

**METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT
OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY**

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To: Metropolitan Planning Commission

From: Planning Staff

Re: Staff Report for Item #s 2 – 53

Date: March 25, 2020

The Planning Department is taking precautions outlined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. For cases that do require Commission review, the Department is currently exploring new opportunities to deploy technology in our public meetings to promote safety while continuing our core mission. The Department is currently coordinating with the Metro ITS Department to assess the feasibility of implementing new guidance for public hearing items that allows the Commission and public participants to safely meet remotely.

The Planning Department recommends that Item #s 4-53 as listed on the published agenda be deferred to the regularly scheduled April 9, 2020, Planning Commission meeting. This deferral will enable staff to continue evaluate and implement new technology for remote hearings and will allow time to inform the public about any new public hearing guidelines to ensure strong access to planning decisions.

Staff will prepare and publish a full staff report for each item deferred to the April 9, 2020, Planning Commission meeting according to the regular publication schedule prior to that meeting. As these items are being deferred by action of the Planning Commission at a properly noticed meeting, no new public notices will be required for these items prior to consideration at the April 9, 2020, Planning Commission meeting.

Item #s 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b as listed on the published agenda are recommended for indefinite deferral at the request of the applicant. Items that are indefinitely deferred are required to re-notice per Metro Planning Commission Rules and Procedures prior to appearing on any future agenda. Staff recommends that these items specifically be indefinitely deferred to provide clarification for the public regarding their status.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends indefinite deferral of Item #s 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b as listed on the published agenda. Staff recommends deferral of Item #s 4-53 as listed on the published agenda.