

LEGISLATIVE TRACKING FORM

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Contact/Prepared By: JHoneysucker/PDeaner Date Prepared: 8/4/2025

Title (Caption): A resolution supporting a proposed landscaping project by the Metropolitan Department of Water and Sewerage Services, in cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), at the interchange of TN State Highway 155 and County Hospital Road (Proposal No. 2025M-032AG-001).

Submitted to Planning Commission? _____ N/A _____ Yes-Date: _____ Proposal No: ^{DS} SP

Proposing Department: Metro Water Services Requested By: Scott Potter

Affected Department(s): _____ Affected Council District(s): 1

Legislative Category (check one):

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| ☐ Bonds | ☐ Contract Approval | ☒ Intergovernmental Agreement |
| ☐ Budget – Pay Plan | ☐ Donation | ☐ Lease |
| ☐ Budget – 4% | ☐ Easement Abandonment | ☐ Maps |
| ☐ Capital Improvements | ☐ Easement Accept/Acquisition | ☐ Master List A&E |
| ☐ Capital Outlay Notes | ☐ Grant | ☐ Settlement of Claims/Lawsuits |
| ☐ Code Amendment | ☐ Grant Application | ☐ Street/Highway Improvements |
| ☐ Condemnation | ☐ Improvement Acc. | ☐ Other: |

FINANCE Amount+/-: \$ -0-

Funding Source: ☐ Capital Improvement Budget
☐ Capital Outlay Notes
☐ Departmental/Agency Budget
☐ Funds to Metro
☐ General Obligation Bonds
☐ Grant
☒ Increased Revenue Sources ^{DS} AP

Approved by OMB: AC

Approved by Finance/Accounts: _____

Approved by Div Grants Coordination: _____

Match: \$ -0-

☐ Judgment and Losses
☐ Local Government Investment Project
☐ Revenue Bonds
☐ Self-Insured Liability
☐ Solid Waste Reserve
☐ Unappropriated Fund Balance
☐ 4% Fund
 Other: _____

Date to Finance Director's Office: _____

APPROVED BY

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE: _____

ADMINISTRATION

Council District Member Sponsors: _____

Council Committee Chair Sponsors: _____

Approved by Administration: _____ Date: _____

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Date to Dept. of Law: _____ Approved by Department of Law: _____

Settlement Resolution/Memorandum Approved by: _____

Date to Council: _____ For Council Meeting: _____ E-mailed Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A resolution supporting a proposed landscaping project by the Metropolitan Department of Water and Sewerage Services, in cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), at the interchange of TN State Highway 155 and County Hospital Road (Proposal No. 2025M-032AG-001).

WHEREAS, pursuant to Mayor Freddie O'Connell's Executive Order No.41, the urban tree canopy is a recognized utility, managed as an asset with tree protection and expansion programs. Pursuant to Section 2.01(8) of its Charter, the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County adorns its streets, roads, alleys, and walkways with trees; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Government conducts landscaping activities, including the planting and maintenance of trees, through the Department of Water and Sewerage Services and other departments of the Metropolitan Government; and

WHEREAS, Metro Water Services provides for the installation and maintenance of trees within the public right-of-way and coordinates Metropolitan Tree Policy within Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the interchange of Tennessee State Highway 155 and County Hospital Road, located adjacent to the Cumberland River, is a major highway intersection consisting of approximately fifteen (15) acres of land currently devoid of trees or other landscaping; and

WHEREAS, Metro Water Services and the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) wish to improve the appearance and functionality of this interchange with landscaping, including the planting of appropriate tree species, pursuant to the *TDOT Guidelines for Gateway Projects* and *TDOT Landscape Design Guidelines*; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a proposed landscaping plan, Metro Water Services desires to plant a variety of tree species within the public right-of-way spaces enclosed within the interchange; and

WHEREAS, the *TDOT Guidelines for Gateway Projects* require landscaping project applications for state highway locations to include "a resolution passed by the relevant local legislative body in support of the proposed landscaping project" and as well as "an approval letter from the affected county executive/mayor or municipal mayor"; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Application describing the proposed landscaping plan is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and a copy of the approval letter from Mayor Freddie O'Connell, dated July 28, 2025, is attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 12-9-104(b) authorizes the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to enter into agreements with the State by resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Metropolitan Government and the citizens of Davidson County that the Metropolitan Council support this proposed landscaping plan.

