


Master Plan of Highways and Transitways Public Hearing Worksession #2

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff is seeking Planning Board review and approval of recommended classification changes, with some modifications to those proposed in the Public Hearing Draft of the Technical Update to the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways. This is the second of three planned work sessions.

INTRODUCTION

A total of three work sessions are currently planned to review the Public Hearing Draft of the Technical Update to the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways with the Planning Board. Planning staff is seeking Planning Board review and comments on 92 proposed classification changes as well as other Master Plan recommendations. The first work session focused on proposed classification changes in the inner suburbs generally including Bethesda, Silver Spring, and Kensington. The second work session will focus on the north-central and eastern side of the county (Wheaton, Aspen Hill, Olney)

PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED (UPDATE)

A public hearing was held on February 15, 2018 to receive public testimony on the Public Hearing Draft of the Technical Update to the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways. Written comments were due on February 22, 2018. A total of 51 written comments (by letter or e-mail) were received by the Chair's office regarding this master plan. We have included comments received both for the Public Hearing Draft and comments received during the Master Plan outreach effort (September 2017 – January 2018). Of these, 27 were opposed to the re-classification of Brookville Road between Western Avenue (DC Line) and East-West Highway from a Primary Residential Street to a Minor Arterial. This classification was not recommended in the Public Hearing Draft document. 17 comments were in favor of a proposed re-classification of Dale Drive from an arterial to a minor arterial, and six individual comments were provided on other locations. One of the Dale Drive comments included a petition supporting the proposed Dale Drive reclassification with 107 signatures.

At the public hearing, a total of 14 citizens provided testimony to the Planning Board. A copy of the written transcript from the Public Hearing will be provided to the Planning Board when prepared. This included the following representatives:

- Mayor of the Town of Somerset

- Town of Somerset Ad Hoc Traffic Committee
- Seven Locks Civic Association
- Woodside Park Civic Association
- Dale Drive Safety Coalition
- Coalition for Transportation Alternatives to Mid-County Highway
- Action Committee for Transit
- Seven Oaks-Evanswood Civic Association
- Greater Colesville Citizens Association
- Kenwood Park Citizens Association
- Four private citizens

Written comments as well as the comments received at the public hearing will be addressed during the applicable worksession.

REVIEW OF MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS –PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

A total of 30 classification changes, primarily in the Eastern and North Central parts of the county, will be reviewed in the second work session. The exact locations of the proposed re-classifications are summarized below in Table 1 and displayed in Figure 1. While the Master Plan presented these re-classification recommendations by classification type, this worksession will present the information geographically, as the spatial context for the proposed classification change is important to consider. At each worksession, individual classification changes will be discussed with the Planning Board using a dual graphic format to display the current classification and the proposed classification side-by-side.

Before addressing items in Table 1, there is one item worth further discussion and consideration by the Planning Board.

Greencastle Road between US Route 29 and the Prince George’s County line is an Arterial street. The section between US Route 29 and Old Columbia Pike is currently classified as a Primary Residential Street. The Public Hearing Draft recommends re-classifying Greencastle Road between US Route 29 and the Prince George’s County line (ID 56) from an Arterial Street to a Minor Arterial Street. For Greencastle Road between US Route 29 and Old Columbia Pike, no classification change was proposed in the Public Hearing Draft. We offer an option for the Planning Board to consider making the road classification on the entire length of Greencastle Road in these two road sections consistent. With this alternative, Greencastle Road between Old Columbia Pike and the Prince George’s County line (ID 56 and ID 57) would be re-classified as a Minor Arterial. The current recommendation and this alternative are displayed in Figures 2 and 3.

