

# **NOLENSVILLE PIKE ALL-ACCESS CORRIDOR FAQ**

## **All About the Choose How You Move All-Access Corridors**

### **1. What is Choose How You Move?**

Choose How You Move (CHYM), approved by 66% of voters in 2024, is Mayor O’Connell’s transportation improvement program and the largest capital program in geographic scope and scale to be undertaken in Nashville’s history. The \$3.1 billion capital program will transform how people move around the city for decades to come.

CHYM includes installation of smart signals at nearly 600 intersections. It adds 24/7/365 transit service and builds 54 miles of high-capacity bus transit with more frequent, reliable, and accessible service. It builds 86 miles of sidewalks to ensure Nashville completes the WalkNBike Nashville priority sidewalk network and connects our busiest neighborhoods to major transit routes. The program makes safety improvements on 78 miles of local streets that are part of the Vision Zero High-Injury Network, creating safer streets for pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, and transit users alike.

### **2. What is an All-Access Corridor?**

All-Access Corridors (AACs) are Nashville’s most heavily traveled roadways that will receive a complete upgrade through Choose How You Move. Each corridor integrates high-frequency bus service with strategically located transit lanes, smarter signals, and safety and accessibility improvements.

AACs are designed to:

- Improve safety, especially in high-crash areas
- Reduce congestion and improve travel-time reliability
- Increase the speed and capacity of public transit
- Support neighborhood connectivity with better walking, biking, and rolling infrastructure

### **3. Why is Nashville building All-Access Corridors?**

AACs are a core component of the Choose How You Move (CHYM) Transportation Improvement Program, which aims to upgrade the city’s most heavily traveled roadways and transit network, and provide safe, reliable mobility options.

# Nolensville Pike All-Access Corridor Overview

## 4. What is the Nolensville Pike All-Access Corridor?

The Nolensville Pike AAC will modernize Nolensville Pike, connecting the Elizabeth Duff WeGo Central Transit Center to the future SoBro Transit Center, and continuing toward southeast Davidson County at Harding Place. The investment will include multimodal improvements and high-frequency transit upgrades, including strategically located lanes for bus services, and other transit-supportive elements such as level boarding and signal priority.

## 5. Why was Nolensville Pike selected as Nashville’s first corridor?

Nolensville Pike was selected to advance first because it combines high transit demand, urgent safety needs, and complexities that require early technical analysis and coordination with Metro departments, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) and the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT). It is one of Nashville’s most heavily traveled roadways, carrying up to 40,000 vehicles daily and serving one of WeGo’s highest-ridership routes. WeGo’s Route 52 runs every 10 minutes during peak hours, carries more than 2,800 riders per day, and is now operating at 116 percent of pre-pandemic ridership

The corridor also has significant safety challenges. Nolensville Pike is part of Metro’s Vision Zero High Injury Network and TDOT’s Pedestrian Road Safety Initiative, with pedestrians involved in roughly 40 percent of severe and fatal crashes since 2014. Several intersections along the corridor rank among the most dangerous in the city for people walking and for all roadway users.

Nolensville Pike experiences consistent congestion-related impacts to WeGo’s on-time performance. It also offers important opportunities for supportive infrastructure at key points along the route such as identified locations for transit centers and park-and-ride facilities. The corridor would be competitive to receive federal funding, and advancing this corridor first will allow Nashville to deliver early improvements while establishing a strong foundation for future All-Access Corridors.

## 6. What major destinations does the Nolensville Pike AAC serve?

The following destinations make Nolensville Pike a critical north-south connection for daily travel, special events, and regional access:

- Geodis Park
- Fairgrounds Nashville
- Nashville Zoo
- Many parks, schools, libraries, and civic amenities
- Two planned transit centers (see attached map)

- Future park-and-ride locations (see attached map)
- Multiple businesses, nonprofits, and residential communities

## 7. Are other All-Access Corridors still moving forward?

Yes, other All-Access Corridors are actively moving forward as part of the Choose How You Move program. CHYM was designed as a long-term, countywide investment program, and will deliver multiple major corridors with thoughtful sequencing.

Nolensville Pike is among the first corridors to advance because it requires considerable upfront technical work and coordination. Beginning that work early helps manage complexity, reduce risk, and keep the overall CHYM program on schedule – supporting timely delivery across *all* All-Access Corridors. CHYM’s recent [\\$104 million capital-investment announcement](#) also included funding to advance work on additional All-Access Corridors, including Gallatin Pike/Main Street and downtown. Planning and preparation for the remaining corridors will continue based on readiness, community needs, funding alignment, and coordination with partner agencies. Depending upon the study’s assessment, other AACs may connect to Nolensville to leverage federal funding and improve project competitiveness. Nolensville Pike is a first step toward delivering the full long-term vision approved by voters.

