

Downtown Public Restrooms

A Public Health & Shared Infrastructure Model

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Meet The Team

Project Team



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Objective

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- Access to clean, safe, and reliable restroom facilities is a fundamental component of public health, human dignity, and a welcoming urban environment.
- Public restrooms help support shared community goals of a clean, safe, active, and attractive downtown while providing essential infrastructure that serves all. By meeting a fundamental human need, these facilities contribute to public health, improve quality of life, and enhance the cleanliness of downtown Nashville for everyone who lives, works, plays, and invests there.
- The purpose of this project is to evaluate the need, opportunities, challenges, and potential locations for public restroom facilities within downtown Nashville. Through research, stakeholder engagement, site analysis, and review of best practices from peer cities, the project will develop recommendations that improve public restroom accessibility while supporting public health, economic vitality, and the overall quality of life for all who use downtown.

Guidance

The study is funded under an agreement with the State of Tennessee through the 2026 Downtown Public Safety Grant, which includes funding for resources dedicated to public health, sanitation, and community livability improvements.

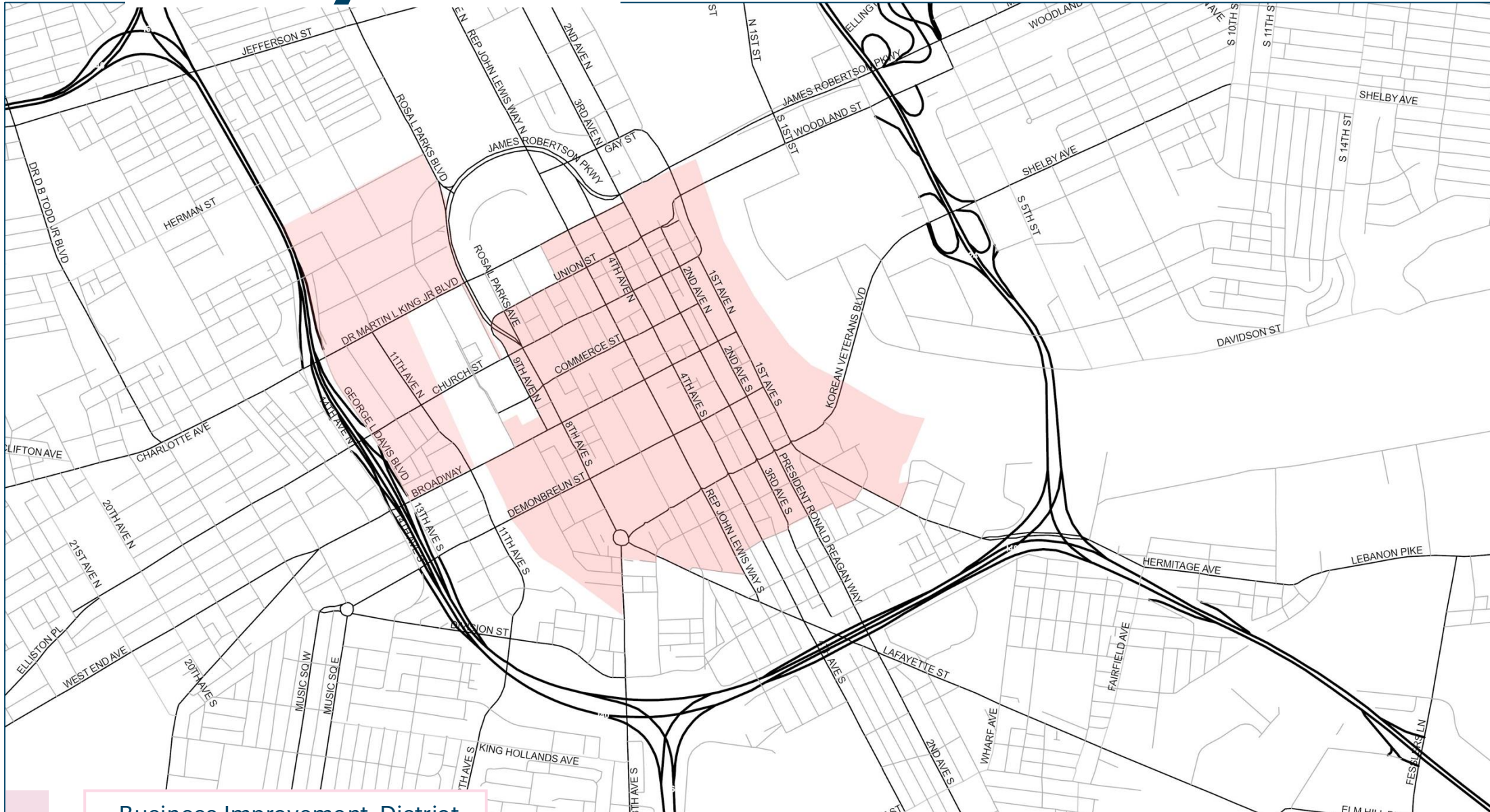
The study will evaluate a public-private implementation model for providing public restroom access in Downtown Nashville. This evaluation of how public restrooms can be integrated into the mission of creating a clean, safe, active, and attractive downtown will be guided by an inclusive and transparent engagement process.

