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Public bus tour, cook-out planned to discuss Midway property

Knoxville, Tenn. — Today, Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett announced plans to host a public bus tour and cook-out to discuss the future of property currently owned by The Development Corporation of Knox County along the north side of Interstate 40 at the Midway Road exit.

The events are planned for Tuesday, Sept. 15, beginning at 3 p.m. with the bus tour, which will leave from the Midway property and go west to visit existing business park locations. Following the bus tour, at approximately 5 p.m., Mayor Burchett will host a cook-out, which is also open to the public, including those who weren't able to take part in the bus tour.

The purpose of the bus tour and cook-out is to provide an opportunity for residents to get a firsthand look at the various options and possibilities for a potential employment center at the Midway property. Members of the Knox County Commission have also been invited to participate and may take part in both events.

The Development Corporation purchased the property in 2006 with the intention of turning it into a business park. The bus tour, cook-out and a series of upcoming public workshops will give the public an opportunity to have input into what the development should look like.

“The Development Corporation’s property at Midway Road has the potential to be a significant economic development asset for East Knox County,” said Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett. “There are many steps to get to a developed, useful site, but they all begin with seeking public input. The bus tour and cook-out will begin that process. I want to hear the concerns of the community around Midway Road and then work with The Development Corporation, the Metropolitan Planning Commission and the Knox County Commission to address those concerns so we can grow jobs in our region.”

Space on the bus tour is limited, and anyone who wants to reserve a seat should call 865-215-HELP (4357). In the weeks following the bus tour, The Development Corporation of Knox County will host two facilitated public workshops in order to seek input and ideas from the community concerning the development of the Midway site. Those workshops will be held Thursday, Sept. 17, and Thursday, Oct. 8. Both workshops will run from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Carter Elementary School cafeteria. Members of the public are invited to attend.

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