



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

APPROVED  
MINUTES

The Montgomery County Planning Board met in regular session on Monday, June 8, 2009, at 7:07 p.m. in the Montgomery Regional Office in Silver Spring, Maryland, and adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Present were Chairman Royce Hanson, Vice Chair John Robinson, and Commissioners Joe Alfandre and Amy Presley. Commissioner Jean Cryor was necessarily absent.

Items 1 and 2 are reported on the attached agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Planning Board will be held Thursday, June 11, 2009, in the Montgomery Regional Office in Silver Spring, Maryland.

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**Montgomery County Planning Board Meeting**  
**Monday, June 8, 2009, 7:00 P.M.**  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3760

**1. Presentation to Board and discussion; required annually under Annual Growth Policy legislation. Present the Summary of the School Test for FY2010**

*Staff recommendation: Adopt FY 2010 School Test effective July 1, 2009*

**BOARD ACTION**

**Motion: ROBINSON/ALFANDRE**

**Vote:**

**Yea: 4-0**

**Nay:**

**Other: CRYOR ABSENT**

**Action: Approved the staff recommendation to adopt the FY 2010 School Test effective July 1, 2009.**

Research and Technology staff provided opening comments and, with Mr. Bruce Crispell, representing Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), presented the MCPS School Test analysis for FY 2010, as detailed in the staff report. The analysis finds that the Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Clarksburg, and Seneca Valley school clusters exceed the 120 percent program capacity ceiling, which places those areas in a residential development moratorium. In addition, nine school clusters exceed the 105 percent program capacity and, therefore, residential development in those clusters will be subject to a school facility payment.

Ms. GiGi Godwin, representing the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Steven Robins, attorney; Mr. Patrick O'Neil, representing the Bethesda Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce; Ms. Emily Vaias, attorney representing Donohue Development; and Mr. Jay Hellman of Bethesda offered comments opposing the placement of the B-CC area in a development moratorium because it would be contradictory to the County's smart growth policies.

In discussion, the Board concurred in the desire to support smart growth policies, and there followed considerable discussion of how actions or changes in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP), school cluster boundaries, and/or the Growth Policy might address the issue and move the B-CC cluster out of the moratorium.

2. [Highway Mobility Report](#)

Presentation to the board and discussion required biennially under Annual Growth Policy legislation. This report provides an update on the status of current traffic congestion in the County, focusing on both intersection and corridor levels of congestion.

*Staff recommendation: Transmit report to County Council*

**BOARD ACTION**

**Motion: ROBINSON/ALFANDRE**

**Vote:**

**Yea: 4-0**

**Nay:**

**Other: CRYOR ABSENT**

**Action: Approved the staff recommendation to transmit the report to the County Council.**

Transportation Planning staff presented the findings of the Highway Mobility Report, the annual analysis of constraints to mobility in the County, which is intended to assist the Board and County Council in making recommendations on the upcoming State Consolidated Transportation Program and setting project priorities in the Capital Improvements Program. Dr. Robert Winick of Motion Maps, consultant, participated in the presentation.

Mr. Jay Hellman of Bethesda offered comments.