



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Agenda - Final

Climate, City Services & Infrastructure

Chairperson Meeka Owens
Vice Chair Ryan James
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Seth Walsh

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

10:00 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

PRESENTATION

SPEAKERS

CINCINNATI INNOVATION TEAM

Joshua Pine, Director

Nia Baucke, Civic Designer

Rachel Cranmer, Community Storyteller

AGENDA

PRESENTATION

[202601182](#) **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Councilmember Meeka Owens regarding a partnership between the City of Cincinnati and the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at John Hopkins University.

Sponsors: Owens

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

MOTION

[202601151](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Walsh, **WE MOVE** that the City of Cincinnati prepare and deliver, within 60 days, a comprehensive report evaluating the City's ability through the Cincinnati Parks Department or other appropriate agency to acquire and maintain the Paul Clock Bell Tower. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Sponsors: Walsh

Attachments: [Motion](#)

ADJOURNMENT



Cincinnati Innovation Team

A partnership between City of Cincinnati and
the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at
Johns Hopkins University.

Presented by:
Cincinnati i-Team

Date:
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Our Team

Our team combines experience in local government, community-driven design, and strategic communications to understand community needs and translate those insights into innovative solutions.



Joshua Pine
Director



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About the i-Team

Created in partnership between the City of Cincinnati and the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins University

Supports priorities in the Financial Freedom Blueprint and Green Cincinnati Plan

Centers our core work around transportation and mobility equity

Why Transportation & Mobility?

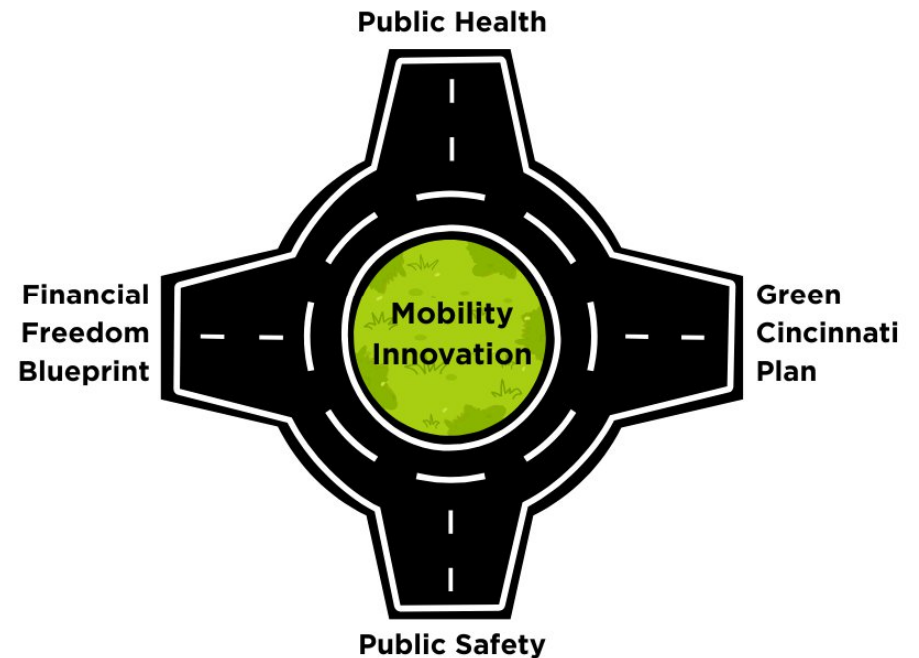
Our transportation and mobility work supports priorities outlined in the City's Green Cincinnati Plan and Financial Freedom Blueprint.