The engagement process will be ongoing, and summaries will be compiled into a final report. Our report will include recommendations informed by community input, operational considerations, and proven practices from peer cities with successful public restroom programs.

As the project partner and property owner, Metro Nashville will make the final decisions regarding the implementation and locations of public restroom facilities.



Study Area



Study area
includes
Downtown
Nashville.

Business Improvement District

Relevant Information

Public Restrooms are Fundamental to Human Dignity and Health

- DC Fiscal Policy Institute (DCFPI).

The availability or lack thereof, of public bathrooms, is an amenity that's treated as optional when it should really be treated as utterly vital.

- Strong Towns, 2024

Overview of the Process

Study Elements

Baseline Analysis & Community Kickoff

Community Engagement & Guiding Principles

Site Visits

Plan Development

Present Insights

Review & Revise Plan

Draft Report & Recommendations

Revise & Finalize

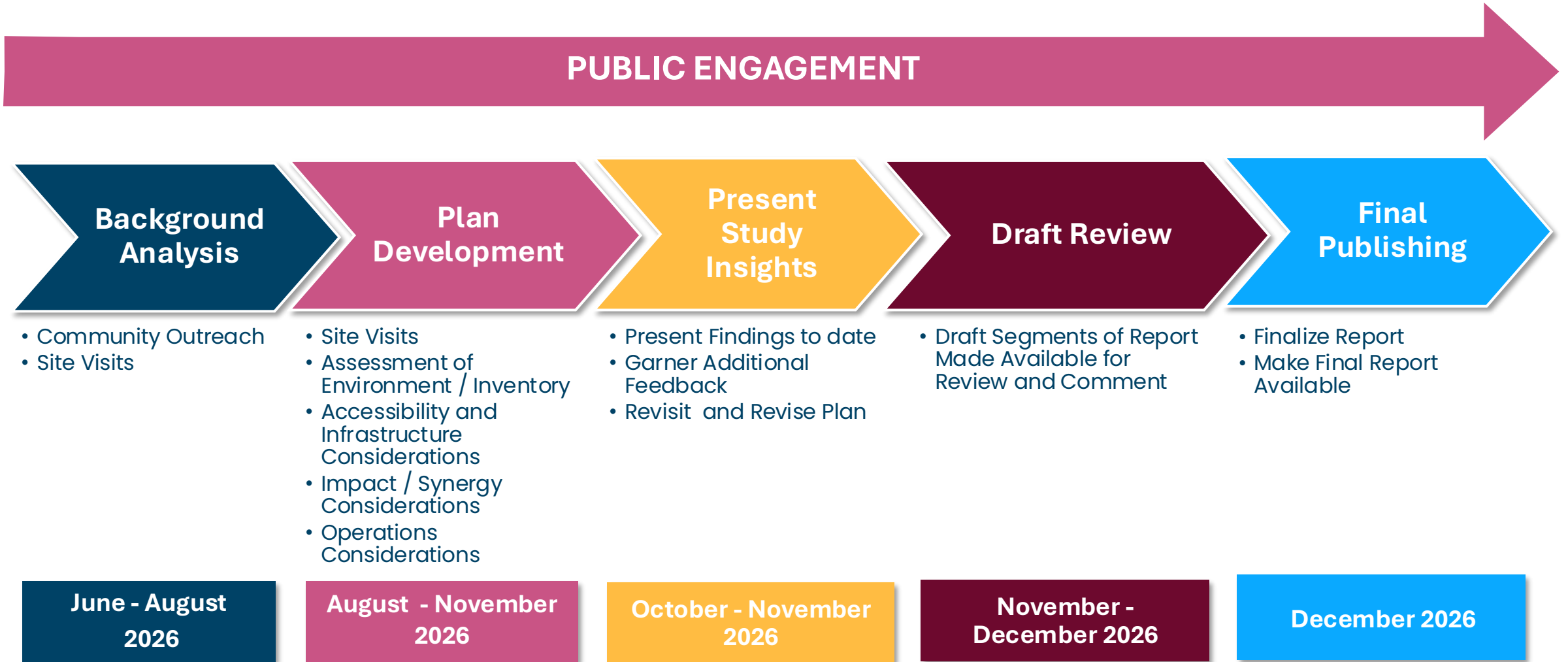
Publishing

**Data Gathering &
Guidance Phase**

**Analysis &
Recommendation Phase**

Publishing Phase

Schedule



Questions?

Next Steps

- Continuing **Public Engagement**
 - Sign in if you haven't already
 - Visit each of the stations this evening
 - Share any comments with us
- Collecting Feedback in the **Online Survey**
 - Complete the survey if you haven't already
 - Please share with your network and encourage others to complete the Survey

Scan the QR Code to go to our Project Website



Get Involved!

Variety of ways to participate and give input:

- Public Meetings
- Community Events and Popups
- Traditional Media
- Social Media
- Project Website
- Online Survey