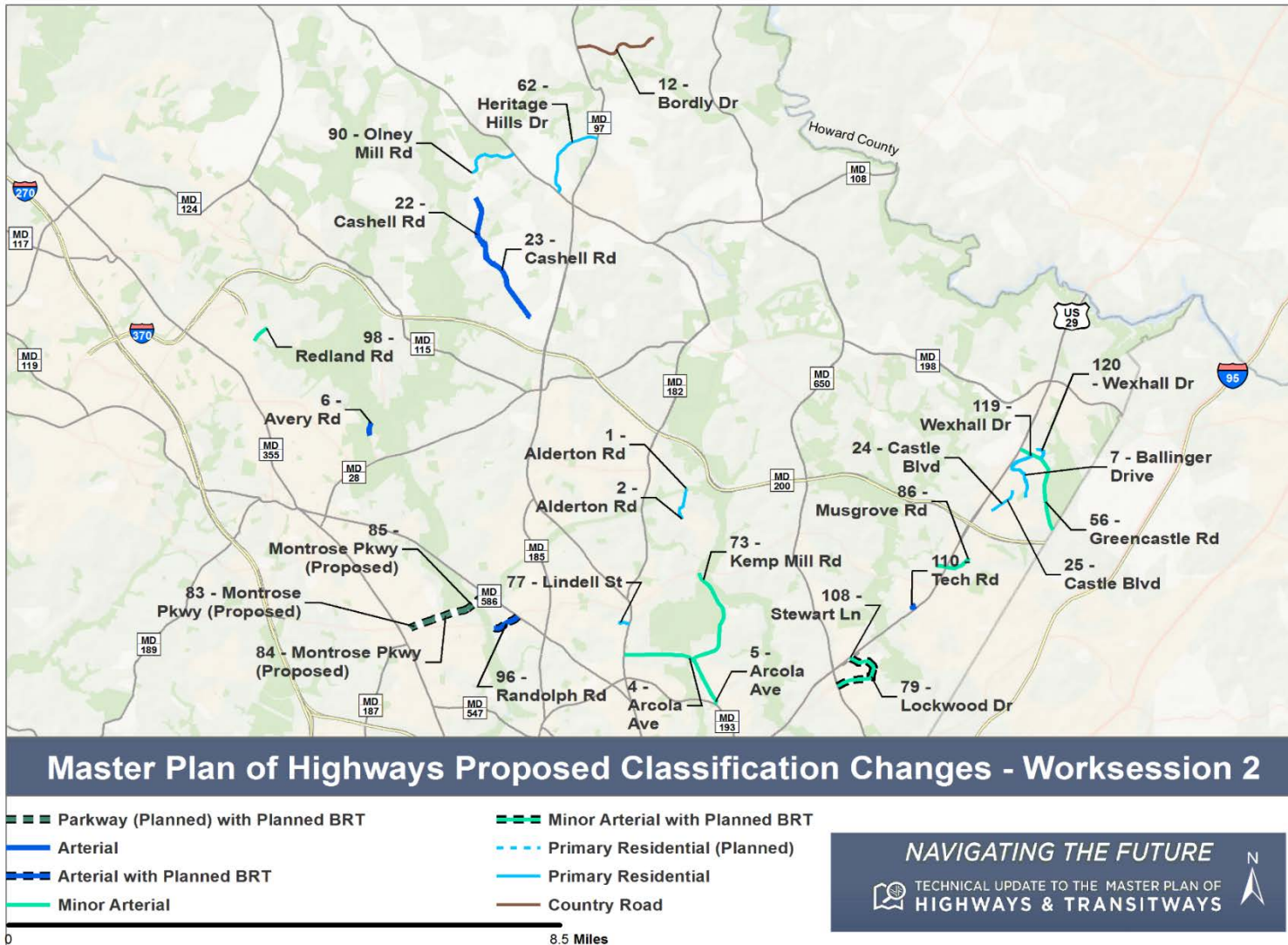


Figure 1: Proposed Classification Changes - Worksession 2

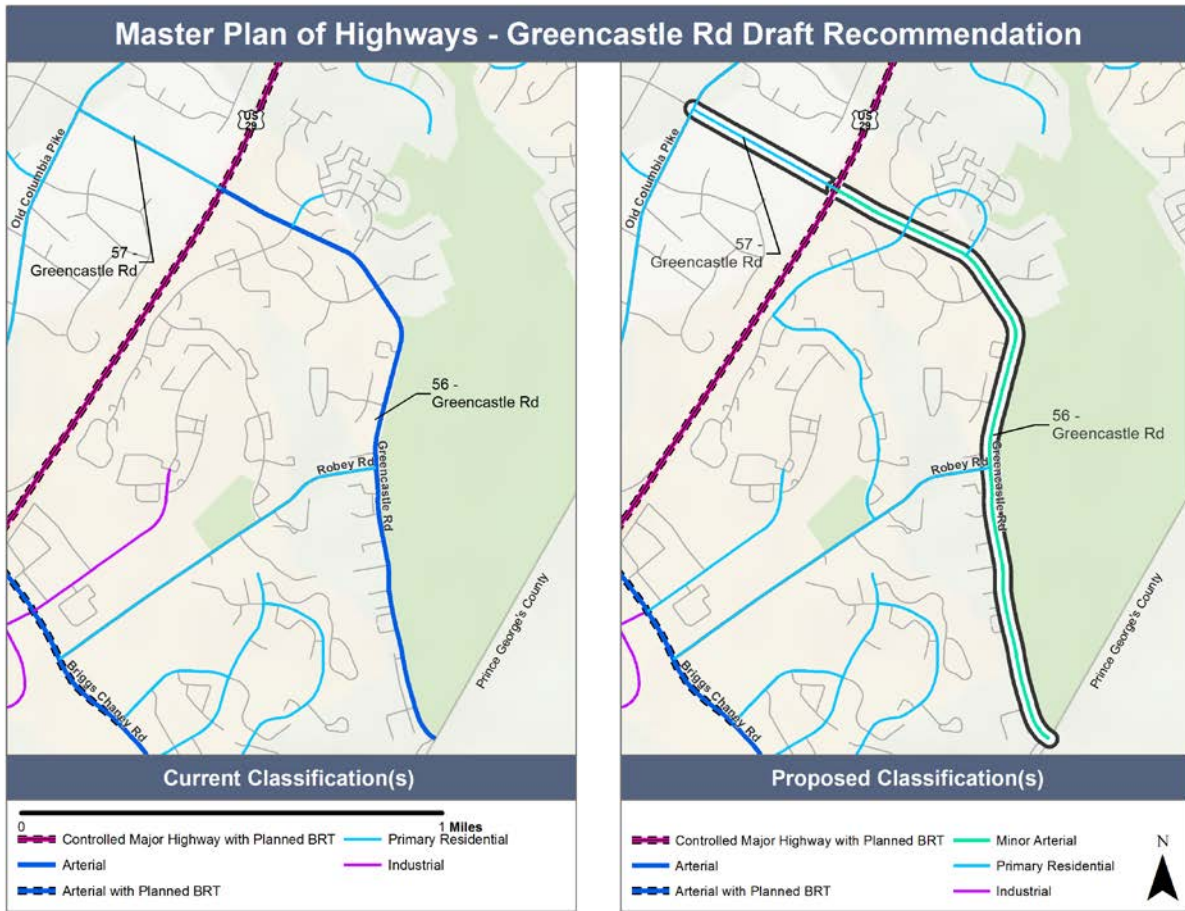


Figure 2: Greencastle Road Draft Recommendation

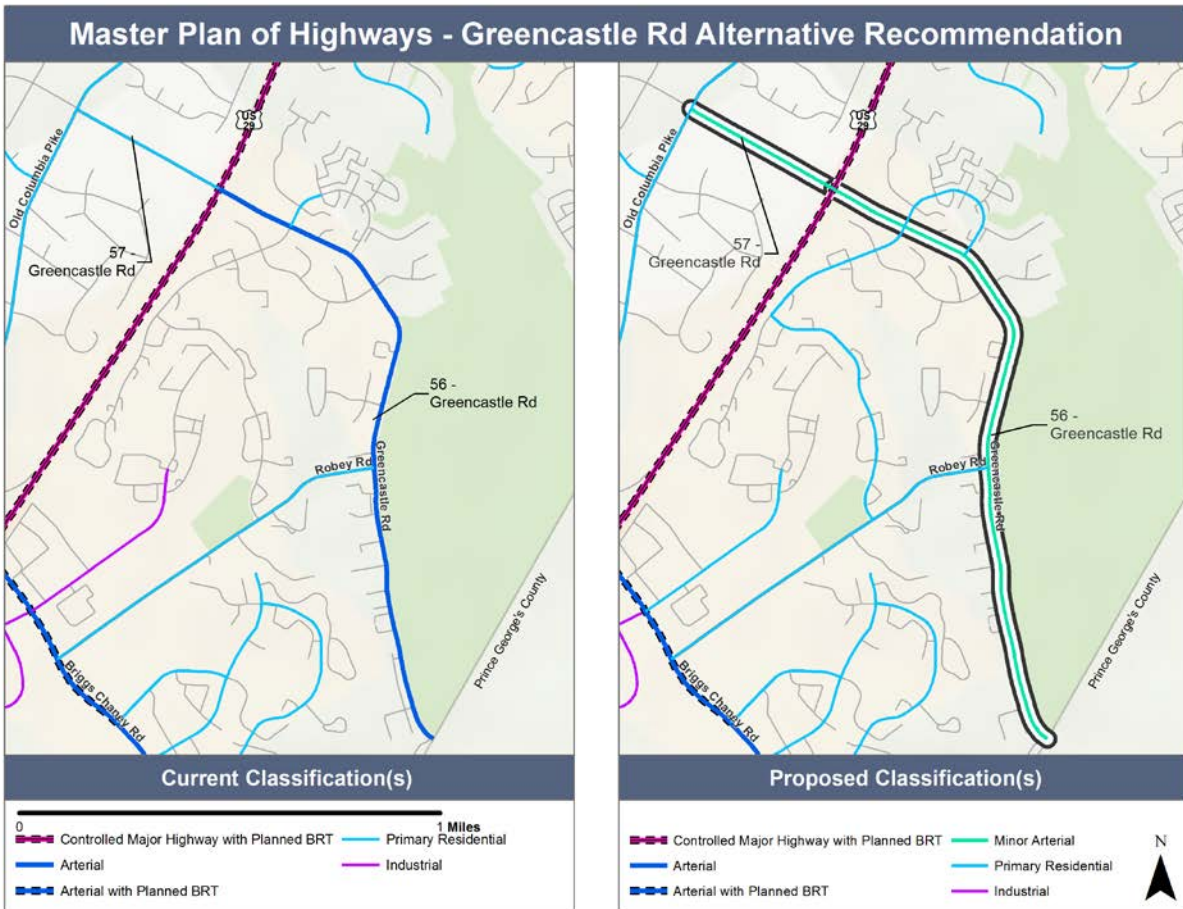


Figure 3: Greencastle Road Alternative Classification

Table 1: Proposed Classification Changes – Worksession 2

ID	Name	From Location	To Location	Classification	Proposed Classification	Master Plan	Existing Lanes	Planned Lanes	Master Planned ROW (Feet)
1	Alderton Rd	Alderton Rd	Alderton Rd	N/A	Primary Residential (Planned)	MPOHT (Pending)	2	2	70
2	Alderton Rd	Alderton Rd (Proposed)	Popular Run Dr	N/A	Primary Residential	MPOHT (Pending)	2	2	70
4	Arcola Ave	Georgia Ave	Kemp Mill Rd	Arterial	Minor Arterial	Kensington-Wheaton	2	2	80
5	Arcola Ave	Kemp Mill Rd	University Blvd	Arterial	Minor Arterial	Kemp Mill	2	2	80
