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MPC Updates to Southwest County Sector Plan

Knoxville, Tennessee – July 25, 2016 – Staff from the Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) will hold two public meetings to discuss updates to the Southwest County Sector Plan.

The first meeting will be held on Monday, August 1, in the cafeteria of Northshore Elementary School, 1889 Thunderhead Rd., at 6:30 p.m. The second meeting will be held on Thursday, August 4, at West Emory Presbyterian Church, 1025 Emory Church Rd., at 6:30 p.m. The meetings will focus on proposed land use, community facilities, and transportation recommendations. After a short presentation, staff will be available at stations to answer questions and to gather input.

The Southwest County Sector has been one of the fastest growing areas of Knox County for several decades. Since the plan was last updated in 2005, more than 30,000 new residents have moved into the area. With all this growth, future needs for land use, transportation, and community facilities are being carefully considered. The feedback received from previous meetings, presentations, and an online survey have helped form the current draft.

A draft of the plan is underway, and public feedback has helped shaped it. So far, community members have asked for more sidewalks and greenways, more neighborhood parks, better zoning and development standards, and no additional commercial development in low-density neighborhoods. MPC staff encourages community members to stay engaged throughout the process to make sure their vision for the Southwest County Sector is realized.

Current draft recommendations include:

- Mixed use development along Kingston Pike, Parkside Drive, and S. Peters Road to accommodate the projected future growth that is likely to occur
- Development of a Planned Office Zone
- Inclusion of a landscape ordinance
- Improved off-street parking standards
- Tools to allow for clustered residential subdivisions
- Extension of Ten Mile Creek Greenway
- Making Dunn Park into a neighborhood park
- Improving sidewalks around schools
- Widening both Canton Hollow Road and Concord Road

The current draft of the Southwest County Sector Plan, additional documents, maps and an online survey are available online at <http://knoxmpc.org/southwestcounty/>.

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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