

WALK BIKE QUESTIONNAIRE

2019 NASHVILLE METRO COUNCIL CANDIDATES



In preparation for the 2019 Metropolitan General Elections, Walk Bike Nashville distributed a Walking and Biking Candidate Questionnaire to Metro Council candidates. This questionnaire is intended to help educate the public about the positions and ideas of

each of the candidates. Walk Bike Nashville is a 501c3 non-profit, and as such we do not endorse or support any candidate.

These are the answers as we received them, unedited, from the candidates.

1. What would you do as a council member to promote walking and biking in Nashville?

<p>Nancy VanReece (incumbent)</p>	<p>The complete street, Madison Station Blvd, will soon be under construction and will connect existing neighborhoods and future ones directly to one of the most used WeGo stops in Davidson County.</p> <p>I will continue to discuss a designated Park & Ride Transit Hub on Gallatin Pike near Madison Town Center. Additionally, sidewalks near and on Dickerson Pike are funded, designed and imminent.</p>
<p>Danny Williams</p>	

2. What will you do as a Council Member to reduce pedestrian fatalities and severe injuries in your district and all of Nashville?

<p>Nancy VanReece (incumbent)</p>	<p>I was one of the first council members to endorse the petition to work to solve this issue.</p> <p>The Look for Me campaign on billboards and bus benches in my district was effective and I'd like to do more of that. More safe crosswalks are a must and will be a priority request to Public Works in my next term.</p>
<p>Danny Williams</p>	

3. What will you do as a council member to enact WalkNBike and expand low-stress bikeways? If a plan for new bikelanes came across your desk that you had the authority to approve and you thought it was the right thing to do, Metro staff agreed, but a vocal minority were strongly opposed, how would you move forward?

<p>Nancy VanReece (incumbent)</p>	<p>Even further to that, bike lanes are being used as sidewalks where we have none. Bike lanes to the transit stops is the first way to make sure we support the multimodal opportunities</p>
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	available to us.
Danny Williams	

4. How can Metro Nashville reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips into downtown in order to ensure that new employees, Nashvillians, and visitors continue to have access to Nashville's urban core?

Nancy VanReece (incumbent)	As a representative of the suburban outboard - we need to have strategic discussions on how to get more effective park and ride options. If we can drive 3 miles and then get on a bus to get the next 8, people would do that - but only with frequent service at least 18 hours a day.
Danny Williams	

5. The WalkNBike Plan states that only 19% of Nashville's streets have sidewalks. How can Metro expand our sidewalk network? As a council member, what would you do to support this?

Nancy VanReece (incumbent)	We need the sidewalks that have been funded to be designed and built more quickly.
Danny Williams	

6. Transportation remains severely underfunded in Nashville and lacks a dedicated, consistent funding source. Which of the follow options would you support? Please explain.

A. Referendum to raise sales tax, business tax hotel/motel tax, and/or wheel tax

B. Increasing property taxes and using those funds for transportation

C. Bonds

D. Other _____

E. None of the above

Nancy VanReece (incumbent)	I don't comment on legislation that has not yet been filed. It is reasonable to assume that all these options will be discussed.
Danny Williams	

6. b. Please explain your response to the options above.

Nancy VanReece (incumbent)	
Danny Williams	

7. What are your thoughts about the Metro Traffic Calming Program? Should speed-management (either lowering speed limits or adding physical traffic calming) be used to slow car speeds? If so on what type of streets?

Nancy VanReece (incumbent)	Never underestimate the power of speed humps and rumble strips. I think looking at these options near stop signs on all collector streets is a great start.
Danny Williams	