TRAFFIC ENGINEERING STAFF REPORT FOR
THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION

NEW BUSINESS ITEM # 1 – Proposal #2012M-018AB-001

A request to abandon a portion of Clark Place from 6th Avenue South to 8th Avenue South, 7th Avenue South from Demonbreun Street to Shirley Street, Shirley Street from 6th Avenue South to 8th Avenue South along the northern side of Korean Veterans Boulevard, a strip of 6th Avenue South along its westerly side from Demonbreun Street to Korean Veterans Boulevard, a strip of 6th Avenue South along its eastern side from Korean Veterans Boulevard to the southern property line of parcel 475 on Map 93-10, a portion of Alley #114 from Shirley Street northward to its terminus at the southern property line of parcel 114 on Map 93-10, Alley #137 from 7th Avenue South to Alley #145 and a portion of Alley #145 from Shirley Street to Alley #137 including the abandonment and relocation of all utilities in all rights-of-way.
Requested By: Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Cannon Inc., applicant, the Metro Convention Center Authority. Council District 19

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

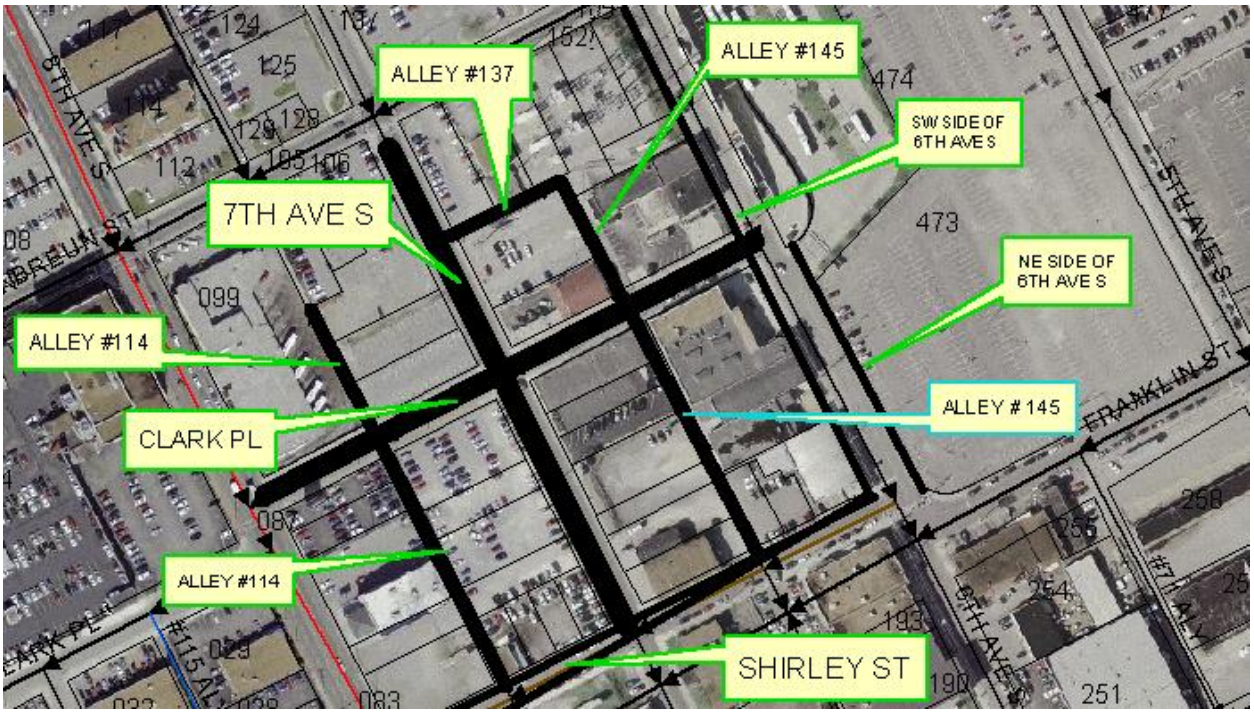
The staff is recommending approval.

DISCUSSION

The portions of these streets to be abandoned are unpaved at this time. Metro Public Works has no plans to utilize this land for traffic purposes.

COUNCIL BILL STATUS

A Council Bill has not been filed for the November 13, 2012 Metro Council meeting date. The Planning Department administratively approved this mandatory referral on October 31, 2012.



