Sevier Ave Road Diet
A project to direct development
Knoxville, TN
Why is this project important

- Central to multiple development projects.
- Key commuter route
- Sets ‘tone’ for future development
Three lane section
Low ADT 4,000 & 9,000
High development potential
Challenges & Concerns

- Loss of left turn lane...
  - perceived delay for school traffic
  - Increase in rear-end crashes?
- Can we have on-street parking (developers)
Challenges & Concerns

Storm drains on the bridge
Green marking installed to connect to future bike lanes
Sevier Ave – parking added
Sevier Ave
(Blvd section)

Before
South Knoxville Baptist introduces early come-as-you-are service for hikers, bikers

When the City of Knoxville recently completed a bike path along Siver Avenue, South Knoxville native and resident Patty Kelley got an idea why not start an early morning worship service geared toward weekend enthusiasts on their way to enjoy their days off?

Now Kelley’s church, South Knoxville Baptist at 522 Siver Avenue, offers Bike or Hike to Church, a come-as-you-are worship service from 8:30 a.m. Sundays.

“It has to be God,” Kelley says of how she got the idea. “When they put the bike lane in, I thought ‘Bike to Church. It had to be this idea.’

The bike lane is just the first of several planned improvements to Siver Avenue, Kelley noted, as the city works on developing the Knoxville South Waterfront.

That’s how Bike to Church “snipped,” she explains, into catering to more than just cyclists.

“The original idea was ride your bike to church, have a short little service and then go on your way,” Kelley says. “But then we thought about other people who may be on their way to hike, play on the river, go on a Float (Nature Games) or ride their motorcycles.

Hike or Bike to Church started April 3. Although it is only 30 minutes long, it is a complete worship service, Kelley stresses, with music, prayer and a devotion by the Rev. Dr. Gene Sullivan, who has served as pastor of South Knoxville Baptist.
Results - Publicity

Mayor and Chief of Police speaking about the importance of bikes on St Patrick's day media event
Results - Lessons Learned