



SAFETY FIRST

CHEEKWOOD TRAFFIC

BELONGS ON HIGHWAY 100

We support Cheekwood. We support safe, responsible growth with infrastructure that protects the people who live beside it.

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THIS IS NOT ABOUT CLOSING CHEEKWOOD.

Neighbors support Cheekwood. The question is whether expansion and current operations proceed in a way that protects residents and respects traffic, safety and zoning concerns.

GOOD FAITH, FOR YEARS

Neighbors have spent years in meetings, studies and discussions seeking solutions.

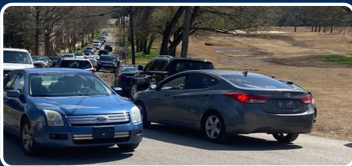
Many neighbors are Cheekwood supporters, donors and attendees.

WHAT CHANGED

Blasting became imminent while major expansion moved forward without resolving longstanding traffic and safety concerns. The Item A appeal asks Metro to review compliance; it is not an effort to close Cheekwood.

WHAT TRAFFIC LOOKS LIKE

Neighbor-submitted photos show narrow streets clogged with visitor and event traffic.



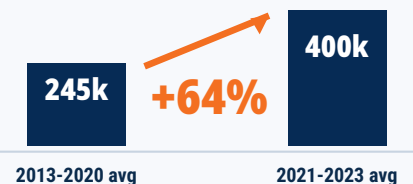
2.5-3X

Several residential routes carry roughly 2.5-3 times Metro's 1,000-vehicle/day neighborhood benchmark.

100%

Metro reviewed 15+ peer cultural institutions similar to Cheekwood. All had arterial access similar to Highway 100.

ATTENDANCE GROWTH



INFRASTRUCTURE BEFORE EXPANSION

We are not asking Cheekwood to stop growing. We are asking for growth to respect the people who live beside it, include them in the process, and provide the right infrastructure first.



THE COMMON-SENSE ASK

- Pair on-site parking with a primary Highway 100 entrance and exit.
- Move visitor, vendor and construction traffic off residential streets and to Highway 100.
- Require transparent blasting, stormwater, noise, safety and zoning safeguards.
- Give the most affected residents a meaningful seat at the table.

WHO IS NFS?

- NFS is a volunteer neighborhood organization representing hundreds of Belle Meade Highlands households.
- Nearly 70% of rooftops supported moving Cheekwood-related traffic away from local streets and to Highway 100.
- This is about asking Cheekwood to be the same thing neighbors have tried to be for years: a good neighbor.

CHEEKWOOD AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD CAN BOTH THRIVE. **SAFETY FIRST.**

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Sources: Metro Belle Meade Highlands study and staff report; Item A appeal; NFS petition records. Traffic images are exact crops of neighbor-submitted photos in Recent Traffic Examples.pdf.