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

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby expresses its support for the proposed landscaping plan for the interchange of State Highway 155 and County Hospital Road, prepared by the Metropolitan Department of Water and Sewerage Services in cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Transportation, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

RECOMMENDED BY:

DocuSigned by:



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Scott A. Potter, Director
Water and Sewerage Services

INTRODUCED BY:

APPROVED AS TO THE
AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:

Signed by:



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Jenneen Reed, Director
Department of Finance

Council Member(s)

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGALITY:

Signed by:



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Assistant Metropolitan Attorney

**Tennessee Department of Transportation
Supplemental information in
Support of Planting TN 155 (Briley Parkway) and County Hospital Road
Interchange, Davidson County, TN**

**Prepared by:
Metropolitan Department of Water and Sewerage Services**

Applicant: Metropolitan Department of Water and Sewerage Services
1607A County Hospital Road
Nashville, TN 37218
ATTN: Mike Jameson
mike.jameson@nashville.gov
(615) 862-4508

Resolution from Metropolitan Government of Nashville & Davidson Co.:

Attached.

Planting Location:

TN 155 (Briley Parkway) and County Hospital Road Interchange – northwest, northeast, and southeast quadrants. (See, Location and Planting Area maps below).

Plant types:

Trees:

American smoketree, Dwarf chinkapin oak, Eastern redbud, Nellie R. Stevens holly, Canadian serviceberry, Foster's holly, Green hawthorn, and Washington hawthorn

Understory/shrubs:

None.

Planting Plan Narrative:

SITE LOCATIONS: The selected tree species will be planted within the internal areas as illustrated in the Planting Area map below. It is the intent of Metro Water Services to plant from early November 2025 to mid-February 2026.

SITE PREP AND PLANTING: Prior to planting, each tree location will be inspected for the presence of underground utilities per Tennessee One Call (*aka* TN-811) and marked with white flags. Trees will be delivered in ball & burlap and/or #7 containers, sized at 1.5 to 2" inch caliper and 6' to 8' feet in height. (Some variation in size is expected due to species differences.) Each tree planting location will be hand dug and planted by professional contractors engaged by Metro Water services through standard procurement

processes. Once planted, each tree will be mulched, staked, and affixed with trunk guards. Any dead vegetation and debris will be removed. All trees will be planted in accordance with TN Division of Forestry Guidelines ([Riparian Buffer Handbook Appendix G-1](#)).

SPECIES CHARACTERISTICS: The selected species (American smoketree, Dwarf chinkapin oak, Eastern redbud, Nellie R. Stevens holly, Canadian serviceberry, Foster's holly, Green hawthorn, and Washington hawthorn) are small-to-medium sized trees, none of which exceed 30-35 feet at full maturity. These tree species have been selected for their color, hardiness, drought tolerance, and limited height (to prevent visual obstruction).

The specific dimensions at maturity of each species, sample images, and its clear zone (*i.e.*, the distance from the center of tree to the nearest pavement border) are set forth below:

1. **American Smoketree** (*Cotinus obovatus*)

- Trunk Diameter: 12–18 inches
- Spread: 15–30 feet
- Height: 20–30 feet
- Clear zone: 94 feet



2. Canadian Serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*)

- Trunk Diameter: 6–12 inches
- Spread: 10–20 feet
- Height: 15–25 feet
- Clear zone: 113 feet



3. Dwarf Chinkapin Oak (*Quercus prinoides*)

- Trunk Diameter: 4–12 inches
- Spread: 10–20 feet
- Height: 10–20 feet
- Clear zone: 77 feet
- [Alternate option: Overcup oak (*Quercus lyrata*)]



4. Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)

- Trunk Diameter: 6–12 inches
- Spread: 25–35 feet
- Height: 20–30 feet
- Clear zone: 56 feet



5. Foster's Holly (*Ilex × attenuata* 'Fosteri')

- Trunk Diameter: 6–12 inches
- Spread: 10–15 feet
- Height: 20–30 feet
- Clear zone: 115 feet



6. Green Hawthorn (*Crataegus viridis* 'Winter King')

- Trunk Diameter: 6–12 inches
- Spread: 25–30 feet
- Height: 20–35 feet
- Clear zone: 74 feet



7. Nellie R. Stevens Holly (*Ilex* × 'Nellie R. Stevens')

- Trunk Diameter: 6–12 inches
- Spread: 15–25 feet
- Height: 15–25 feet
- Clear zone: 63 feet



8. Washington Hawthorn (*Crataegus phaenopyrum*)

- Trunk Diameter: 6–12 inches
- Spread: 20–25 feet
- Height: 25–30 feet
- Clear zone: 101 feet



Project Cost:

All project costs will be borne by the Metropolitan Department of Water and Sewerage Services. No financial obligation will be assumed by TDOT.

