



METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

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AND MULTIMODAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Traffic and Parking Commission

FROM: Jason Oldham, Assistant Chief of Engineering,
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DATE: July 5, 2022

SUBJECT: July 11, 2022, Traffic and Parking Commission Agenda Analysis

1. PURPOSE:

Provide an overview of all items on the upcoming Metropolitan Traffic and Parking Commission agenda to ensure that commission members have the information necessary for discussion and action prior to the commission meeting.

Commissioners are encouraged to contact Nashville Department of Transportation (NDOT) staff prior to the meeting with any questions.

2. STAFF ANALYSIS

Consent Agenda

- a) CD 02: Mandatory referral 2022M-003AB-001, A request for the acceptance of abandonment of a portion of Lock Road right-of-way and easement between Map 07109004800 and 07113000100, requested by Tom White.

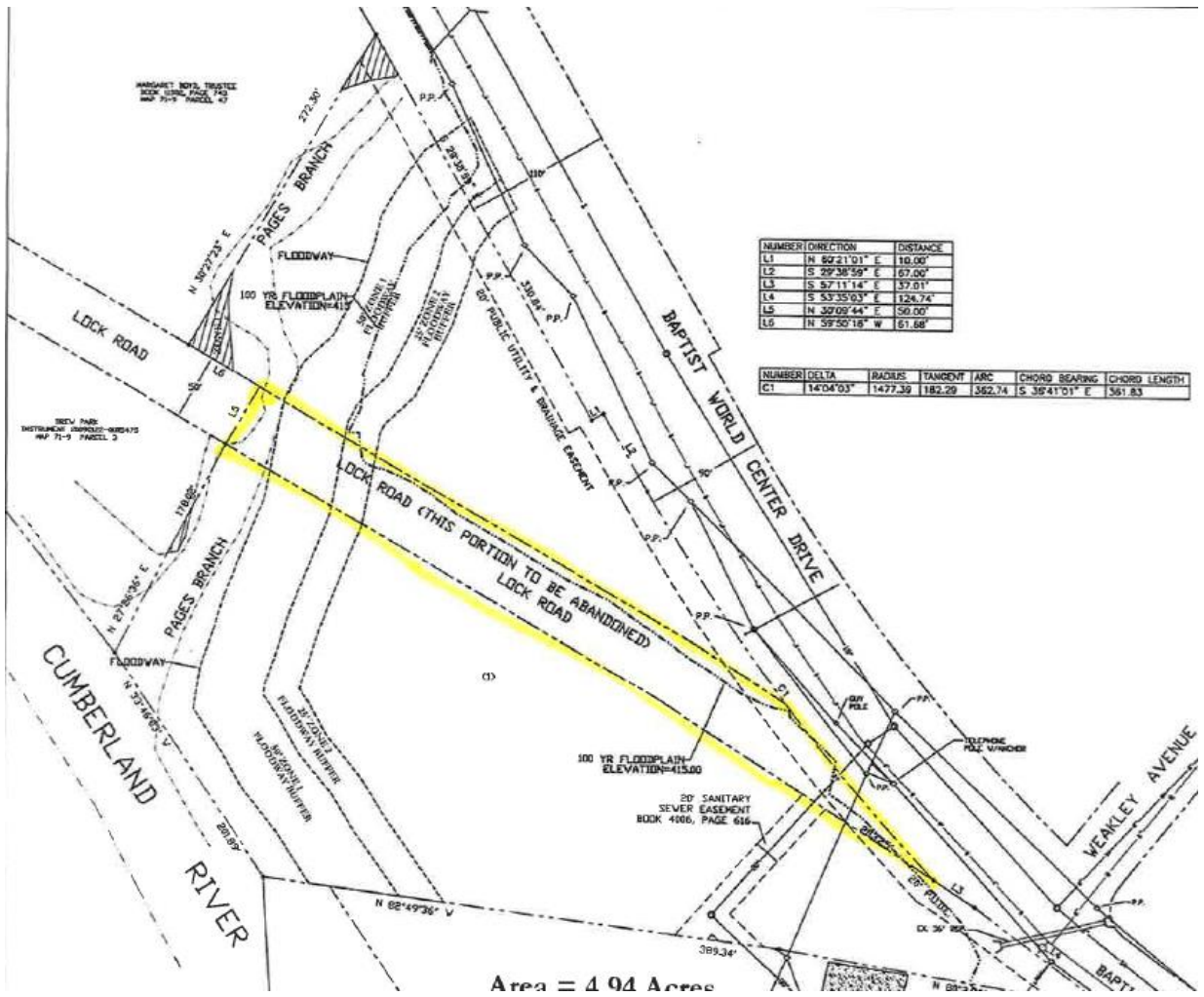


Figure 1. Plan view of Lock Road ROW abandonment.



Figure 2. Baptist World Center Dr. Lock Rd was on the left. Photo from Jan 2022.



Figure 3. Baptist World Center Dr. Lock Rd was on the left. Photo from Jan 2008.

Analysis: This right-of-way abandonment is located between Lock Road and Baptist World Center at the demolished bridge at Pages Branch. The right-of-way is no longer in use and the abandonment will consolidate property under one ownership.

Recommendation: Approval of abandonment of Lock Rd ROW from Baptist World Center Dr to the northwest side of Pages Branch as described in this mandatory referral.

- b) CD 16: Mandatory referral 2022M-004AB-001, a request for the abandonment of a portion of Whitsett Rd right-of-way, with easements retained on Map 119-10, Parcel(s) 038, 245, requested by constituent, SR 1564089.