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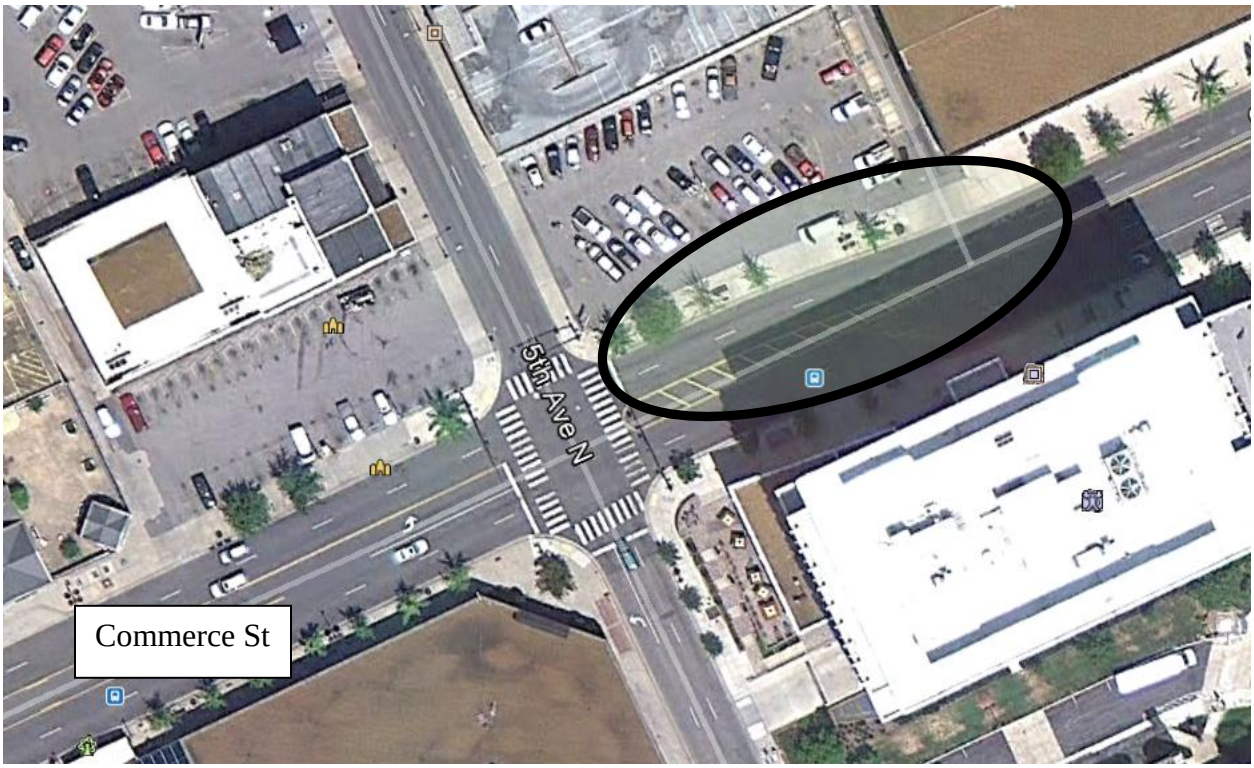
November 5, 2012

NEW BUSINESS ITEM # 4 – "Bus Parking Only" on Commerce Street near 5th Av N

A request from the Metro Nashville Police Department to remove the "bus parking only" area on Commerce Street near 5th Av N.



DISCUSSION

Commerce Street, near 5th Avenue North, is a 5-lane roadway, approximately 60′ in width. Currently, northeast of Commerce St at 5th Av N, there is an area signed as "bus parking only". This area was signed as "bus parking only" in January 2012, after receiving approval from the Traffic and Parking Commission, based on a request to investigate the feasibility of removing the previously existing "No Parking" signs and installing the bus signs.

It should be noted, that there is an MTA bus stop within this area. The MTA stop has been in place for several years. The MTA bus stop does not create a congestion or safety concern as the bus stop duration is brief and the number of passengers loading and unloading are relatively low. Note: bus stops can be located within a "No Parking" area as the short duration stops are not considered to be 'parking'.