Metro's project costs will be affected by the public bidding process implemented under standard Metro procurement policies. Nevertheless, total project costs for Metro -- for twenty (20) individual trees planted on 50-60 foot centers with subsequent irrigation and maintenance -- are estimated at \$20,000,

Traffic Control Plan and Provisions:

The Metropolitan Department of Water and Sewerage Services and its designated contract vendor will coordinate necessary traffic management with the Nashville Department of Transportation (NDOT) and obtain the necessary Temporary Right-of-Way Closure permit, Lane Closure permit, and/or Road Closure permit during all planting activities.

Maintenance:

Tree maintenance

Following planting, each tree will be mulched, staked, and fitted with deer & mower trunk guards for protection. Thereafter, for a period of two (2) years, each tree will be watered on a weekly basis during summer months, dependent upon local precipitation levels.

During the two-year irrigation period, additional mulching will be provided twice annually, whereupon trees will be dead wooded and dead trees removed/replaced as needed.

Grounds maintenance

The spacious distances between all planted trees will allow for easy passage of mowers. TDOT's current mowing provisions for the interchange area will continue, though only along the outer perimeter of each quadrant. Within the internal planting zone of each quadrant, Metro will assume ground maintenance obligations, during which limited mowing and/or weed eating will be provided around each planted tree during the initial two-year period to limit vegetative competition. Maintenance Access will be accomplished in the same manner as access for the initial planting.

Plan to Protect the plantings:

TDOT approved "No Mow" signs will be installed around the planting zones on approximately 50-100 foot centers.

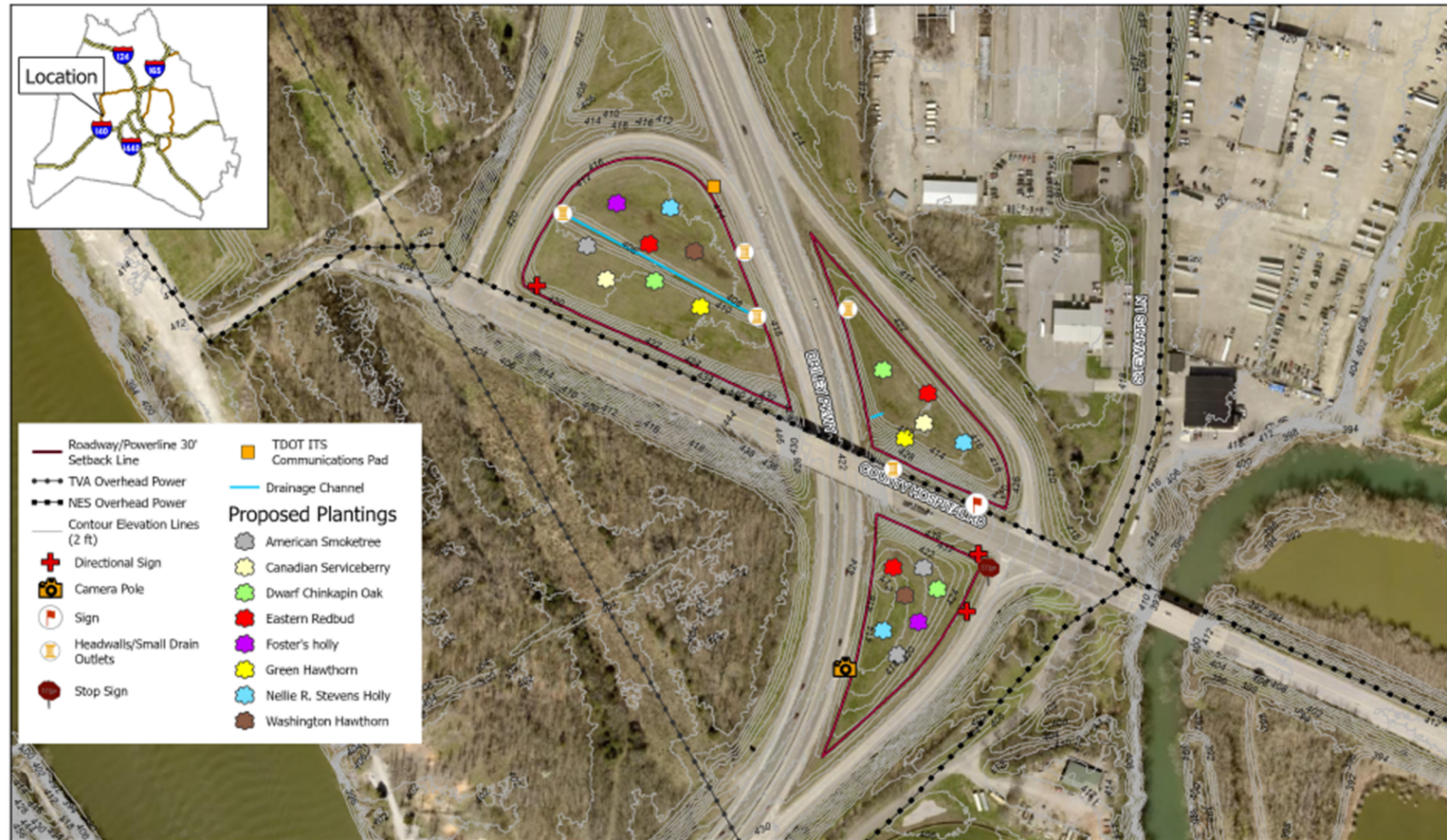
Proposed Sponsors:

