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## **Community Input Needed on Gov. John Sevier Scenic Highway Corridor**

**Knoxville, Tennessee – September 4, 2018** – MPC is encouraging community members to attend a public meeting about the Governor John Sevier Scenic Highway Corridor Study on Sunday, September 9. The meeting will be held from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. at SoKno Market, located at 2014 W. Governor John Sevier Highway. It will begin with a brief presentation, followed by an open house.

The meeting is being held to receive community feedback on draft recommendations for the John Sevier Scenic Highway Corridor Study and to encourage feedback from anyone interested in the project. One of the recommendations is to include a scenic corridor overlay to provide unique standards for the highway. Proposed standards include landscaping and screening, design guidelines for new buildings, and scenic corridor signage. MPC staff and members of the John Sevier Scenic Highway Stakeholder Committee will be on hand to answer questions.

This study was initiated by Knox County Commissioner Carson Dailey and is being facilitated by MPC. The stakeholder committee has been meeting since September 2017 to discuss challenges and opportunities for future growth along the corridor.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to submit comments, please contact Liz Albertson at <u>liz.albertson@knoxmpc.org</u> or 865-215-3804. For more information about the study, visit <u>www.knoxmpc.org/plans/small-area/johnsevier/</u>.

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