

Multimodal Access Closure Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 06/12/25 (1:30 pm – 2:30 pm)

Member	Department	Attended
Sam Phillips	Contractor Representative	No
Jeff Duncan	Metro Water Services	Yes
Rob Mortensen	Broadway Entertainment Association	No
Katie Freudberg	WeGo Representative	Yes
Sarah Fugate	TDOT Representative	Yes
Wesley Smith	WalkBike Representative	No
Tommy Jones	NDOT Representative	Yes
John Melia	Metro Police Department	Yes
Wes Hamilton	Contractor Representative	No
Michael Hayes	Developer Representative	No
Lawrence Hutchison	Metro Fire Department	Yes
Brady Rich	Metro Codes	Yes
Gary Steele	Nashville Electric Service	Yes
Ryan Woodson	Site Plan Engineer	Yes
David Corman	Nashville Downtown Partnership	No

1) 4501 Gallatin Pike

- **Applicant:** Adam Kan - Avenue Construction (akan@avenueconstruction.com)
- **Location:** 4501 Gallatin Pike between Gwynn Dr. and Broadmoor Dr.
- **Time Frame:** July 2025 – September
- **Project Description:** Low-income housing project with required stormwater upgrades installing along the edge of Gallatin Pike.
- **Type of Closure:** Closure of the “shoulder” and sidewalk of Gallatin Pike to allow for excavation work and pedestrian path of travel.
 - Not to impede in any travel lanes.
 - Work hours M-F (7 am – 4 pm).
 - Coordination with WeGo has already been completed to temporarily move the bus stop while it is being enhanced with the new work.
- **Why Closure is Needed:** Crosswalks are too far away to cross pedestrians across the street and work cannot be complete without closing the sidewalk/curb/gutter where the new pip is going in.
- **Public Comment:**
 - There was no public comment at this time.
- **Questions/Suggestions:**
 - Replacing existing stormwater line that runs under sidewalk/curb/gutter.
 - Proposing closing 12 ft shoulder and route pedestrians around work area/equipment.
 - Project does not plan to impact traffic lanes.
 - 6–8-week duration and will most likely will start around August/September timeframe.
 - CHYM coordination recommended if they plan to change the curb line.
 - Temporarily relocating bus stop and integrating new bus stop into the project
 - Corner drainage relocation conversations with water to be finalized.

- **Conclusion:**
 - Approved, contingent upon inlet coordination being completed. Must ensure alternate pedestrian path meets ADA requirements.

2) 131 8th Avenue South

- **Applicant:** Aaron Wiederhold - DPR Construction (aaron.wiederhold@dpr.com)
- **Location:** 131 8th Avenue South between McGavock St and Demonbreun St
- **Time Frame:** July 2025 to October 2027 (40 months)
- **Project Description:** Construction of hotel at 8th and Demonbreun
- **Type of Closure:** Full sidewalk closure of the block between Demonbreun St and McGavock St along 8th Avenue South and lane closure along Demonbreun St from 8th Avenue South.
- **Why Closure is Needed:** This project is a full redevelopment of 131 8th Avenue South and includes reconstruction of the sidewalk within the block, as well as foundation construction close to the right-of-way. During construction, access will be restricted for safety of the public.
- **Public Comment:**
 - There was no public comment at this time.
- **Questions/Suggestions:**
 - 3 general phases for the project but 2a and 2b go hand in hand.
 - Sidewalk is being reconstructed as part of the project.
 - Temporary mid-block crossing will be established during sidewalk closure.
 - Two options: closing center turn lane or closing bike lane.
 - Turn lane movements is higher than bike lane usage.
 - Due to depth of vault don't want traffic up against vault – this phase will roughly start in November 2025 and end in July 2027.
 - Roughly 1 year before being seen above grade due to depth of hole.
 - 3 levels of underground parking with transformer vault.
 - Storm and sanitary will also need to be done but these will be separate night work permits. Working with utilities to relocate.
 - Will bring curb ramps up to compliance as part of this project.
 - Cars will enter and exit from garage on 8th Ave.
 - Off-site parking for the project will be secured before work starts.
 - Lay down and buck hoist will be inside project fence.
 - Alley is currently managed by Metro.
 - Project is planning to use a cocoon system which is a metal fence that grows with the project to protect the public.
 - Using alley for loading and unloading.
 - All of all and streets and the alley they are effecting will be repaved.
 - Have an app that will schedule delivery times to ensure no stacking.
 - Need to ensure trucks will not be unloading during peak travel times.
 - Adjacent garage is currently condemned.
 - 160 ft project site.
 - Busy bike lane – 11 bike peak movement (30-40 bikes in a day).
 - Did not get a direction split but they will investigate.

- Busy intersection – 50 peak left turns.
 - Left turn lane removal would compound traffic.
 - Art museum is already having trouble getting out which could cause traffic to back up further.
- Taking away the turn lane will have a huge impact on this area. The committee is recommending having bikers merge with traffic over removing the turn lane.
 - Need to follow up with Walk Bike Nashville as they did not have representation during this meeting.
 - Understand this is a frequently used bike lane but not removing the turn lane is the recommendation because in this case you are not taking away the option to bike but if you remove the turn lane you are taking away this option.
- 8th Ave in on TDOTs list for 2026. Any work here will have to be a separate TDOT permit.
- **Conclusion:**
 - Committee recommended the left turn lane remain open contingent upon all deliveries being coordinated with onsite NDOT inspector.