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### **Murfreesboro Pike getting much needed improvements** *More Nashvillians to move easier through Major Corridor*

**NASHVILLE** – This week, the Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority (Nashville MTA) began work on a nearly two-year project to improve pedestrian right-of-way and install traffic signaling improvements for buses, pedestrians and vehicular traffic along Murfreesboro Pike.

As a heavily-traveled corridor, Murfreesboro Pike suffers from aging traffic signal infrastructure, obsolete technology, and limited multi-modal access. Construction is expected to have minimal impact to traffic and will primarily occur on Murfreesboro Pike between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. with periodic closures of side streets during normal business hours.

“The Murfreesboro Pike transportation improvement program is a fantastic example of local, state, and federal agencies working together to improve the lives and commutes of Nashvillians,” said Mayor Megan Barry. “This project lays the groundwork for how we can make smart, strategic improvements to transit corridors that will enhance operations for transit riders, vehicle traffic, and pedestrians alike.”

Over the next two years, Metro Nashville Public Works, Metro ITS, Stansell Electric, and Nashville MTA will work together to upgrade 41 intersections along the corridor using a Federal TIGER grant and local funding. While not every intersection will receive all proposed amenities, the goals of the project are to improve the overall corridor, from Charles E. Davis Boulevard near downtown Nashville to Bell Road at Hickory Hollow Lane in Antioch.

When complete, Nashvillians will be able to move easier along the Murfreesboro corridor, which has historically been plagued by congestion. Commuters will experience improved travel times, greater bus on-time performance, improved traffic flow, and pedestrian amenities such as increased sidewalk connections to transit stops, ADA accessibility, and more signals and crosswalks.

Additionally, much of the overhead traffic signal wiring will be moved underground. When finished, many of the intersections along the corridor will have been upgraded to better accommodate automobile, bus, and pedestrian use.

“This project along Murfreesboro Pike is yet another example of how technology can improve the livelihood of our citizens.” Nashville MTA CEO Steve Bland said. “I am excited that our customers will be able to access our bus stops more safely, particularly those with physical disabilities. With technology in place to enable MTA buses to move efficiently along the corridor, we see this as a valuable opportunity to make choosing to use public transit a safer and more convenient option for those who work and live along Murfreesboro Pike.”

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