## Public Impact and Community Context

### 8. How will the Nolensville Pike AAC improve safety?

Nolensville Pike has a long history of severe crashes and multiple high-risk intersections, making safety a top priority for this project. The AAC is designed to rebuild the street with essential infrastructure for a modern city connected to frequent transit. Planned improvements may include:

- **Enhanced pedestrian crossings** with safer signal timing, shorter crossing distances, and more visible markings.
- **Improved lighting** to increase visibility at night and reduce the likelihood of crashes involving people walking or biking.
- **Intersection redesigns** that simplify vehicular movements, calm traffic, and reduce conflict points in known danger zones.
- **Protected and accessible pathways** to give people walking and rolling a safer, more comfortable way to travel along and across the corridor.

## 9. How does this work build on prior planning and community input along Nolensville Pike?

Advancing the Nolensville Pike All-Access Corridor builds on **more than a decade of planning, technical analysis, and community visioning**. The corridor has been the focus of extensive citywide, regional, and corridor-specific efforts that consistently identified Nolensville Pike as a priority for safety, multimodal access, and transit investment.

These efforts include long-range plans such as NashvilleNext, adopted community plans for South and Southeast Nashville, Metro's Vision Zero Action Plan, and multiple Nolensville Pike-specific studies focused on safety and transit performance. A notable example is Envision Nolensville Pike, a community-driven initiative centered on lived experience – particularly of limited-income, immigrant, and historically underrepresented neighbors – that identified strategies for improving mobility while minimizing displacement.

Choose How You Move translates this extensive body of work and sustained public engagement into implementation. As planning and design move forward, the project will continue to engage impacted stakeholders and neighbors to refine concepts, evaluate trade-offs, and ensure improvements reflect local priorities while improving safety, reliability, and access.

## 10. How will transit service improve?

By combining modernized traffic signals, frequent, all-day transit service, dedicated transit lanes in key locations, and other types of lane treatments the project will:

- Significantly **improve travel-time reliability** by reducing delays caused by traffic congestion and unpredictable travel conditions.
- Increase **transit speed and performance**, shortening trips, and improving consistency across the corridor.
- Provide **more frequent, dependable service**, making it easier for riders to plan their day without long waits or schedule uncertainty.
- Strengthen **connections to major destinations** such as downtown, Geodis Park, the Nashville Zoo, schools, parks, and civic amenities.
- Support diversification of the **city's transportation options**, by making transit an easier choice for Nashvillians and improving mobility for everyone.
- Create a more **comfortable experience for WeGo customers** through better stops, safer crossings, improved accessibility, and clearer rider information.

## 11. Will this project support future growth?

Yes. Nolensville Pike is a major arterial corridor serving neighborhoods that are experiencing rapid change as envisioned by NashvilleNext. All-Access Corridor upgrades are intended to help manage

this growth in a way that supports existing residents and businesses by improving safety, reliability, and access for everyone who uses the roadway.

The project focuses on creating a transportation system that can responsibly accommodate current and anticipated travel needs. By improving multimodal options, enhancing safety, and modernizing infrastructure, the AAC aims to reduce strain on the corridor, support local mobility, and help neighborhoods adapt to growth pressures without compromising quality-of-life.

## 12. How will residents and businesses share input?

We will actively engage with the residents and businesses in Nashville through:

- Public meetings and workshops
- Online engagement tools, including [hubNashville](#)
- Social media
- Stakeholder briefings
- Regular updates through WeGo, NDOT, and Choose How You Move channels

