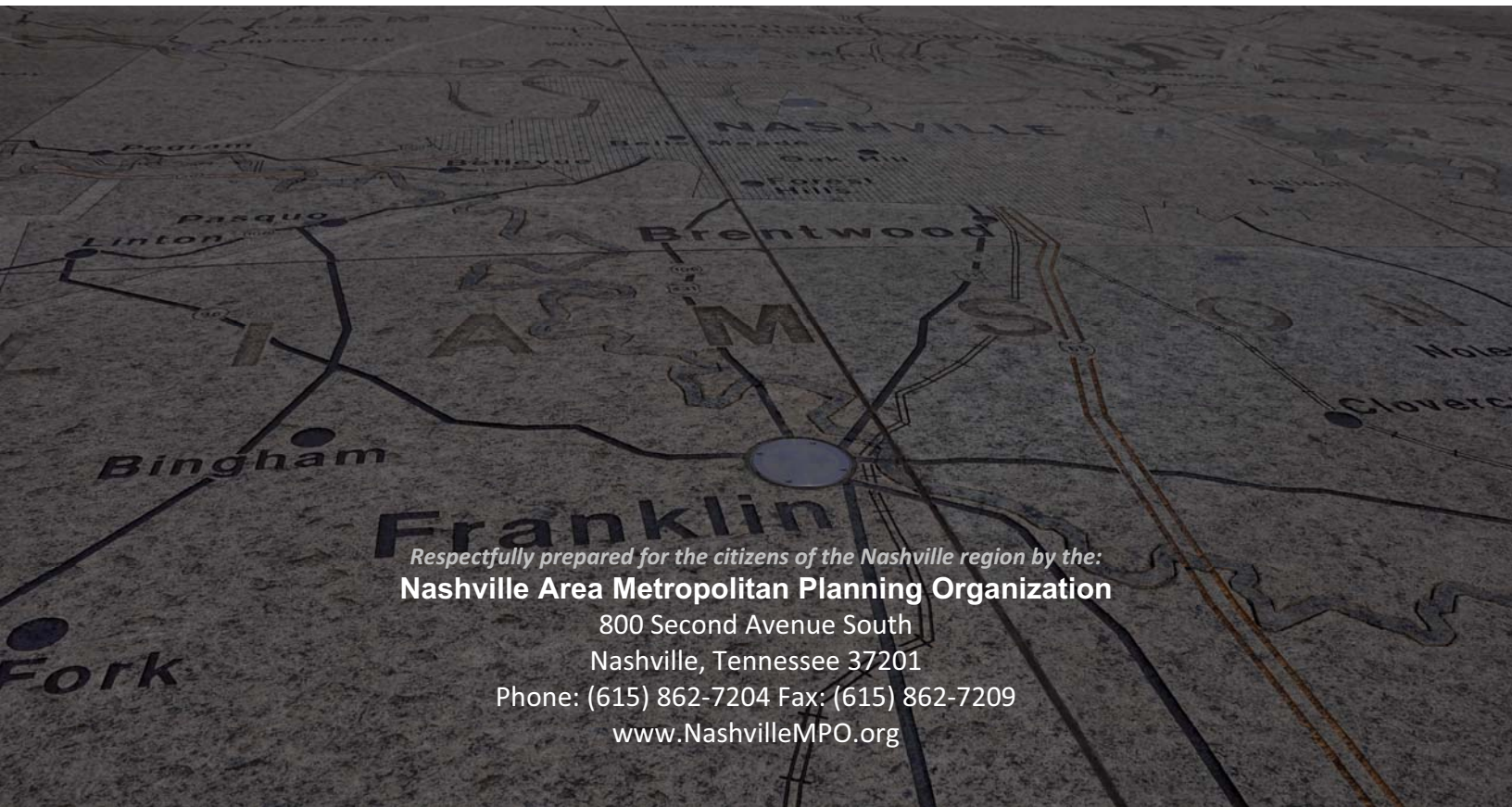


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Forward



From lush, rural, wide open spaces, to vibrant, vigorous metropolitan places; Middle Tennessee is on the move! Proud of our past and poised for the future, our region is a great American crossroads, rich in history, and shaped, in part, by visionary, transportation innovation.

Since the opening of Tennessee’s first interstate highway, the population of our region has increased by nearly 1.2 million people. Over the next 25 years, we expect to welcome close to one million new citizens to our area. We stand at a new and exciting crossroads, driven by a desire to maintain the way of life that defines Middle Tennessee as we welcome the advantages of increased opportunities.

To that end, in partnership with numerous government, business, and community organizations, the Nashville Area MPO has prepared a “something-for-everybody” transportation plan. Already shaped by thousands of citizens, guided by commonly shared principles, this bold new vision for transportation will complement and facilitate planned growth through the year 2035. There are three main components to the plan:

- To greatly expand mass transit options including increased rapid transit service, a larger network of busses running more frequently, the expansion of the regional vanpool program, and continued support for the transportation disadvantaged;
- To improve and expand upon active transportation choices and walkable communities; creating safe, scenic pathways connecting people to places while fostering healthy activity; and
- To preserve and enhance strategic roadway corridors by resting on a “fix-it-first” mentality, ensuring the safety and long-term viability of our roads & bridges and using new technologies to upgrade to a smarter and more efficient roadway system.

This three-tiered approach will allow us to maximize our economic future, creating robust urban centers while preserving our cherished rural countryside. Following in the footsteps of our founders, we stand at the crossroads ready to embrace the challenge. This is our time, our turn to “pay it forward” - to adopt this transportation vision for Middle Tennessee – for us, our children and grandchildren.

We cannot afford to merely spend money on these projects; our mission is to wisely invest in vital infrastructure that will benefit us in the long run, knowing that the cost of doing nothing is far too great. Some funding is in place, more will be needed, but this plan, bolstered by your support, will help us compete for new federal funding available to regions that prepare for the aging of America, rising energy costs, and the increasingly competitive global economy.

This is your plan, and this is our promise: to embrace the future as we honor the past; to preserve and protect our wholesome heritage; and to keep the people of Middle Tennessee on the move!



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