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Public Invited to Active Knox Discussion

Knoxville, Tennessee – May 16, 2019 – Active Knox is hosting a public discussion on May 23 focused on "Building Safer Streets – Together."

This event will bring together a panel of local activists and educators to discuss how communities can collaborate on building safer, more walkable places.

The panelists are:

- Dr. Christopher Cherry, a professor in the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering at UTK, who will discuss tactical urbanism and other innovative approaches to changing how streets function
- Tanisha Fitzgerald-Baker, College & Career Access Team Leader for Project GRAD and president of Five Points Up, who will talk about the intersection of the built environment and access to healthy foods
- Bryan William Hill, certified community planner and Vision Zero chair for Bike Walk Knoxville's Advisory Committee, who will share information about Vision Zero, a new approach to traffic safety

The discussion will be moderated by Kristy Altman, former Chair of the Knox County Community Health Council and current Director of Marketing at Medic Regional Blood Center.

Doors open at 5:30 and the event begins at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, in the Community Room at Pellissippi State – Magnolia Campus, <u>1610 E. Magnolia Ave., Knoxville</u>. Event registration is here: http://tinyurl.com/ActiveKnoxPanel.

<u>Past Active Knox events</u> have featured speakers from across the U.S., including Jana Lynott from the Livable Communities Team at AARP, and Rob Brawner from the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership.

About Active Knox: Active Knox is a collaborative of organizations that work under the premise that healthy design equals healthy communities. Members include AARP, Bike Walk Knoxville, the Knoxville Chamber, the Knoxville Track Club, Legacy Parks Foundation, the Knoxville Area Association of Realtors, East Tennessee Quality Growth, Knox County Schools, the University of Tennessee, Community Partners, Knoxville-Knox County Planning, and the Knoxville Regional TPO.