



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**  
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

**APPROVED  
MINUTES**

The Montgomery County Planning Board met on Monday, March 18, 2013, at 12:45 p.m. via telephone conference and adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Present were Chair Françoise M. Carrier, Vice Chair Marye Wells-Harley, and Commissioners Casey Anderson, Norman Dreyfuss, and Amy Presley.

Item 1, a Closed Session Item, is reported on the attached agenda.

In compliance with §10-509(c)(2), State Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the following is a report of the Board's Closed Session:

The Board convened in Closed Session at 12:45 p.m. via telephone conference, on motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Dreyfuss, with Chair Carrier, Vice Chair Wells-Harley, and Commissioners Anderson, Dreyfuss, and Presley present and voting in favor of the motion. The meeting was closed under authority of Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §10-508(a)(1), to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of Commission appointees, employees, or officials, or to discuss any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific employee.

No Technical Writer or staff member was present at the meeting.

In Closed Session, the Board discussed Planning Department personnel matters.

The Closed Session was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

The Planning Board convened in the auditorium at 6:03 p.m. with four Commissioners present. Commissioner Dreyfuss joined the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Item 2, Worksession on the staff draft for the Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan, is reported on the attached agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Planning Board will be held Thursday, March 21, 2013, in the Montgomery Regional Office in Silver Spring, Maryland.

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**Montgomery County Planning Board Meeting**  
**Monday, March 18, 2013**  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3760  
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**2. Closed Session - ADDED**

Pursuant to State Government Article Annotated Code of Maryland 10-508(a)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of Commission appointees, employees, or officials; or to discuss any other personnel matter that affects 1 or more specific employees

**BOARD ACTION**

**Motion:**

**Vote:**

**Yea:**

**Nay:**

**Other:**

**Action:** Discussed in Closed Session. See official citation and open session report in narrative minutes.

**1. Worksession: Staff Draft Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan**

**Staff Draft & Appendix**

*Staff Recommendation: Approve Staff Draft as Public Hearing Draft and Set Public Hearing Date (No Public Testimony)*

**BOARD ACTION**

**Motion:**

**Vote:**

**Yea:**

**Nay:**

**Other:**

**Action: Following briefing by Planning Department staff and Board discussion, instructed staff to make proposed changes discussed at the meeting and schedule a meeting for approval of the revised Staff Draft as Public Hearing Draft and set Public Hearing Date.**

Planning Department staff briefed the Board on the final Staff Draft for the Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan. Staff noted that the last comprehensive update to the Master Plan of Highways (MPOH) was approved and adopted in 1955. Area Master Plans were revised in the 1970s to include the Metrorail Red Line, but the MPOH was not revised to include transitways until 1986. Transitways included in the MPOH are: Purple Line, Corridor Cities, North Bethesda, and Georgia Avenue. The Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan amends the MPOH to provide a network of transit corridors to supplement these transitways and to enhance mobility and accessibility, support economic development, improve the environment, and provide an efficient transportation system for the County.

Staff further added that the Staff Draft recommends an approximately 79-mile Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) network of corridors, with a mix of treatments, which are discussed in the report.

Chair Carrier, after consulting with other Board members, instructed staff to make the changes discussed during the meeting and to schedule another meeting for approval of the Staff Draft and to set the Public Hearing Date.