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Nashville MTA thanks community effort to improve transit *Despite voter rejection of transit funding referendum, show must go on*

NASHVILLE – Yesterday, the voters of Davidson County spoke and elected to not support the historic transit funding referendum brought to the public to finance the Let's Move Nashville transportation plan.

“Obviously, today, we are disappointed that we are not preparing for the much-needed improvements to Nashville MTA’s transit system we were hoping to deliver, had voters approved of the referendum,” Nashville MTA Board of Directors Chair Gail Carr-Williams said. “However, we have an abundance of gratitude for the thousands of community leaders and supporters who rallied around this plan, and for the incredibly robust discussions that arose. And we thank Mayor Briley for his unwavering support of Let’s Move Nashville. There is no doubt today, despite yesterday’s results, that everyone agrees Nashville’s traffic is getting worse by the day, and all Nashvillians need a broader array of expanded mobility services. MTA will continue to work hard to provide the best possible service that we can.”

The Let’s Move Nashville Plan, the foundations of which were laid by Nashville Next and nMotion, was the product of years of research, feasibility assessments, and community feedback to build the best system possible to meet the needs of Nashville’s ever-growing population and landscape.

“We are dedicated to do our part, within our means, to offer an increasingly dependable mode of transportation for all those living in, working in, and visiting Nashville,” Nashville MTA CEO Steve Bland said. “We have a number of projects already in the works to make using transit in Nashville smarter, simpler, and better; and we are committed to building the best system we can, with the resources made available through Metro funding, which will now continue to compete with other vital public resources such as schools and emergency responders.”

Upcoming and current projects in the works by Nashville MTA include:

- A major renovation of Music City Central, including new restroom facilities, an expanded customer service center, overall cosmetic improvements, and better directional signage;
- The two-year roll out of a new fare payment system, including reloadable electronic fare options and the ability to scan your smartphone to pay at the bus fare box;
- Murfreesboro Pike corridor improvements, which include transit signal priority measures, increased pedestrian amenities and safety features, select intersections with queue jumps and dedicated bus lanes; and,
- The delivery of 31 new buses and 19 new AccessRide vans this summer to replenish our aging fleet with more reliable transit vehicles.

To learn more about the projects Nashville MTA has in the works, please visit our website at nashvillemta.org.

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