

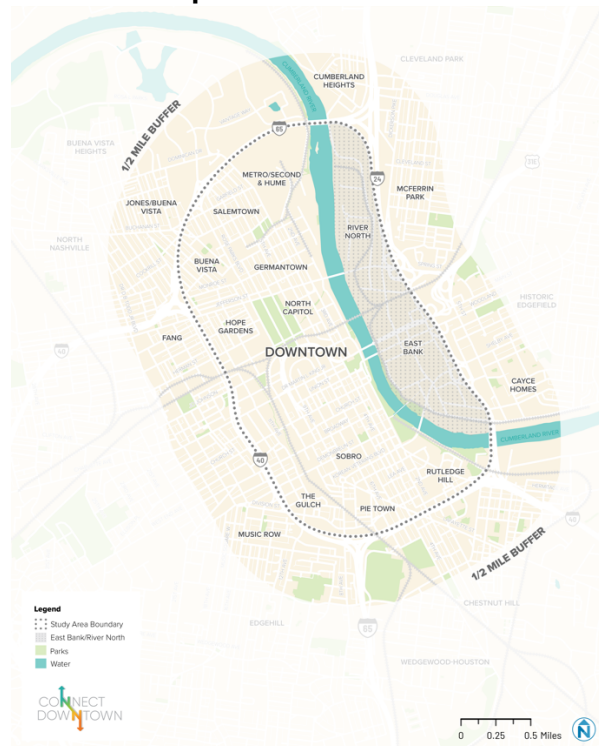


## Connect Downtown Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### 1. What is Connect Downtown?

A 10-year action plan to improve mobility into, around, and through Downtown Nashville. The plan was developed through extensive public and stakeholder input, steering and technical committee input, data analysis, existing studies review, and best practices research.

### 2. What part of Downtown is covered in this plan?



### 3. Why is Connect Downtown needed?

Nashville is experiencing rapid growth in downtown residents, employees, and visitors. There is an increased need for safe, reliable, and connected transportation options Downtown to improve mobility in the core and throughout the region. We must take bold steps to address neighborhood needs to make it work for everyone.



#### **4. Who is involved in the study?**

This is an unprecedented collaboration between Nashville Department of Transportation & Multimodal Infrastructure (NDOT), WeGo Public Transit, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), and the Nashville Downtown Partnership. The group engaged downtown stakeholders and planning partners to develop recommendations based on the community goals of the project.

#### **5. What are the Project Goals?**

The project goals are:

- Create a safe and comfortable transportation network
- Develop a connected and convenient mobility system
- Ensure equitable and accessible mobility options
- Address sustainability and resiliency
- Maintain a vibrant and inviting area for residents and businesses
- Expand and enhance a balanced and reliable mobility network

#### **6. What does the study recommend?**

The study recommends five “Big Moves” to address mobility and congestion in downtown:

- Manage Congestion through improved traffic operations
- Improve Safety by advancing Vision Zero projects and programs
- Move More People by prioritizing buses on key corridors
- Create Complete Networks to connect the transportation system
- Maximize the Curb for efficient deliveries, service vehicles and passenger pickup/drop off

#### **7. How can I find out more about the 10-Year Action Plan?**

You can view the Action Plan [here](#).

#### **8. How can I provide comments on the action plan?**

The Connect Downtown project has entered the final community outreach phase, with the public comment period ending December 22, 2023. During this phase of outreach, we need to hear from you. You can attend one of our public open houses on November 14 or 15 (details on [project webpage](#)) or view the [Action Plan](#) and provide comments using this [survey](#).



## 9. How will I be impacted by the Connect Downtown Action Plan?

Connect Downtown is a plan for Nashville. We see the following impacts on the community:

- **Impact on Downtown Residents:**
  - Downtown residents will experience a reduction in traffic congestion due to transit priority lanes, connected mobility lanes, and prioritized curb uses that give people options and keep traffic moving.
  - This means quicker and more efficient travel within the city, whether by car, public transit, or on foot or by bike.
  - Moving to, through, and within Downtown will be safer, more efficient, and more reliable.
  
- **Impact on Businesses:**
  - These investments are critical for our local businesses.
  - By reducing congestion and making it easier for customers to access shops and services, we will have a safer, more vibrant, and more prosperous commercial environment.
  - Identifying priority loading and unloading areas helps improve the efficiency of business operations, allowing businesses to receive deliveries more quickly.
  
- **Impact on Nashville Residents and Visitors:**
  - These recommended improvements will ensure that all Nashville residents and visitors experience a more seamless transportation experience, whether:
    - commuting to work,
    - heading Downtown for dinner, a show, or a game,
    - taking a ride on a greenway, or
    - enjoying everything the city offers.
  - Reduced congestion means more reliable and less stressful journeys in, around, and through Downtown.
  - Faster, more frequent, and more reliable transit options provide greater flexibility for commuting and exploring the city.

