

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION NO. RS2022-1326

A resolution requesting the Metropolitan Planning Commission and Metropolitan Planning Department review and amend as needed the current general plan for Nashville and Davidson County, NashvilleNext: A General Plan for Nashville & Davidson County, no later than June 30, 2023.

WHEREAS, the current general plan, NashvilleNext: A General Plan for Nashville & Davidson County, was initially adopted in June of 2015 and amended in August of 2017; and

WHEREAS, NashvilleNext includes a Land Use, Transportation, & Infrastructure elements section, an Access Nashville 2040 Transportation Plan, and a Major and Collector Streets Plan; and

WHEREAS, NashvilleNext also includes 14 Community Plans, which establish Community Character Policies to guide land use decisions throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, the process to create NashvilleNext engaged thousands of Nashvillians from throughout the county across three years; and

WHEREAS, many Metro Nashville Departments created or updated master plans to incorporate or reflect NashvilleNext, engaging many more Nashvillians; and

WHEREAS, NashvilleNext recommends an ongoing process to keep the Plan up to date as the General Plan for Nashville & Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, NashvilleNext was last comprehensively updated in 2017, at which time it incorporated the Walk n Bike Master, the nMotion Transit Plan, and the Plan to Play Parks Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has prepared a number of small area updates to NashvilleNext, including Music Row, Haynes-Trinity, Dickerson Pike, Wedgewood Houston / Chestnut Hill, Lebanon Pike, Highland Heights, and Charlotte Pike, among others; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department uses the Community Plan Amendment process to keep NashvilleNext up to date in areas beginning to undergo land use change; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has committed to maintaining contact with communities throughout the county, outside of development proposals and small-area studies; and

WHEREAS, the rate of growth and development within Nashville and Davidson County has outpaced the growth that was anticipated when NashvilleNext was adopted; and

WHEREAS, the continued and projected substantial growth of Nashville and Davidson County necessitates an updated analysis of the land use character areas, infrastructure needs, and transportation needs necessary to adequately support a burgeoning population ~~beyond what is currently considered for in NashvilleNext~~ in some parts of the county; and

~~WHEREAS, the current land use policies in place no longer match what residents want to see in their neighborhoods and communities; and~~

WHEREAS, a review and update to NashvilleNext will lead to more community engagement in the process and more continuity in the land use policy across the city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as requesting that the Metropolitan Planning Commission and Metropolitan Planning Department review the current general plan, NashvilleNext: A General Plan for Nashville & Davidson County and amend it as necessary ~~based on the actualized rate of growth of Nashville and Davidson County and community input. This review and amendment process shall be completed,~~ no later than June 30, 2023.

Section 2. That the Metropolitan Council requests that the Metropolitan Planning Department undertake the following geographic policy area reviews with the relevant District Councilmember:

- Conduct a small area study of Bordeaux commercial districts and neighborhoods in District 2.
- Review Suburban Neighborhood Evolving policies along Ewing Drive between I-24 and I-65 in District 2.
- Extend Suburban Community Center or Rural Neighborhood Center policies west along Old Hickory Boulevard from I-24 toward Lickton Creek Pike within District 3.
- Review Urban Corridor policies along Myatt Drive and Anderson Lane and Urban Neighborhood Evolving policies along DuPont Avenue within District 9.
- Review Suburban Neighborhood Evolving policy areas around Stewarts Ferry Pike and John Hagar Road within District 12.
- Review Urban Neighborhood Evolving policies in the Fall-Hamilton and Chestnut Hill character areas of the Wedgewood Houston/Chestnut Hill Urban Design Overlay in District 17. (Note that the policy change would not affect the UDO.)
- Review Urban Neighborhood Maintenance policy in the Russworm Heights neighborhood along Rosedale Ave in District 17.
- Review Urban Neighborhood Evolving policies generally between Clifton Avenue and Jefferson Street and I-40 and the railroad in District 21.
- Review Urban Neighborhood Evolving policies north of Charlotte Pike and between 37th Avenue North and the I-40/I-440 interchange in Districts 21 and 24.
- Conduct a small area study of Cane Ridge neighborhoods in District 31.

The reviews should determine whether a long-range planning study or a change during the aforementioned NashvilleNext update is most appropriate. If inclusion with the NashvilleNext update is determined to be appropriate, Planning staff and the District Councilmember should develop an appropriate study area, proposed Community Character Policy, and statement of need for the change. Planning staff will identify or create opportunities for interested community members to provide input on the necessity of the proposed changes.

Section 3. That the Metropolitan Council requests that the Metropolitan Planning Department include proposed changes with broad community support into its next comprehensive NashvilleNext update.

Section 4. That the Metropolitan Clerk is authorized to send a copy of this resolution to Metropolitan Planning Commission and Metropolitan Planning Department.

Section 35. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville & Davidson County requiring it.

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