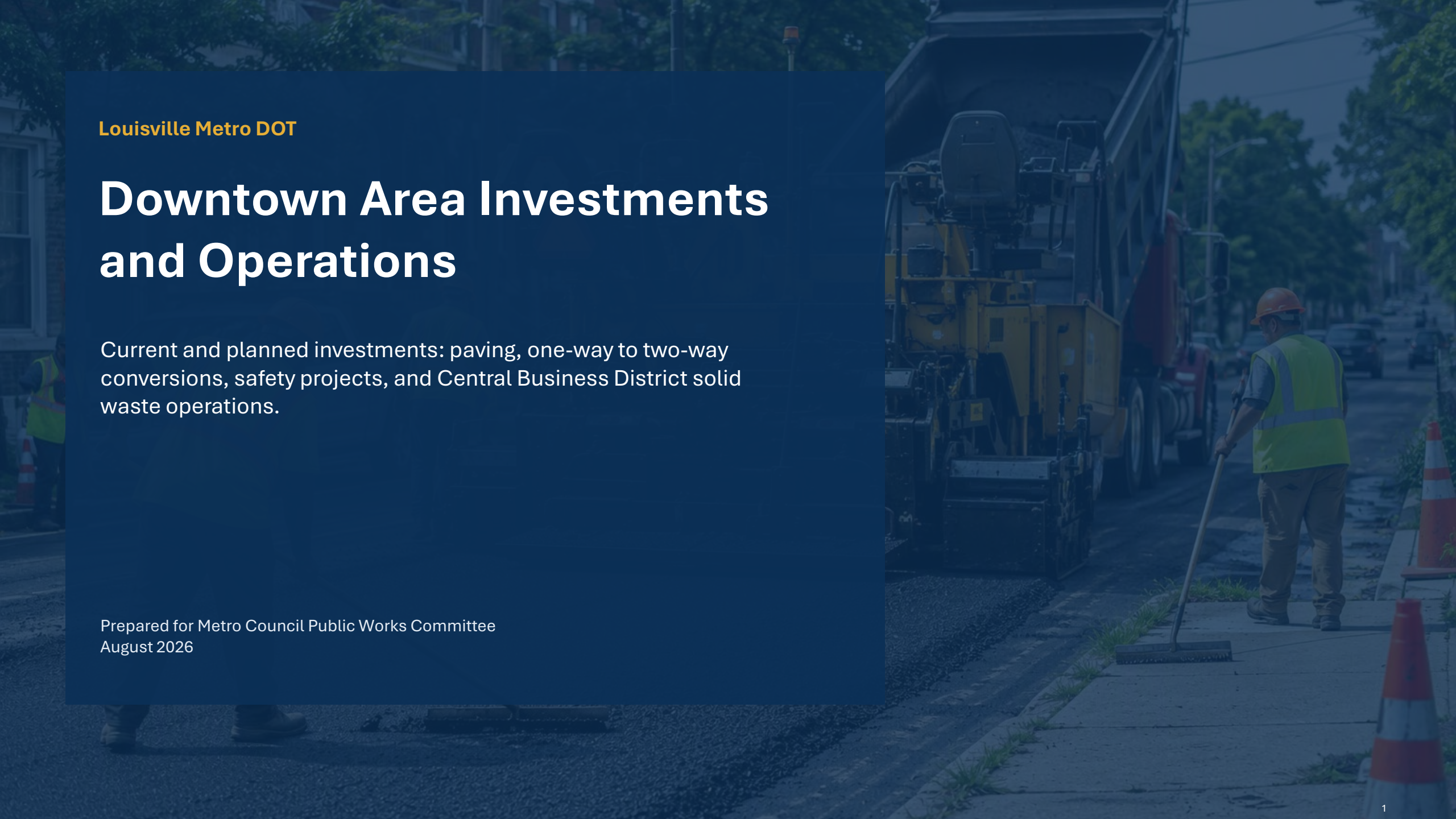


The background image shows a construction scene on a city street. A large yellow and red dump truck is parked on the road, with its bed raised. A worker in a high-visibility yellow vest and orange hard hat is standing on the sidewalk, holding a long-handled broom. Orange and white traffic cones are visible on the right side of the frame. The scene is set in an urban environment with trees and buildings in the background.