Metropolitan Department of Water and Sewerage Services.

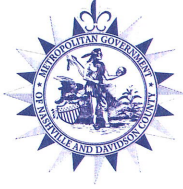
Location Map:



Planting area:
Approximately 9.1 acres



METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY



FREDDIE O'CONNELL
MAYOR

July 28, 2025

Mr. Adam Vance, P.E.
TDOT Manager
Region 3 Operations
District 37 Office
6601 Centennial Blvd
Nashville, TN, 37243

Dear Mr. Vance:

Please accept this correspondence as a conveyance of my support for the landscaping plan proposed for the interchange of County Hospital Road and State Highway 155. A copy of the landscaping plan application, prepared by the Metropolitan Department of Water and Sewerage Services in cooperation with your office, is enclosed.

This correspondence is submitted pursuant to the *TDOT Guidelines for Gateway Projects*, which require landscaping project applications for state highway locations to include "an approval letter from the affected county executive/mayor or municipal mayor." It is my understanding that the Metropolitan Council for Nashville and Davidson County will likewise convey their support for this plan via forthcoming resolution.

I am grateful for the vital work your office provides each day, and I look forward to seeing the implementation of the landscaping described in this plan.

All my best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Freddie O'Connell".

Freddie O'Connell
Mayor, Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County



July 24, 2025

To: Peggy Deaner Metro Water Services

**Re: County Hospital Road & Briley Parkway Interchange
Planning Commission Mandatory Referral 2025M-032AG-001
Council District # 01 Joy Kimbrough, Council Member**

On behalf of the Metropolitan Planning Commission, the following item, referred to the Commission as required by the Metro Charter, has been recommended for *approval* to the Metropolitan Council:

A resolution supporting a proposed landscaping project by the Metropolitan Department of Water and Sewerage Services, in cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), at the interchange of TN State Highway 155 and County Hospital Road (Proposal No. 2025M-032AG-001).

The relevant Metro agencies (Metro Parks, Nashville Department of Transportation, Metro Water Services, Metro Emergency Communications, the Nashville Electric Service, General Services-Public Property and the Metro Historical Commission) have reviewed the proposal and concur in the recommendation for approval. This request must be approved by the Metro Council to become effective. A sketch showing the location of the request is attached to this letter.

Conditions that apply to this approval: none

This recommendation for approval is given as set forth in the Metropolitan Planning Commission Rules and Procedures. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Delilah Rhodes at Delilah.Rhodes@nashville.gov or 615-862-7208

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Leeman".

Robert Leeman, AICP
Assistant Director Land Development
Metro Planning Department
cc: Metro Clerk

**Re: County Hospital Road & Briley Parkway Interchange
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**Briley Parkway/County Hospital Road Interchange
Proposed Landscape Improvement Plan**



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METROPOLITAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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Introduced _____

Amended _____

Adopted _____

Approved _____

By _____
Metropolitan Mayor