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### Open Streets Knoxville is returning to South Knoxville!

**Knoxville, Tennessee – April 17** – On Sunday, May 20th, 2-6 PM, Knoxvilleians are invited to walk, bike, jog or dance their way through town at Open Streets Knoxville. Sevier Ave., wrapping around to Suttree Landing Park at Foggy Bottom Rd. will be closed to all motorized traffic, allowing revelers a day of playing, exercising, socializing, and shopping all on foot or two wheels.

Open Streets Knoxville, hosted by Bike Walk Knoxville with support from the City of Knoxville, Knoxville Regional TPO, Visit Knoxville and Knox County, aims to promote physical activity and community interaction during this free community event. This international initiative promotes healthy living, local businesses and sustainable transportation in cities. This is our 6<sup>th</sup> event with an average attendance of 3,500 people.

#### **Quote from Mayor Rogero:**

“On May 20, you can enjoy the businesses and neighborhoods that make the South Waterfront unique and special,” Mayor Madeline Rogero said. “Wear your walking shoes or ride your bike and come on down to Open Streets Knoxville.”

#### **Quote from Mayor Burchett:**

“Open Streets Knoxville is a unique way to showcase the different areas of our community and a fun way for folks to spend an afternoon with their families,” said Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett.

The event will have a variety of performances, with a focus on music and dancing. Attendees can participate in activities provided by local businesses, play a game, or peacefully stroll the street while enjoying live music and street performers. There will be activities for all ages and abilities to enjoy. Open Streets is family and pet friendly. Strollers, scooters, skateboards, and bikes are welcome – just no cars!

Organizers currently are asking for sponsors and donations from members of the community to help make Open Streets Knoxville a huge success. For more information on donating or sponsoring, go to [www.openstreetsknoxville.com](http://www.openstreetsknoxville.com). For media inquiries, contact event coordinator Lindsey Kimble at [openstreetsknoxville@gmail.com](mailto:openstreetsknoxville@gmail.com).

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