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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
EERE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CENTER  
NEPA DETERMINATION**



**RECIPIENT:** Metro Nashville & Davidson County, Tennessee

**STATE:** TN

**PROJECT TITLE :** Music City Bikeways - Additional Scope

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
DE-FOA-000013	DE-EE0000956	GFO-0000956-001	

**Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:**

**CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:**

Description:

**B1.13 Pathways, short access roads, and rail lines** Construction, acquisition, and relocation, consistent with applicable right-of-way conditions and approved land use or transportation improvement plans, of pedestrian walkways and trails, bicycle paths, small outdoor fitness areas, and short access roads and rail lines (such as branch and spur lines).

**Rational for determination:**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) provided funding to the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County (County) under the DOE's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG). The County used a portion of its EECBG funding to construct portions of the Music City Bike Way, which received a categorical exclusion from DOE in June 2010 (DE-EE-0000956.002).

The County now proposes to use an additional ~\$295,000 of EECBG funding to improve and expand the following sections of the Music City and Charlotte Bike Way (proposed project):

- 1st Avenue North from Broadway to Gay Street (~1,000 lineal feet and ~3,888 sq. ft.);
- Clifton Avenue from 40th Avenue North to 28th Avenue North (~4,815 lineal feet and ~19,156 sq. ft.);
- Jo Johnston Avenue from joint East of Pearl Street to 10th Circle North (~2,025 lineal feet and ~8,284 sq. ft.);
- Johnston Avenue from 19th Avenue North to joint of 17th Avenue North (~1,000 and ~3,725 sq. ft.); and
- Installing signage and improvements on Harrison, 10th, Pearl Street, Spruce Street, 40th Avenue North, Jo Johnston, Lyle Avenue, Clifton Avenue, 42nd Avenue and Park Avenue. (See complete route on the attached plan).

The proposed project would be constructed along the existing Music City and Charlotte Bike Way and would re-grade portions of the path, add signage, and add stripage and other safety indicators for cyclists. There is no grading, trenching, or other disturbance associated with the proposed project.

DOE has determined that the proposed project would have a minimal impact on land use, as it is consistent with the current conditions and use in the area and would require only expansion and improvements of the existing bike way. It is not anticipated that there would be permits required for the proposed project. The proposed project would not impact wetlands or floodplains. DOE has determined the proposed project would have No Effect on any listed endangered or threatened species. DOE has determined the proposed project would not have an adverse effect to historic or cultural resources (as it would take place in a previously disturbed urban area).

The proposed project is consistent with categorical exclusion B1.13 – Pathways, short access roads, and rail lines: construction of a bike path that is consistent with applicable right of way conditions and approved land use. Therefore, based on analysis of the proposed project (including its potential for cumulative impacts), DOE has concluded the proposed project will not significantly impact the human environment and is categorically excluded from further NEPA review under CX B1.13.

**NEPA PROVISION**

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

DOE funding - \$295,000  
EF2a completed by Melissa Rossiter

**SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.**

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:  **Electronically Signed By** Kristin Kerwin Date: 2/28/2012  
NEPA Compliance Officer

**FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION**

Field Office Manager review required

**NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:**

- Proposed action fits within a categorical exclusion but involves a high profile or controversial issue that warrants Field Office Manager's attention.
- Proposed action falls within an EA or EIS category and therefore requires Field Office Manager's review and determination.

**BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :**

Field Office Manager's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Field Office Manager