MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
LOUISVILLE METRO PLANNING COMMISSION
August 20, 2026

A meeting of the Louisville Metro Planning Commission was held on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the Old Jail Auditorium, 514 West Liberty Street Louisville, KY 40202.

Commissioners Present:

Te'Andre Sistrunk, Chair
Bill Fischer, Vice Chair
Mark Benitez
Sharon Bond
Steve Lannert
Russ Lohan
Jim Mims
David Steff
Beth Stuber

Commissioners Absent:

Suzanne Cheek

Staff Members Present:

Brian Davis, Planning Director
Julia Williams, Assistant Director
Joseph Haberman, Planning Manager
Jay Luckett, Planning Supervisor
Laura Ferguson, Assistant County Attorney
Zack Jones, Planner II
Asyia Shelton, Management Assistant
Clare Stuber, Management Assistant

The following matters were considered:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

JULY 30, 2026, PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

00:04:59 On a motion by Commissioner Mims, seconded by Commissioner Benitez, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Louisville Metro Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the Minutes conducted on July 30, 2026, with the corrections as read into the record by legal counsel.

The vote was as follows:

YES: Commissioners Mims, Steff, Bond, Fischer, Benitez, Lannert, Stuber, Lohan, and Sistrunk
ABSENT: Commissioner Cheek

AUGUST 6, 2026, PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

00:11:56 On a motion by Commissioner Mims, seconded by Commissioner Lohan, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Louisville Metro Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the Minutes conducted on August 6, 2026, with the corrections as read into the record by legal counsel.

The vote was as follows:

YES: Commissioners Mims, Bond, Fischer, Benitez, Lannert, Stuber, Lohan, and Sistrunk
ABSTAIN: Commissioner Steff
ABSENT: Commissioner Cheek

JULY 27, 2026, PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

00:06:50 On a motion by Commissioner Mims, seconded by Commissioner Lannert, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Louisville Metro Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the Minutes conducted on July 27, 2026.

The vote was as follows:

YES: Commissioners Mims, Steff, Bond, Fischer, Benitez, Lannert, Stuber, Lohan, and Sistrunk

ABSENT: Commissioner Cheek

AUGUST 5, 2026, PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

00:07:38 On a motion by Commissioner Mims, seconded by Commissioner Steff, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Louisville Metro Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the Minutes conducted on August 5, 2026.

The vote was as follows:

YES: Commissioners Mims, Steff, Bond, Fischer, Benitez, Lannert, Stuber, Lohan, and Sistrunk
ABSENT: Commissioner Cheek

AUGUST 6, 2026, DATA CENTER PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

00:09:26 On a motion by Commissioner Mims, seconded by Commissioner Bond, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Louisville Metro Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the Minutes conducted on August 6, 2026.

The vote was as follows:

YES: Commissioners Mims, Steff, Bond, Fischer, Lannert, Stuber, Lohan, and Sistrunk
ABSTAIN: Commissioner Benitez
ABSENT: Commissioner Cheek

AUGUST 10, 2026, PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

00:10:03 On a motion by Commissioner Mims, seconded by Commissioner Steff, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Louisville Metro Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the Minutes conducted on August 10, 2026.

The vote was as follows:

YES: Commissioners Mims, Steff, Bond, Fischer, Lannert, Stuber, Lohan, and Sistrunk
ABSTAIN: Commissioner Benitez
ABSENT: Commissioner Cheek

CONSENT AGENDA

CASE NO. 26-STRCLOSURE-0023

Request:	Closure of Public Right-Of-Way
Project Name:	Unnamed Alley Between N. Peterson Avenue and Frankfort Avenue
Location:	Unnamed Alley Between N. Peterson Avenue and Frankfort Avenue
Applicant:	Kennedy Turner
Representative:	Kennedy Turner
Jurisdiction:	Louisville Metro
Council District:	9 – Andrew Owen
Case Manager:	Zack Jones, Planner II

The staff report prepared for this case was incorporated into the record. The Commissioners received this report in advance of the hearing, and this report was available to interested party prior to the public hearing (staff report is part of the case file maintained in the Office of Planning, 444 South 5th Street.)

