

September 21, 2009

Meetings

- The City of Knoxville will host a public meeting to review preliminary plans for a **Downtown North Streetscape Plan**. The meeting will be held at St John's Lutheran Church on the corner of Broadway and 5th Avenue on Thursday September 24 at 6p.m.
- Several MPC staff members will be attending the **TAPA Fall Conference** September 23- 25 in Downtown Chattanooga.
- **MPC** staff and commissioners hosted a follow-up public meeting regarding the commission's policies, practices and procedures on September 17. At the meeting a number of outreach methods recently adopted by MPC were discussed, including:
 - A **calendar** of MPC scheduled meetings is now available on the MPC website at www.knoxmpc.org.
 - An MPC site on **facebook** has been created. MPC will load the site with meeting announcements, press releases and links to draft documents.
 - A new **e-mail mailing list** has been created. See below.
 - A biweekly **MPC Update** is posted and emailed. The update describes upcoming meetings, events and other news.

Join our Mailing List

To further enhance our communication efforts, MPC is launching a new **e-mail mailing list**. Those who sign up can choose to receive weekly meeting announcements, bi-weekly copies of the MPC Update, monthly notices of agenda activity or MPC's Quarterly newsletter. A link to sign up is available on the MPC website.

Comprehensive Planning

- The final version of the **Magnolia Avenue Corridor Study**, adopted by the City of Knoxville, is now available online.
- Comprehensive Planning staff are working with **KUB** on a **build out analysis** for Beaver Ridge and Black Oak Ridge service areas.
- The **TTCTDA design guidelines** are nearing completion. This edition of the guidelines will be heavily illustration thanks, in part, to former intern Tina Ash, who created many of the graphics for the guidelines.

TPO

- The **Complete Streets Study** and the **Knoxville Regional Mobility Plan 2009-2034** are now available on the TPO website, www.knoxtrans.org.
- The Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center is presenting their first Livable Communities Webinar "**Fundamentals for Connecting Transit and Pedestrian/Bicycle Facilities**" on Wednesday, September 23, 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. Registration is free.
- TPO has begun organizing a task force to create a **bike and pedestrian plan for Oak Ridge**.
- The State General Assembly has passed legislation to create **regional transportation authorities** in Tennessee's large urban areas, which TPO will pursue in future studies.
- The TPO Executive Board has approved the use of **ARRA funds** on two projects to be completed over the next 18 months: (1) ITS Regional Architecture Update and Refined Arterial Management System Study Component and (2) Regional Transit Corridors Analysis Proposal.

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.