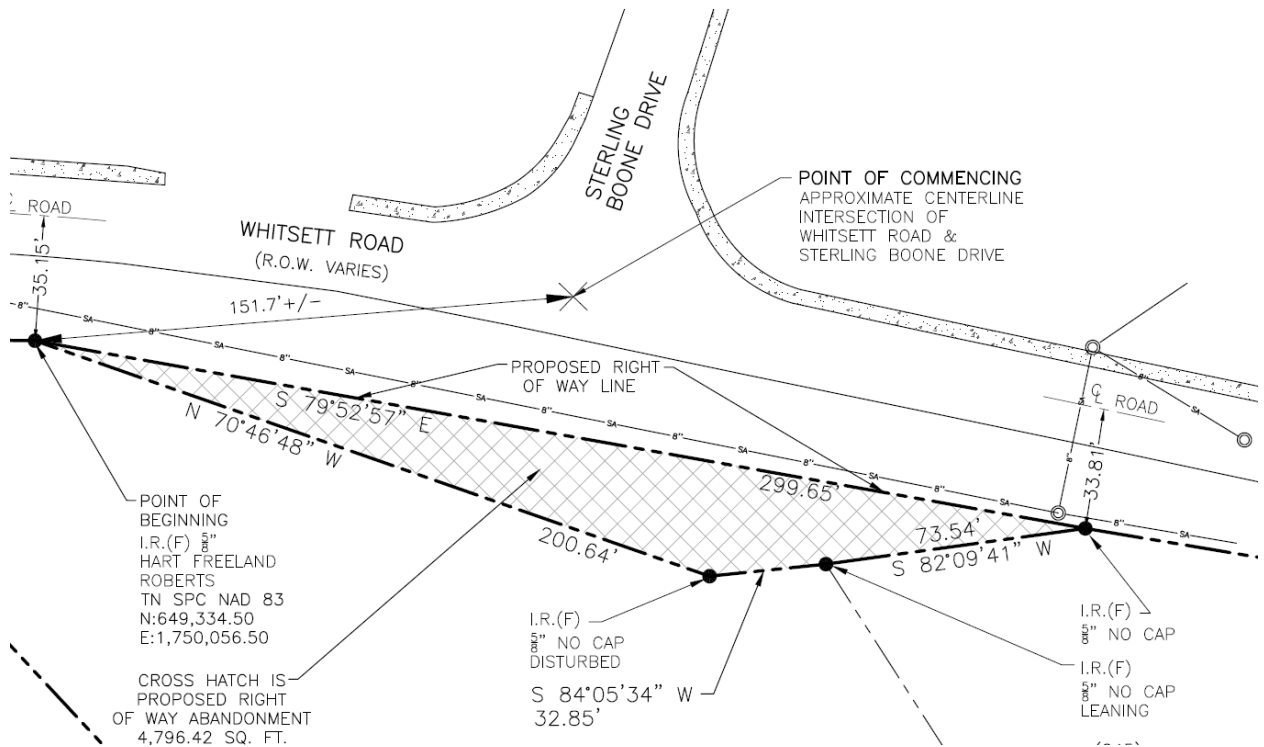


Figure 4. Plan of mandatory referral 2022M-004AB-001 on Whitsett Rd.



Figure 5. Street view of Whitsett Rd at Sterling Boone Dr.

Analysis; This proposed ROW abandonment abuts an unimproved 1.54-acre industrial parcel. The existing zoning is MUL-A-NS, which is designated “Mixed Use Limited, intended for a moderate intensity mixture of residential, retail, restaurant, and office uses.” There is a stop sign at the southern terminus of Sterling Boone Dr. Whitsett Rd is a two-lane road with no stop control signage at this location.

Whitsett Rd is neither an arterial street nor collector on Metro's Major and Collector Street Plan. If this ROW is abandoned, the half-section of Whitsett Rd through the intersection with Sterling Boone Dr will have ROW that varies from 67 ft to 70 ft. For comparison purposes, a non-residential local road should have 60 ft of ROW.

Recommendation: Approval of ROW abandonment on the south side of Whitsett Rd as described in this mandatory referral.

- c) CD 19: Mandatory referral 2022M-005AB-001, a request for the abandonment of Alley #456, with easements retained, from Alley #442 to the terminus of Alley #456, requested by constituent, SR 1568471.

