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Goodlettsville's Complete Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Up for Public Review

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GOODLETTSVILLE, Tenn.— Goodlettsville continues to make progress on better support for non-motorized transportation modes, responding to increased public demand for bicycle and pedestrian facilities with a draft of its first ever citywide bicycle and pedestrian plan. An initial draft of the plan will be unveiled for public comment at City Hall on Monday. This meeting comes as a follow-up to an earlier public meeting where citizens had an opportunity to share their ideas on how to make Goodlettsville a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly community.

Top comments from Goodlettsville citizens on **obstacles** to walking and biking included: a lack of existing sidewalks and bikeway facilities, traffic speeds and volumes on roadways, user awareness of laws and responsibilities, and a lack of enforcement of laws meant to make roadways safer for *all* users. Top comments from Goodlettsville residents on **opportunities** for walking and bicycling included: the city's recently adopted Greenway and Open Space Master Plan, connectivity to the MTA park-and-ride, and shopping developments closer to neighborhoods.

WHAT: Community presentation of a draft citywide bicycle and pedestrian plan for Goodlettsville, a copy of which is now available online at www.bikepedplan.com/home.

WHO: Goodlettsville city officials and planning leaders; representatives from the Nashville Area MPO and RPM Transportation; citizens and bike/ped advocates.

WHEN: Monday, May 3rd, 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Goodlettsville City Hall, 105 South Main Street, Goodlettsville 37072

WHY: The city of Goodlettsville has undertaken a significant, progressive effort to engage its citizens on the first citywide bicycle and pedestrian master plan. The plan is the culmination of prior public involvement and a thoughtful review of opportunities for improvement by transportation planners.

- ✓ One-third of Americans don't own cars, and 12 percent of all U.S. trips are by walking or bicycling.
- ✓ Of all trips taken in America's metro areas, 50 percent are three miles or less; 28 percent are one mile or less. And despite the fact that 55 percent of Americans want to bike more than they do now, and 55 percent of Americans want to drive less and walk more, *65 percent of trips under one mile are still taken by automobile due to inadequate facilities for non-motorized travelers.*

About the Nashville Area MPO:

The Nashville Area MPO is the federally-designated transportation planning agency for over 2800 sq. mi. and more than 1.5 million people throughout Davidson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, Wilson, and parts of Maury and Robertson counties. Serving as a regional partnership among the U.S. DOT, Tennessee DOT, local elected leadership, local planning and public works directors, the business community, and citizens across the five-plus county planning area, the MPO leads in the development of the region's long-range transportation plan and short-range Transportation Improvement Program, and contributes to ongoing conversations about issues such as land use, economic development, climate change and the environment, safety and security, and health. To learn more, visit NashvilleMPO.org.