, including NDOT, about specific issues that need to be addressed.

- Ms. Ranseen-How does NDOT handle organized efforts to bar safety improvements?

Ms. Stone-Mr. Langer, of NDOT Communications, has developed a 4-tiered approach to address community concerns and need for information regarding changes and how those changes impact the larger community.

- Mr. Fernandez-Are there any Vision Zero programs targeting truly reckless driving?

Ms. Stone-The Safe Systems approach is about duplicating safety measures so that if one factor, including driver behavior, fails, other aspects of the system can pick up the slack.

7) Reports from Vision Zero Advisory Committee Members and Subcommittees

(i) New Member Subcommittee

No report.



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(ii) Outreach Subcommittee

Met-WalkBike Nashville Open Streets presentation.

(iii) Planning and Engineering Subcommittee

Met-spent catching new member Mr. Fernandez up on past activity.

(iv) Fatal Crash Investigation Subcommittee

Expressed appreciation for Mr. Meleby's historical look at crash statistics; Ms. Martinez would like to involve members of the subcommittee in onsite visits in the future.

Mr. Weingartner requested regular updates on crash site visit opportunities for committee.

(v) Strategic Planning Subcommittee

Met-discussed a quarterly budget report.

Discussed ideas about kickstarting back logged projects. Plan to explore this further with Ms. Ganson.

8) Administrator Updates: 5 minutes:

(i) Active Speed Studies- Valeria Martinez (NDOT Staff)

- Gallatin Pike (scheduling stakeholder meetings)
- Nolensville Pike (Finalizing)
- Clarksville Pike (Finalizing)
- Murfreesboro (Finalizing)
- Bell Road (Reduced, TC in progress)
- Ewing Drive (In progress, AWS passed TPC)
- Antioch Pike (~Spring/Summer 25 kickoff)
- Harding Pike (~Spring/Summer 25 kickoff)
- Edmonson Pike (~Spring/Summer 25 kickoff)

Mr. Wooten objected to asking for permission to make safety improvements like speed reduction. Ms. Martinez and Ms. Stone emphasized the difference between engagement and education.

(ii) Approved materials for bikeways delineation – Valeria Martinez (NDOT Staff)

Ms. Martinez emphasized the need for education to teach people to use new devices like pedestrian signals.

9) New Discussion:

Mr. Warlick is interested in pedestrian counts. Ms. Martinez explained that accurate counts are not currently available. There are sites that report numbers, but the methodology cannot be relied upon for accuracy. NDOT is also interested in these counts and discussions are underway to identify a reliable process.

10) Adjournment: 7:09