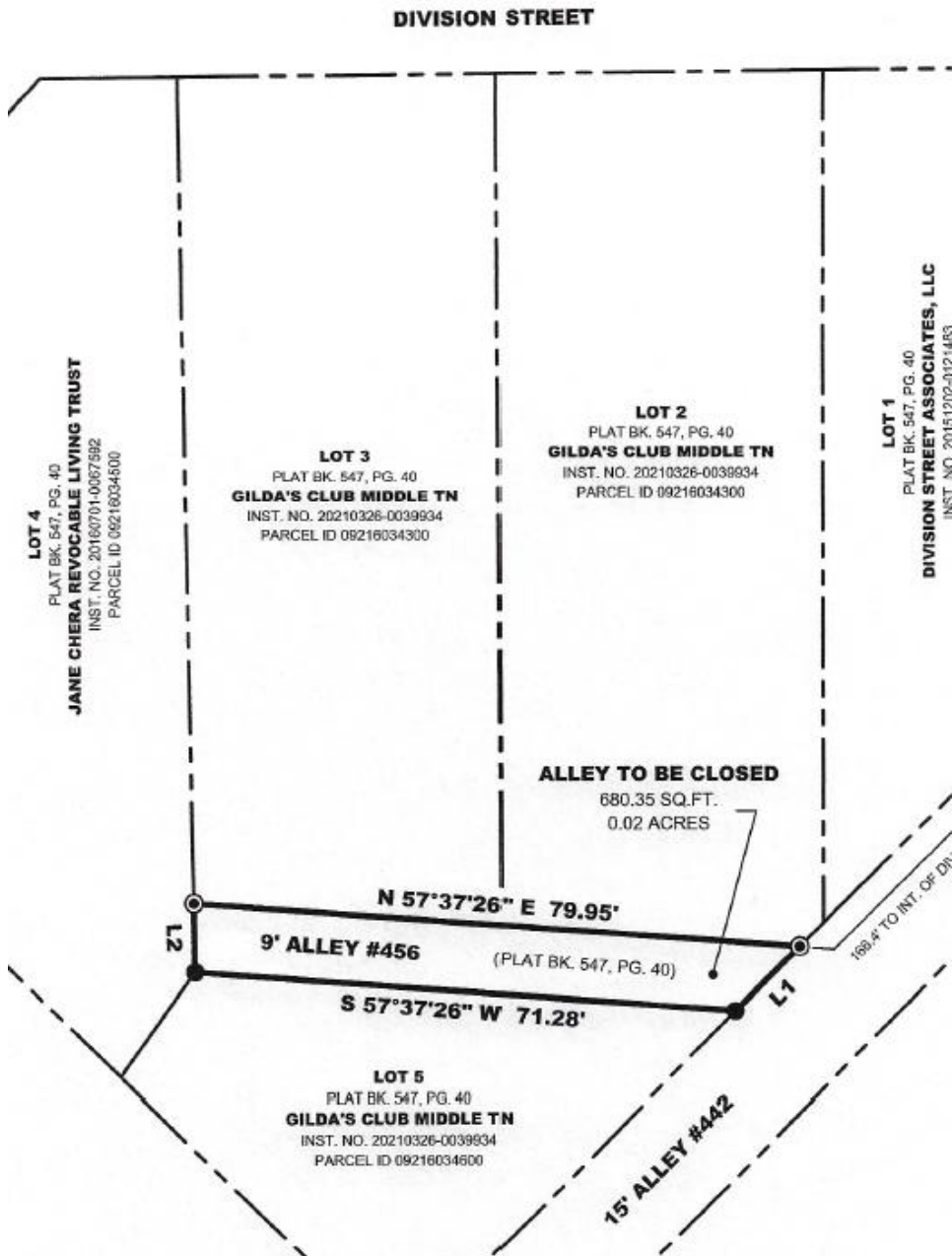


Figure 6. Plan of mandatory referral 2022M-005AB-001 at Alley #456.

