

# DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL BOULEVARD

## A Long-Overdue Street Designation for Nashville

### Rationale To A Route

Nashville is the only major municipality in Tennessee which lacks an MLK memorial street of any kind. Bristol, Chattanooga, Jackson, Knoxville, and Memphis each include a boulevard, drive, or avenue memorializing Dr. King. Our city has a bridge, which we should be proud of, and keep, but we can do more. We have an opportunity to create such a roadway designation, in a way that solves a problematic naming scheme for two busy Nashville streets, while honoring King's name through neighborhoods which run a full range of racial and economic diversity.

North end meets **Temple, Merritt, and Jefferson**, joining existing honorary routes at a key intersection, near TSU, in a historically African-American district.

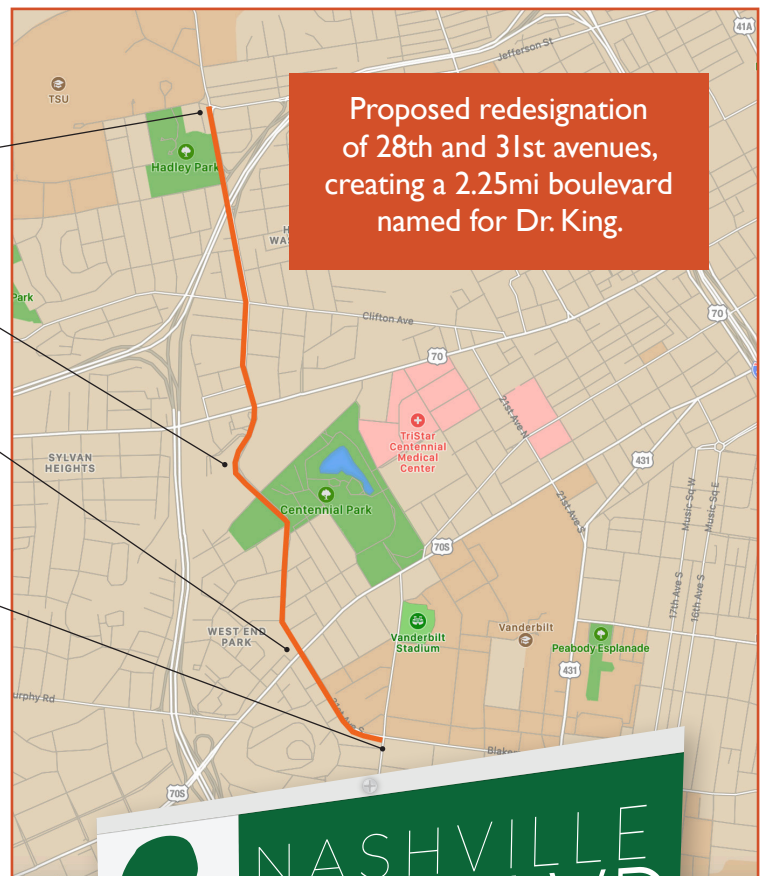
Route crosses **Francis Guess Bridge**, fostering an impactful unity of civil rights figures.

By **intersecting West End Ave**, the proposed MLK Blvd would be visible to some of Nashville's highest volumes of vehicle traffic.

South end meets Blakemore and Natchez Trace, with **exposure to the Vanderbilt campus**.

### KEY ADVANTAGES, AS PROPOSED

- Eliminates the pairing of 28th/31st avenues, easing navigation, especially for new citizens.
- Traverses the richest and poorest areas of Nashville, delivering universal exposure to this recognition of King's legacy.
- Route would involve fewer address changes than most others of a similar length.
- Due to its potential ease, dedication could be scheduled for MLK Day 2018.



*It's about time.*

### Let's Do This

Please join me in support of this concept, and let's help Nashville make a proud statement that is long overdue.

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