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### Major Road Plan Update Available

**Knoxville, Tennessee – August 29, 2018** – MPC staff recently completed an update to the Major Road Plan, a tool used to coordinate and regulate land use. An overview of these changes will be presented at the Metropolitan Planning Commission's September Agenda Review, which is open to the public. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11, in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St., Knoxville, TN 37902.

The Major Road Plan exists to ensure that the public's investment in roadway infrastructure is protected as development occurs by preserving roadway facilities for their intended purpose. It is updated periodically to account for changes to the road network such as new roadways that have been built, and to reflect current transportation plans and their identified projects.

The previous plan was adopted in 2011 and served as the starting point for this update. Major changes that were made to the roadway classifications in this update include:

- Roadways added to the classified roadway list,
- Corrections to minor inconsistencies and nomenclature
- Updated termini,
- Changed roadway classifications,
- Changed right-of-way dedication amounts, and
- Removed and downgraded roadways.

In addition to these updates, other tools have been provided to make this plan more user-friendly. An appendix is provided that lists all major road projects in Knox County that have been implemented within the last ten years, are funded and under development currently, or have been identified as a future need in the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization's 2040 Mobility Plan. The roadway classifications and associated right-of-way dedication amounts have also been incorporated into a GIS layer within MPC Cases on KGIS to improve the ease of determining this information.

More information on this update can be found at [www.knoxmpc.org](http://www.knoxmpc.org). Comments and questions on the Major Road Plan are welcomed and can be submitted to Tarren Barrett at [tarren.barrett@knoxmpc.org](mailto:tarren.barrett@knoxmpc.org) or 865-215-3826.

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