Louisville Metro DOT

Downtown Area Investments and Operations

Current and planned investments: paving, one-way to two-way conversions, safety projects, and Central Business District solid waste operations.

Prepared for Metro Council Public Works Committee
August 2026

Executive snapshot: integrated investment story

\$1.6 Million

FY27 District 4 paving discussion

CBD

CBD / District 4 focus

\$3.75M

Congressionally directed funding plus match for Ali/Chestnut milling and paving

Daily

CBD sweeping, carts, and litter basket service listed in SWMS procedures

What this means for downtown and CBD

The message is not one project. It is a coordinated package: resurface the network, convert high-impact corridors, add safety treatments, and maintain cleanliness in the Central Business District.

Why it matters

Projects mean safety, reliability, and cleanliness. Use paving as the baseline investment and the two-way/safety work as the community-facing transformation.



Scheduled paving: FY27 District 4 focus

\$641K

Local street segments listed

\$ 2 Million

1 way to 2 way conversions

\$1.6 Million

D4 paving meeting amount

CBD

CBD / D4

Key scheduled corridors and streets

E. Jacob Street, S. Clay Street, Cabel Street, Quincy Street, Webster Street, Cross Hill Court, Highwood Drive, Audley Drive, and N. Hite Avenue are listed in the FY27 draft list for District 4.

Pavement condition context

District 4 weighted average PCI in the plan is listed as Local 73, Primary Collector 67, Secondary Collector 72, Minor Arterial 65, and Major Arterial 57.



Downtown and West Louisville corridor investments

Completed / current improvements

East Market Streetscape, River Road Multi-Modal, West Kentucky Street Corridor, and Main Street/Story Avenue intersection work are framed as recent accomplishments in DOT presentation materials.

Planned / underway investments

Reimagine 9th Street includes 9th Street, Muhammad Ali Boulevard, and Chestnut Street/River Park Drive, with the next phase focused on a narrower, community-focused 9th Street corridor.

CBD deferred maintenance

The CBD email identifies unfinished maintenance needs: porous pave removal, street tree clean up and limbing, light pole painting, and curb/sidewalk repair planning.

One-way to two-way conversions: status and message

Muhammad Ali Boulevard and Chestnut Street

DOT materials describe one-way to two-way conversions of Muhammad Ali Boulevard and Chestnut Street as part of Reimagine 9th Street.

Signal / stop-control transition

Presentation materials note signals being removed and transitions to permanent multiway stops at S. 8th & W. Muhammad Ali, S. 7th & W. Muhammad Ali, S. 7th & W. Chestnut, and S. 8th & W. Liberty.

Schedule / construction notes

Reimagine update notes list ongoing signal construction, signal removals at 15 intersections, milling and repaving expected to begin in early August and take approximately six weeks, and expected completion in mid-September 2026 for the milling and paving package.

Public message

This is a safety and access project: simplify travel patterns, reduce speeding conditions, improve crossings, and better connect Downtown and West Louisville.



Safety project portfolio: current and planned

Recent corridor projects

East Market Streetscape, River Road Multi-Modal, West Kentucky Street, Main/Story intersection.

Traffic calming pipeline

Program screens, scores, ranks, budgets, and implements approved neighborhood traffic calming projects.

CBD maintenance priorities

Porous pave removal, street trees, light pole painting, and curb chunk repairs should be positioned as public realm maintenance needs.

Reimagine 9th Street

Transforms 9th Street, Muhammad Ali, and Chestnut/River Park to improve safety, connectivity, and access.



Solid Waste operations in the Central Business District

Night sweeping

Night Sweep: Sunday through Thursday, 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

CBD collection

Central Business District collection: Monday through Friday, 8:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.

Daily cleanliness tasks

Daily emptying of poly carts and litter baskets in the CBD, daily sweeping of CBD streets, bus stop cleaning, and special event cleanup support.

Curbside / containerized rules

Draft container policy outlines CBD business collection using Metro-compatible 95-gallon containers, including two orange 95-gallon carts for businesses and an additional black 65-gallon cart for food businesses.



Questions?

