



**- MINUTES -**  
**METROPOLITAN TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION**  
Howard Office Building—Sonny West Conference Room

**November 14, 2022**

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The regular monthly meeting of Howard Office Building Sonny West Conference Room. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

**ATTENDEES**

**COMMISSIONERS**

John Green (Chair), Saralee Woods, Council Member Angie Henderson, Feller Brown, Brandon Mason, Karen Robbins, Santiago Tefel, Meshach Adams, Captain Ken Walburn (MNP)

**STAFF**

NDOT Chief Engineer Brad Freeze, Jason Oldham, Cody Osborne, Marty Sewell, Anna Dearman, Teresa Costonis, Andrew Smith, Korby Bowden, Darlene Thompson

**OTHERS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman John Green called the meeting of November 14, 2022, to order at 3:00 p.m. Chairman John Green announced the appeals process, Metropolitan Code of Laws 2.68.030.

*"If you are not satisfied with a decision made by the Traffic & Parking Commission, you may appeal the decision by filing for a writ of certiorari with the Davidson County Chancery or Circuit Court. Your appeal must be filed within 60 days of the date of the entry of the Commission's decision. We advise that you seek your own independent legal advice to ensure that your appeal is filed in a timely manner and that all procedural requirements have been met."*

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Woods moved for approval of the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The agenda was approved with no objections.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.01. Approval of minutes from October 10, 2022.

- Commissioner Mason moved for approval of the October 10, 2022, minutes. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

### **4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no items under consent agenda.

### **5. REGULAR AGENDA**

There were no items under regular agenda.

### **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6.01. NDOT update to Commissioners on potential 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue bicycle lane alternatives.

- Chief Engineer Brad Freeze, Anna Dearman, and Marty Sewell from NDOT gave a presentation on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue bicycle lane project and recommended that we hold/defer the project until the Connect Downtown Study is finalized. Council Member Henderson commented on the timeline, she is looking for something more specific. Council Member Henderson encouraged staff to proceed as quickly as possible. Staff expects to have an update for the commission prior to the finalization of the study. Council member Henderson spoke about the Fall Capital Spending Plan as she understands it, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave project and Woodland Street projects are funded. Brad Freeze confirmed. Council Member Henderson asked staff if we have identified any additional areas at this juncture. Council Member Henderson would like to make sure we have the funding in place to build the network that we need, making sure we don't have another year lag due to funding cycles. Brad Freeze advised Council Member Henderson that funds had been set aside for implementation of this plan.

Note: *At the end of the meeting* Council Member Henderson asked about a point of clarification around the preceding deferral and no subsequent motion. Council Member Henderson has moved this item be discussed at the December meeting. Commissioner Tefel seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no objections.

6.02. Review and recommend to council proposed amendments to sidewalk vending ordinance.

- Jason Oldham from NDOT provided an overview/update regarding the proposed sidewalk vending ordinance. During the presentation Jason Oldham gave background on why the ordinance has been proposed, who is responsible for permitting and enforcement as well as the dates the advisory committee met to address concerns. The restricted/approved vending area was outlined, and a map was provided. A discussion of fees, and the transfer of power from the clerk's office to NDOT, as well as issuance of fines and who has the issuing authority took place. The three areas highlighted are vending, permitting, and enforcement. A pilot program incentivizing proper vending and authority of the commission to adjust vending areas was briefly discussed. Legal went over the substantial changes made to the ordinance thus far. Commissioner Woods asked for clarification as to what action was being sought by staff, legal clarified staff is looking for a favorable recommendation so that the ordinance can be moved to the Nashville Metro Council for review. Council Member Henderson acknowledged appreciation of the additional work that was put in. Council Member Henderson prompted a discussion regarding setting the amount of the permit fee as well as penalties. Commissioner Mason inquired about the work with NMPD on enforcement and an overview of the pilot program. Brad Freeze spoke to the commission regarding what the enforcement will look like. Jason Oldham spoke regarding the pilot program and how NDOT would like to give vendors a smart fair opportunity to vend. The chair questioned if the technology was already in place for NDOT to take over the permitting process. Jason

Oldham and Brad Freese spoke to a fee study and request for proposals. It is expected the transition from the clerk's office to NDOT take place by Q3 of 2023. The chair asked for clarification regarding the appeals process. Council Member Henderson sought clarification regarding the referenced Heath Permit. Commissioner Woods recommend moving the motion forward. The proposal was amended by commissioner Woods. Commissioner woods then recommended to council the bill as drafted move ahead with the understanding that some editing will be made prior to filing with council. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson. The motion was approved with no objections.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### 7.01. Vision Zero update by NDOT.

- NDOT Chief Engineer Brad Freeze and Jason Oldham spoke to the group providing an update to the Vision Zero project and a brief overview of the five-year action plan. Brad Freeze spoke regarding the High Injury Network being our highest priority, that NDOT is looking at being more proactive in addressing the needs across Nashville. The five themes were discussed: Engineering, Evaluation, Encouragement, Education and Enforcement. Council Member Henderson posed questions regarding the use of crowd sourced rather than paid information to gather near miss data. Brad Freeze provided an update to the quick build projects and transformative projects over the next five years. Staff is currently working to establish an advisory committee, they are currently reviewing the applications and making the selections. The first meeting is scheduled to meet before the end of the year. Staff is currently working closely with MNPD, they are using the information provided to enforce the law on the High Injury Network. Clarification was also provided regarding automated enforcement surrounding school zones. Recent deployments were discussed and clarification regarding the Leading Pedestrian Intervals was provided. Education campaigns were discussed. Council Member Henderson requested a map of all the LPI's that have been deployed. Commissioner Woods requested a future update regarding enforcement, Captain Ken Walburn spoke to the commission regarding the efforts of the police department in the high injury network. No vote was recorded for this item.

## **8. OTHER ITEMS**

There were no items under other items.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Captain Ken Walburn moved to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm.

Approved on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December.

