

January 5, 2023

Annual Plan Amendment Update – Evening Session Public Meeting, 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Question & Answer Transcript

Question One:

I've looked over the complete streets plan for Summer Avenue, and I really liked it. I thought it was great ideas, and really like to see that in other places, too. What's the process for getting for getting one of those kicked off or started for other streets in the City? Maybe for Poplar?

Answer:

Summer Avenue is a fantastic street in our city and deserves improvements around the functionality and safety. The Summer Avenue Complete Streets Study started because Summer Avenue is identified as a priority avenue in Memphis 3.0.

The City adopted a complete streets policy in 2012. When the City does any street improvements, we are charged with looking at every street from a complete streets aspect. We look at it from all users of the street with a focus on safety, and how can we design or redesign a street to incorporate all users. Summer Avenue is a state road, managed by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). The City partnered with TDOT on the study to ensure the improvements needed are identified as a priority by TDOT as well.

For Poplar, the Division of Engineering has a complete streets planning process underway. The plan runs from Front Street to Bellevue. The plan is examining Poplar through a complete streets lens.

Question Two:

What is the update on the mConnect Bus Rapid Transit?

Answer:

Right of way acquisition is currently underway. Construction is set to begin this year and completion is expected in 2027.

For more information on the mConnect Bus Rapid Transit, please click the link below:

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