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Advance Knox Workshops Now Underway

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Knox County and Knoxville-Knox County Planning's first Advance Knox community input meeting was held yesterday, March 27, at Gibbs Middle. Community members are invited to attend one of the other six sessions occurring this week.

Advance Knox is a comprehensive planning process that will guide land use and transportation decisions in Knox County for years to come.

This week, dubbed Ideas Week, is the first round of seven workshops across the county designed to introduce the community to the project. These self-guided events will be open for 90 minutes so participants can generate ideas and provide input.

Additional meeting dates, times, and locations for all in-person workshops are as follows:

- Mon., March 28 5:30 p.m. at Hardin Valley Middle School or Carter High School
- Tues., March 29 5:30 p.m. at West High School or Northshore Elementary School
- Wed., March 30 5:30 p.m. at Powell High School or South Doyle Middle School

Opportunities to participate in the process virtually are also available. Anyone interested can attend a virtual workshop at noon on Tues., March 29, by <u>registering</u> ahead of time. There will also be activities available on the website to allow community members to provide input and share their ideas in another format following the workshops.

"We're excited to hear what the community has to say about the future of Knox County," said Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. "These workshops and online opportunities will help set the stage for the entire Advance Knox process."

Knox County's current Comprehensive Plan hasn't been updated in almost 20 years. During that time, the county has experienced significant growth and change. Advance Knox is a unique opportunity to align land use and transportation goals to create a blueprint for the County's future. It will help guide decisions about where and how future growth occurs and where investments in infrastructure and services need to be made in the years to come.

Any attendee requiring special accommodations to attend a workshop should call the Mayor's office at (865) 215-2005 to coordinate.

For more information about Advance Knox, please contact the project team at <u>contact@advanceknox.org</u> or visit <u>advanceknox.org</u>.





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