Deliberation:

00:12:59 Planning Commission deliberation

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Closure of Public Right-of-Way

00:13:12 On a motion by Commissioner Mims, seconded by Commissioner Steff, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds, adequate public facilities are available to serve existing and future needs of the community. The proposed closure does not result in an increase in demand on public facilities or services as utility agencies have coordinated with the applicant and/or applicant's representative and Office of Planning staff to ensure that facilities are maintained or relocated through agreement with the developer. No property adjacent or abutting the right-of-way to be closed will be left absent of public facilities or services or be dispossessed of public facilities to their property. The applicant will provide necessary easements or relocation of equipment per utility agency requirements, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds, any cost associated with the right-of-way to be closed will be the responsibility of the applicant or developer, including the cost of improvements to those rights-of-way and adjacent right-of-way, or the relocation of utilities

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and any additional agreement reached between the utility provider and the developer, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds, the request to close the right-of-way is in compliance with the Goals, Objectives, and Plan Elements of the Comprehensive Plan as Mobility Goal 2, Policy 2 states to coordinate use of rights-of-way with community design policies. Ensure accessible rights-of-way to accommodate mobility needs of all transportation network users; Mobility Goal 2, Policy 7 states that the design of all new and improved transportation facilities should be accessible and; Mobility Goal 3, Policy 1 states that to provide transportation services and facilities to promote and accommodate growth and change in activity centers to minimize single-occupant vehicle travel. Encourage a mix of complementary neighborhood serving businesses and services in neighborhood and village centers to encourage short trips easily made by walking or bicycling; Mobility Goal 3, Policy 2 seeks to improve mobility and reduce vehicle miles traveled and congestion, encourage a mixture of compatible land uses that are easily accessible by bicycle, car, transit, pedestrians, and people with disabilities. Housing should be encouraged near employment centers; Mobility Goal 3, Policy 5 seeks to evaluate developments for their impact on the transportation network (including the street, pedestrian, transit, freight movement, and bike facilities and services) and air quality; and Mobility Goal 3, Policy 12 states to ensure that transportation facilities of new developments are compatible with and support access to surrounding land uses, and contribute to the appropriate development of adjacent lands. Where appropriate, provide at least one continuous roadway through the development to tie all local access roads or parking areas to the arterial street system. Adequate stub streets and pedestrian connections should be provided by developments. Any cost associated with the rights-of-way to be closed will be the responsibility of the applicant or developer. Adequate public facilities are available to serve existing and future needs of the community. Any facility required to be placed in an easement or relocated will be done so by the developer. Transportation facilities have been provided to accommodate future access and to not dispossess property owners of public access. All adjacent lands maintain access to public infrastructure and utility services will continue to be provided to these lands, now, therefore be it;

RESOLVED, that the Louisville Metro Planning Commission does hereby **RECOMMEND** that the Louisville Metro Council **APPROVE** the requested Closure of Public Right-of-Way

The vote was as follows:

YES: Commissioners Mims, Steff, Bond, Fischer, Benitez, Lannert, Stuber, Lohan, and Sistrunk
ABSENT: Commissioner Cheek

BUSINESS SESSION

CASE NO. 25-LDC-0014

Request:	Text Amendment to the Land Development Code
Project Name:	Data Centers
Applicant:	Louisville Metro
Jurisdiction:	Louisville Metro
Council District:	All Council Districts
Case Manager:	Joseph Haberman, AICP, Planning & Design Manager

Agency Testimony:

00:15:14 Brian Davis provided an overview of changes that could be made to the amendment that address concerns raised during the public hearing. Davis responded to questions from Commissioners. (see recording for details)

Deliberation:

01:14:44 Planning Commission deliberation. The Commission discussed each of the potential changes introduced by Brian Davis, as well as other elements of the amendment that could be addressed differently than as presented in the staff report. By consensus, the Commission agreed to a series of changes and directed staff to prepare updated ordinance language prior to their next meeting to be considered for their recommendation.

04:01:06 On a motion by Commissioner Steff, seconded by Commissioner Lannert, the following resolution, based on the staff report, the staff analysis, and the evidence and testimony heard today, was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Louisville Metro Planning Commission does hereby **CONTINUE** case number 25-LDC-0014 to the September 3, 2026, Planning Commission meeting.

The vote was as follows:

YES: Commissioners Mims, Steff, Bond, Fischer, Benitez, Lannert, Stuber, Lohan, and Sistrunk
ABSENT: Commissioner Cheek

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:03 p.m.

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Chair

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Planning Director