6	Avery Rd	Aspen Hill MP Boundary	Rockville City Limits	Primary Residential	Arterial	Aspen Hill	2	2	70
7	Ballinger Drive	Wexhall Dr	Robey Rd	N/A	Primary Residential	MPOHT (Pending)	2	2	70
12	Bordly Dr	Georgia Ave	Brighton Dam Rd	Primary Residential	Country Road	Olney	2	2	70
23	Cashell Rd	Hines Rd	Emory Ln	Primary Residential	Arterial	Olney	2	2	70
22	Cashell Rd	Bowie Mill Rd	Hines Rd	N/A	Arterial	MPOHT (Pending)	2	2	70
24	Castle Blvd	Briggs Chaney Rd	Woodvale Apartments	Industrial	Primary Residential	Fairland	2	2	80
25	Castle Blvd	Woodvale Apartments	Castle Ridge Circle	Industrial	Primary Residential	Fairland	2	2	80
56	Greencastle Rd	Columbia Pike	Prince George's County Line	Arterial	Minor Arterial	Fairland	2	4	80
62	Heritage Hills Dr	Olney-Laytonsville Rd	Georgia Ave	Arterial	Primary Residential	Olney	2	2	80

ID	Name	From Location	To Location	Classification	Proposed Classification	Master Plan	Existing Lanes	Planned Lanes	Master Planned ROW (Feet)
