

September 8, 2009

## Meetings

- The **Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT)** is conducting a study to identify improvements for the 160-mile Interstate 75 corridor between Chattanooga and Jellico at the Tennessee/Kentucky State Line. TDOT will conduct a second series of public meetings to present the draft multi-modal package of solutions, and solicit comments from the public. The meeting for this area will be Monday, September 14 from 6-8 p.m. at Farragut High School, 11237 Kingston Pike.
- The next **Confident City Cycling Class** will be held Tuesday, September 15 and Thursday, September 17 from 6-8 p.m. at the UT University Center.
- The September 23 **Infill Housing Review Committee** meeting has been rescheduled for September 16 at 9 a.m. in the MPC Large Conference Room.
- **MPC** staff and commissioners will host a follow-up public meeting regarding the commission's policies, practices and procedures on September 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the City County Building's Small Assembly Room.

## Comprehensive Planning

- At their August 31 meeting, the **TDR Task Force** voted to recommend that County Commission not pursue a TDR program at this time.
- Staff is developing the first draft of the **Hillside and Ridgetop Plan** and plan to bring it for public review in October. The plan will include a "**tool box**" of **implementation measures** including a conservation subdivision ordinance, creation of a best management practices for slope restoration and new road standards in the subdivision regulations, among others.
- Comprehensive Planning will be meeting with **Midway Road** interests for a moderated meeting on September 29 to look at the different perspectives on development in that area. Meeting time and place details are still being determined and will be announced as soon as they are set. This is one of the final steps to updating the **East County Sector Plan**.
- The **Magnolia Avenue Corridor Plan** was approved by City Council on August 25. The final version of the plan will soon be available in the library and on the MPC website.

## Welcome

MPC's newest intern, **Jillian Gilbert**, will be working with Information Services and Comprehensive Planning staff on a project to identify and measure indicators used to evaluate sustainable growth in a community. They plan to prepare a report card on sustainable community indicators in Knox County. These indicators are tied to the General Plan.

## Notes

MPC staff has assisted in the planning of Knoxville's annual celebration of **UN World Habitat Day**, led by the local office of U.S. Housing and Urban Development. The theme for this year's events is "Planning Our Urban Future."

## MPC Calendar

The MPC website now features an extended calendar that lists all public meetings scheduled by MPC through the end of 2009 in addition to the existing rollover calendar feature on the website front page and a printable pdf calendar for the current month.