## Process and Delivery

### 13. What steps are involved in the project development process for an All-Access Corridor?

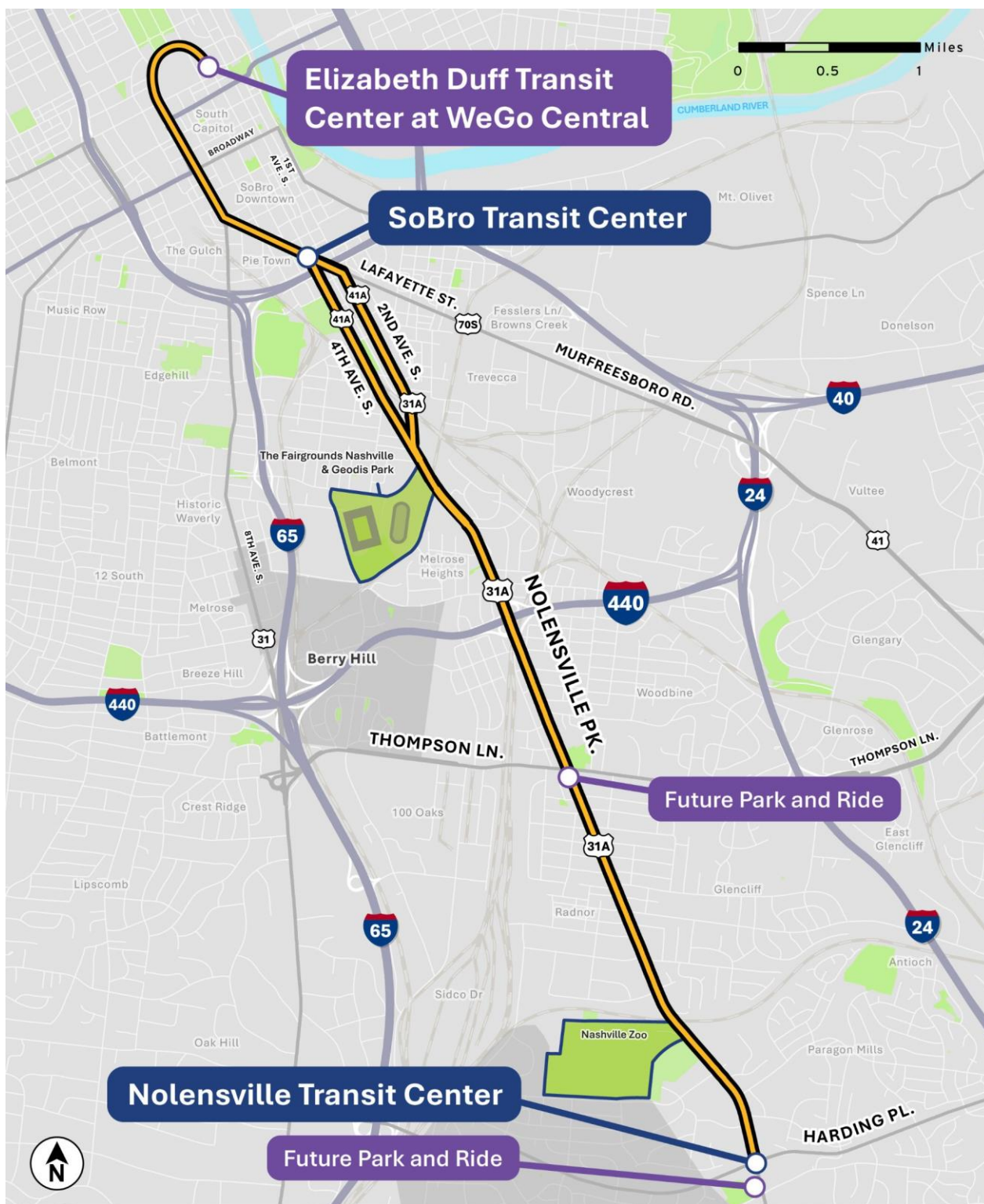
The All-Access Corridor process for Nolensville will follow a federally compliant planning and engineering path to ensure competitiveness for federal funding. It begins with an Alternatives Analysis assessing multimodal strategies and roadway configurations. Preliminary Engineering then refines those concepts using technical analysis, traffic modeling, and conceptual layouts. A National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review is conducted throughout the length of the corridor to evaluate environmental impacts and to secure required federal approvals. This ensures the preferred design is safe, feasible, and ready to advance into the final stages of project development. Since Nolensville is a part of the state highway network, significant coordination with TDOT during this process will be essential to the corridor’s success.

### 14. What agencies will oversee the project development process?

The Nolensville Pike AAC is being developed in partnership with the Choose How You Move (CHYM) Program Office, WeGo Public Transit, the Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure (NDOT), and the Nashville Planning Department. Together, these agencies coordinate planning, engineering, environmental review, transit integration, and broader mobility goals. Other departments will be critical stakeholders in project delivery, including the Metro-Nashville Department of Information Technology Services, Metro Water Services, and other utilities. TDOT will also be a significant partner in the project’s design, construction, maintenance, and operations.

## 15. How is this project funded?

The current study phase of Nolensville Pike AAC is funded under the voter-approved Choose How You Move program, which prioritizes major corridor upgrades.



### Conceptual Nolensville All-Access Corridor