However, the Metro Nashville Police Department and Metro Public Works are experiencing other issues in this area. When buses park in this area, the longer duration lane blockage is creating traffic congestion and safety concerns. Observation indicates that when a bus is parked, the traffic backs up into the intersection and vehicles make sudden lane changes. In addition, passengers utilizing the services of the parked bus, cross Commerce Street outside of marked, protected pedestrian crossings.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff is recommending approval to remove the "bus parking only" signs and re-install the "no parking" signs. This approval should have an effective date January 1, 2013 to allow current users time to make other arrangements.

KARL F. DEAN
MAYOR

METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

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November 9, 2012
MEMORANDUM:

TO: Randy Lovett, Acting Director of Public Works

VIA: Mark Macy, Engineering Director

FROM: Walter Knauf, Traffic Engineer

RE: Traffic Engineering activity report for October 2012

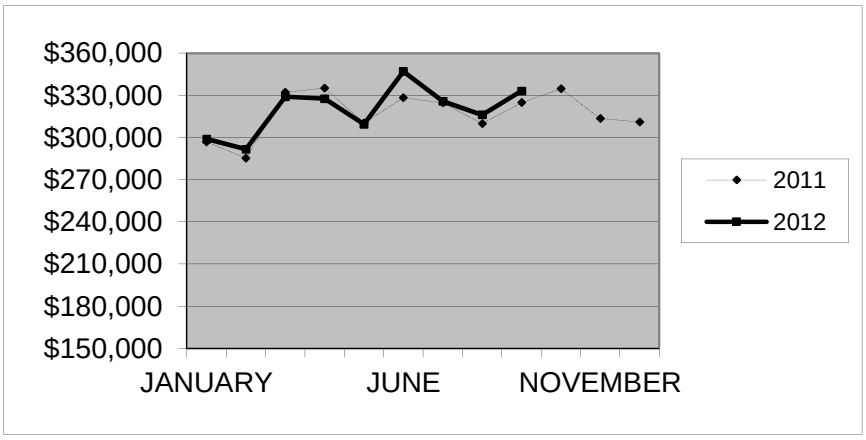
	Completed (month)	Completed (YTD)
Engineering Studies:	292	2481
Design review:	6	44

METROPOLITAN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
PARKING DIVISION

Oct-12

GARAGE REVENUE

	2011	2012
JANUARY	$297,007	$299,069
FEBRUARY	$285,464	$291,783
MARCH	$332,247	$329,056
APRIL	$335,274	$327,742
MAY	$310,331	$309,382
JUNE	$328,456	$347,082
JULY	$324,796	$325,795
AUGUST	$310,010	$316,205
SEPTEMBER	$324,844	$333,091
OCTOBER	$334,641	
NOVEMBER	$313,658	
DECEMBER	$311,003	
Total:	$3,807,731	$2,879,205



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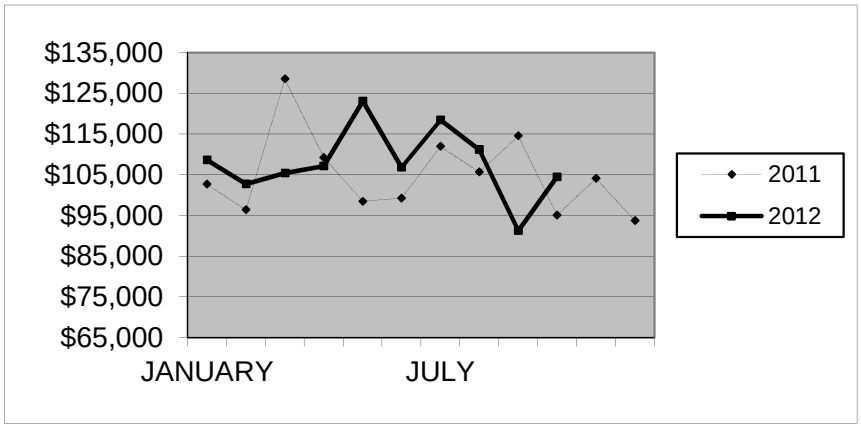
	2011	2012
JANUARY	$102,696	$108,658
FEBRUARY	$96,418	$102,749
MARCH	$128,548	$105,435
APRIL	$109,244	$107,144
MAY	$98,495	$123,102
JUNE	$99,265	$106,855
JULY	$111,945	$118,483
AUGUST	$105,671	$111,186
SEPTEMBER	$114,534	$91,318
OCTOBER	$95,107	$104,546
NOVEMBER	$104,119	
DECEMBER	$93,756	
Total:	$1,259,800	$1,079,477