How Let’s Move Nashville Will Benefit Walking & Cycling

7 Reasons Walk Bike Nashville Supports the Plan

1. SAVING LIVES: Our city pays a huge cost – in terms of lives lost and dollars spent – on traffic fatalities and injuries. In 2017 alone 23 people were killed walking. This is unacceptable. The Transportation Plan presents a once in a lifetime opportunity to rebuild our most dangerous corridors to ensure they are safe for people walking.

2. PLANNING FOR GROWTH: Our city is growing, but our roads are at capacity. In order to accommodate that growth while also providing affordable living we must invest in other ways to get around. The plan focuses on Complete Streets that accommodate transit, walking and parallel bikeways.

3. SUPPORTING WALKABLE DEVELOPMENTS: To be truly walkable, a neighborhood must be compact enough to make walking useful. Transit is essential to supporting compact, walkable neighborhoods and reducing car-based sprawl.

4. EQUITABLE ACCESS: To access most jobs and houses in Nashville today you have to own a car. The Transportation Plan will provide transportation choices to a wider variety of Nashvillians by investing in buses, light rail, Access Ride, walking, and bicycling.

5. AFFORDABLE LIVING: Affordability isn’t just about housing costs. The average Nashville household spends $12,000 or 22% of their income on transportation each year. The Transportation Plan reduces the transportation burden for families by providing options, offers free or reduced fares to our most vulnerable residents, and will allow for affordable housing investments along transit corridors.

6. DEDICATED, LONG-TERM FUNDING FOR ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION: The infrastructure investments laid out in the Transportation Plan will provide our city’s first dedicated source of funding for non-automobile transportation. This is an unparalleled opportunity to expand the impact of our advocacy and ensure walking and bicycling are included in major infrastructure projects. The plan is flexible on design, so we can work to ensure the projects focus on safe and complete streets. But only if it is approved!

7. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO WAIT: Anyone who walks, rides a bike or takes the bus in our city knows we have a lot of work to do to make our city safer and more accessible. We cannot wait to get serious about funding and building a better transportation system. This is a chance we cannot miss.

About Walk Bike Nashville

Since 1998 Walk Bike Nashville has worked to make Nashville a more walkable, bikeable and livable city. Our vision includes a Nashville where all people thrive, partly because they have equal opportunities for active transportation. We want people to have transportation options, no matter who they are or where they need to go.

Walk Bike Nashville is excited to be a partner of Transit for Nashville, a broad coalition supporting the Mayor’s Transportation Plan, Let’s Move Nashville. The plan is a bold initiative to provide Nashville with a transportation system that benefits Nashvillians today and in the future.
Why Is the Transportation Plan Good for Walking & Biking?

The Let’s Move Nashville Transportation Plan will support walking and biking directly with funds for needed infrastructure, and indirectly through investing in public transportation. Nearly all transit trips start on foot or bicycle, so investments in walking and bicycling infrastructure are essential to the success of a transit system. In turn transit supports land use and street designs that prioritize people, rather than single-occupancy vehicles.

What’s in the Transportation Plan for Walking & Biking?

The transportation plan proposes spending $5.4 Billion over the next 14 years to make Nashville a city with safe, accessible and reliable transportation options for everyone. Here’s what the plan includes for walking and biking:

+ Once in a lifetime opportunity for an estimated 30 miles new sidewalks and other pedestrian improvements along Gallatin, Charlotte, Nolensville, and Murfreesboro, representing three of the four most deadly corridors for people walking.
+ ADA and sidewalk improvements to bus corridors and within ½ mile of bus stops
+ $9.5 Million a year for local transportation improvements including sidewalks, bicycle improvements, traffic calming, and upgraded school zones across the city
+ Investments in expanded bike share
+ Up to 21 transit centers with high walking and bicycling accessibility. This will include shelters, pedestrian facilities and secure bike parking.
+ Opportunities for greenway, bikeway and sidewalk connections at downtown transit tunnel terminals and under railroad bridges on Northwest Corridor, Charlotte and Nolensville
+ Complete Street design concepts for all projects. The Transportation Plan emphasizes that these improvements are not just along transit routes, but will connect the major stops into surrounding neighborhoods.

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