

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Enjoy Holiday Lights by Bicycle**

**Knoxville, Tennessee – 12-06-2013** – Experience the beautiful holiday lights of downtown, 4<sup>th</sup> & Gill, and Old North Knoxville by bicycle. The 7th annual Tour de Lights, hosted by the City of Knoxville and the TPO Bicycle Program and presented by Downtown Knoxville, will leave from the north end of Market Square on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Participants are encouraged to get creative with lights, seasonal decorations and/or costumes. Prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories including best decorated person, best group theme, and best all around. All ages and skill levels are welcome on this easy, short ride. All streets will be closed to traffic this year. Hot chocolate and treats will be provided by the Mast General Store and Three Rivers Market.

Free bike safety checks and judging for the contest start at 6 p.m. Helmets are required. More information, including the route map, photos from previous years, and answers to Frequently Asked Questions, available at <a href="https://www.knoxtrans.org">www.knoxtrans.org</a>.

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## **Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission**

The Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) was established in 1956 by Knoxville and Knox County as the agency responsible for comprehensive county-wide planning and administration of zoning and land subdivision regulations and remains so today (except for the town of Farragut). Funding for MPC activities comes primarily from city and county appropriations and from federal grants for specific studies. The Commission prepares and adopts a general plan, reviews subdivision regulations and site plans, prepares and recommends zoning ordinances and maps to the Knox County Commission and Knoxville City Council, reviews proposed zoning amendments, and prepares a capital improvements plan for the City of Knoxville. For more information, visit our website: www.knoxmpc.org