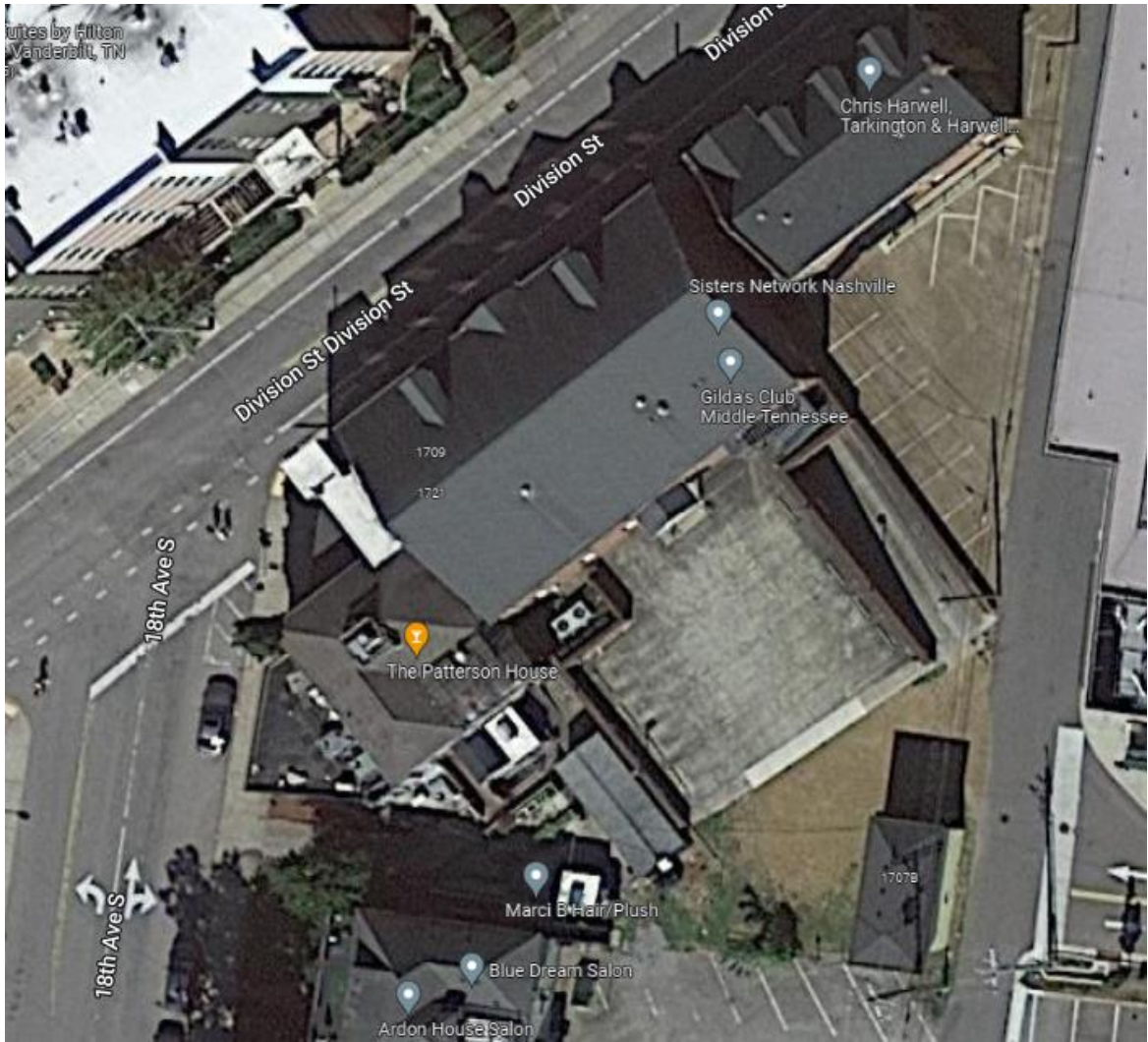


Figure 7. Aerial view of Gilda's Club Middle Tennessee at 1707 Division St. Alley #456 is in the rear gravel lot.



Figure 8. Unimproved Alley #456 is 9 ft wide and about 71 ft long in this gravel area.

Analysis: Unimproved 9-ft Alley #456 separates parcels wholly owned by Gilda’s Club of Middle TN, a breast cancer non-profit. Parcel to the west (left) is already built. This alley is too narrow for movement of traffic, is blocked by a building to the west, and connects only to parcels to the north and south owned by the applicant.

Recommendation: Approval of ROW abandonment of Alley #456, from Alley # 442 to the terminus of Alley #456, as described in this mandatory referral.

Old Business

- d) CD 19: Authorize a request for 50-100 spaces for complementary parking at Public Square Garage for Women Touched by Addiction Day, Saturday July 23, 2022, requested by constituent, SR 1548493.

This item was deferred for one month at the July Commission meeting. Applicant has indicated that the organizer, Mending Hearts, Inc. is a non-profit organization and requests 50-100 spaces

for this event at Public Square Park. While not a Metro sponsored event, former mayor Megan Barry will be a featured speaker. The URL for this event is <https://womentouchedbyaddiction.com/events/>

Free parking is advertised on the event web site at Nissan Stadium Lot T.

Despite being a laudable community event, Metro is not allocating government resources as an event sponsor. The event appears to be an annual event, and alternative location for parking has already been publicized for 2022. The hourly and daily rates for parking at Public Square Garage is \$9/hour or \$20/day. Complementary parking for 50-100 spaces would result in lost revenue between \$1000 and \$2000, assuming daily rates.

NDOT will establish an internal policy for requests for complementary parking that requires approval of NDOT director or designee and also requires that Metro's participation as an event sponsor or as a financial participant in order to be considered for free public parking.

Recommendation: Denial of complementary parking.

- e) Sidewalk vending—consideration of draft regulations.

Analysis: A draft update of sidewalk vendor regulations is provided separately from this analysis. A final update to sidewalk vendor regulations will be provided at the August Commission meeting.

Recommendation: Vote to approve draft sidewalk vendor regulation.