73	Kemp Mill Rd	Randolph Rd	Arcola Ave	Arterial	Minor Arterial	Kemp Mill	2	2	80
77	Lindell St	Mason St	Georgia Ave	N/A	Primary Residential	MPOHT (Pending)	2	2	70
79	Lockwood Dr	West Side of White Oak Shopping Center	Stewart Ln	Arterial with planned BRT	Minor Arterial with planned BRT	White Oak Science Gateway	2	2	90
84	Montrose Pkwy (Proposed)	Parklawn Dr	Rock Creek Park	Arterial (Planned) with planned BRT	Parkway (Planned) with planned BRT	Countywide Transit Corridors	N/A	4D	300
85	Montrose Pkwy (Proposed)	Rock Creek Park	Veirs Mill Rd	Arterial (Planned) with planned BRT	Parkway (Planned) with planned BRT	Countywide Transit Corridors	N/A	3-4D	80
83	Montrose Pkwy (Proposed)	Chapman Ave (Maple Ave)	Parklawn Dr	Arterial (Planned) with planned BRT	Parkway (Planned) with planned BRT	Countywide Transit Corridors	4D	4D	300
86	Musgrove Rd	Old Columbia Pike	Fairland Rd	Arterial	Minor Arterial	Fairland	2	2	80
90	Olney Mill Rd	Olney-Laytonsville Rd	Wickham Road	N/A	Primary Residential	MPOHT (Pending)	2	2	70
96	Randolph Rd	Dewey Rd	Veirs Mill Rd	Major Highway with planned BRT	Arterial with planned BRT	Countywide Transit Corridors	6D	6D	120
98	Redland Rd	Needwood Rd	Crabbs Branch Way	Primary Residential	Minor Arterial	Shady Grove	2	4	70
108	Stewart Ln	Lockwood Dr	Columbia Pike (US 29)	Arterial with planned BRT	Minor Arterial with planned BRT	White Oak Science Gateway	2	2	90

ID	Name	From Location	To Location	Classification	Proposed Classification	Master Plan	Existing Lanes	Planned Lanes	Master Planned ROW (Feet)
110	Tech Rd	Old Columbia Pike	Columbia Pike	Business	Arterial	Fairland	4	4	80
119	Wexhall Dr	Ballinger Drive	Greencastle Road	N/A	Primary Residential	MPOHT (Pending)	2	2	70
120	Wexhall Dr	Valiant Way	Greencastle Rd	N/A	Primary Residential	MPOHT (Pending)	2	2	70