Green Cincinnati Plan | Mobility Goals

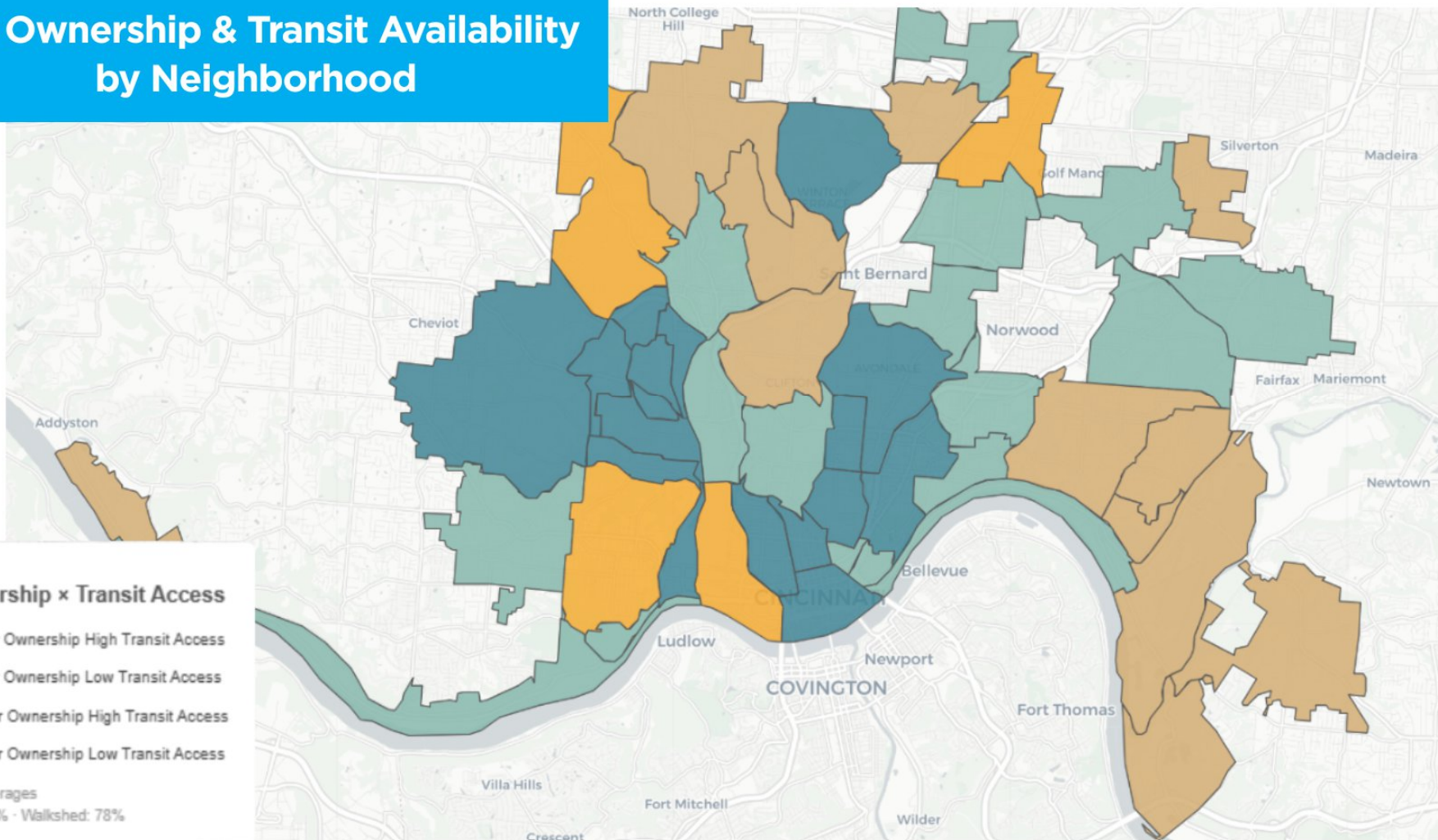
- Increase public transit ridership 25% by 2030
- Increase zero-emission vehicle use to 25% by 2030
- Increase the number of people living within ¼ mile of safe bike and pedestrian infrastructure by 50%

Financial Freedom Blueprint | Job Mobility Challenges

- Transportation and education are major barriers to higher wages and benefits
- Getting to and from work is a barrier for 1 in 10 people



Car Ownership & Transit Availability by Neighborhood



Car Ownership x Transit Access

- Low Car Ownership High Transit Access
- Low Car Ownership Low Transit Access
- High Car Ownership High Transit Access
- High Car Ownership Low Transit Access

Split at city averages
 No-vehicle: 18% · Walkshed: 78%



Current Progress

Partnering with data engineers from the Bloomberg Center for Government Excellence to **analyze mobility data**.

Conducting interviews and focus groups with stakeholders and residents in Evanston, Walnut Hills, Northside, and East Price Hill. **Developing key themes and insights** from qualitative data.

Compiling insights from this research will inform **pilot mobility initiatives**, including Open Streets and an e-bike incentive program.



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Thank you!

Reach out to us with any
questions or comments



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Seth Walsh
Councilmember

3/23/26

MOTION

To Review the City's Ability to Acquire and Maintain The Paul Clock Bell Tower

WE MOVE that the City of Cincinnati prepare and deliver, within **60 days**, a comprehensive report evaluating the City's ability through the Cincinnati Parks Department or other appropriate agency to acquire and maintain the Paul Clock Bell Tower.

STATEMENT

The Paul Clock Bell Tower, located at East Liberty Street and Reading Road, serves as a prominent gateway and historic landmark for the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood. The structure is currently in need of repair, and the owning entity, the OTR Foundation, lacks the financial capacity to fund necessary restoration and ongoing maintenance.

This report will provide City Council with information regarding potential public stewardship of the bell tower, including anticipated costs, operational considerations, and long-term maintenance responsibilities, to determine whether City involvement is appropriate to preserve this significant community asset.

Councilmember Seth Walsh