

January 5, 2023

Annual Plan Amendment Update – Afternoon Session Public Meeting, 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm

Question & Answer Transcript

Question One:

Will the land use map be publicly available as GIS shapefiles?

Answer:

These files will be uploaded to the Memphis and Shelby County zoning atlas:

<https://gis.shelbycountyttn.gov/zoning/>

You can also email us at info@memphis3point0.com to request these files and we can work out a way to share those with you.

Question Two:

In regards, to the data dashboard: Can you comment on the most important things you've learned from its development?

Answer:

Brian Mykulyn, a planner with our department, created the data dashboard using the Power of BI. The dashboard is a way to share the accomplishments of Memphis 3.0 and summarize progress and changes throughout the City. Also, it is an accessible way for the community to see updates on our work. Currently, a tool is in development to provide data from the US Census Bureau for anyone want to access the data for their area or neighborhood.

Question Three:

Are there any updates on the small area plans are underway? Any updates on the latest progress/status of Accelerate Memphis projects related to Memphis 3.0?

Answer:

We concluded those plans in 2021 and spent 2022 analyzing the prioritized implementation projects from the small area plans and using those as a guide for investment for the Accelerate Memphis.

As a reminder, Accelerate Memphis is a \$200 million bond initiative announced in 2021 by Mayor Strickland and the City Council. \$75 million of the \$200 million is dedicated towards implementing Memphis 3.0. In the past year, we've had design teams working to develop the prioritized implementation projects into preliminary designs and to full construction design. A construction manager has also been selected to manage the projects throughout the City. We are in the process of reviewing final construction plans. Next steps are putting out bids for subcontractors to start the work in the spring.

Nine large scale investments identified in small area plans will receive \$4 million each. 35 early stage investment projects identified in Memphis 3.0 will receive \$400,000 each and four intersections will receive around \$1 million each to improve pedestrian, bicyclist, and vehicular traffic.

There is a map on our website, <https://www.memphis3point0.com/>, that identifies the locations of each of these projects and provides a status update.

Question Four:

Have there been any amendments in the plan for Orange Mound, along Park Avenue?

Answer:

There were no changes or amendments to the plan for Orange Mound or Park Avenue.

Question Five:

Is there any relationship between Memphis 3.0 and infrastructure needs that relate to the kinds of issues that came up with the recent icy cold weather? (such as water mains bursting and the problems resulting from that)

Answer:

When Memphis 3.0 refers to public infrastructure, specifically for City funds, we're referring to streets, roads, traffic signals, green spaces, and anything within the right of way. Water lines are the responsibility of MLGW, which is outside the purview of Accelerate Memphis investments and any funds directed or guided by Memphis 3.0.

Question Six:

We are concerned about the plan to reduce the number of lanes on Park Avenue.

Answer:

The planned changes to Park Avenue, which have been shared publicly over the last year, is a redesign of Park Avenue to address the extreme challenges and dangers of speeding and traffic. The redesign is to better align the lanes to improve the current traffic patterns as well as projected traffic patterns. We have been working with the City's traffic engineers and an engineering design firm to justify the changes on Park Avenue. We want to address the challenges, improve safety, and improve the functionality of the road. With all of the new developments on Park in particular, Porter Leath/Historic Melrose, and great local businesses, it is crucial to improve safety for everyone.

Question Seven:

Have you received public feedback on the data dashboard?

Answer:

Not yet but all feedback is welcomed and encouraged. You can email info@memphis3point0.com