

UPDATE

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 5, 2010

Meetings

The **Hillside and Ridgetop Task Force** will be meeting on Tuesday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m. in the Visitor Center of the Ijams Nature Center, 2915 Island Home Avenue, to discuss the policies and proposals of the Hillside and Ridgetop Protection Plan.

The proposed **Hillside and Ridgetop Protection Plan** will be presented to the public during a meeting on Monday, April 19 at 6 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building. It is anticipated that the MPC will consider adoption of the Plan at its May 13 meeting.

A public meeting regarding **Cumberland Avenue Corridor Streetscape Concepts** will be held on Monday, April 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the University of Tennessee's Visitors' Center, 2704 Kingston Pike.

TPO staff will be presenting the draft of the **Highway 321 Corridor Plan** to the Loudon County Commission on Tuesday, April 20.

Knox County Commission chair Tank Strickland has scheduled a Commission workshop to discuss the **East County Sector Plan** on Thursday, April 22, at 6:00 p.m. at the Carter High School auditorium.

Preservation 2009: A Report to Mayor Bill Haslam

This annual report on the state of preservation in Knoxville will be on April Agenda. Last year saw the active rehabilitation of several historic structures in downtown Knoxville and continued interest from neighborhoods in increasing the areas covered by the historic overlay zoning.

Smart Trips Contests

Smart Trips Month isn't until May, but creative commuters can already begin spreading the word about greener transportation choices while getting some green for themselves. The second annual First Friday Art Bus will showcase local photo submissions featuring bike commuting, carpooling, transit or walking. Entries must be submitted electronically to smartrips@knoxtrans.org by April 23. Participants in the Commuter Bike Essay Contest could win one of two commuter bikes, each retailing for up to \$1000. Essays should be 350 - 500 words and must be received at smartrips@knoxtrans.org by May 14.

Safe Routes to Schools

As part of the Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities initiative, staff have been assisting the health department with neighborhood meetings and performing walking audits in the initiative's target communities.