


Master Plan of Highways and Transitways Public Hearing Worksession #3

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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 third planned work session.

INTRODUCTION

A total of four worksessions 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 worksession focused on proposed classification changes in the inner suburbs generally including Bethesda, Silver Spring, and Kensington. The second work session focused on the north-central and eastern side of the county (Wheaton, Aspen Hill, Olney). The third worksession will focus on the western Upcounty side of the county.

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. 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 35 classification changes, primarily in the Western (Upcounty) parts of the county, will be reviewed in the third 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.

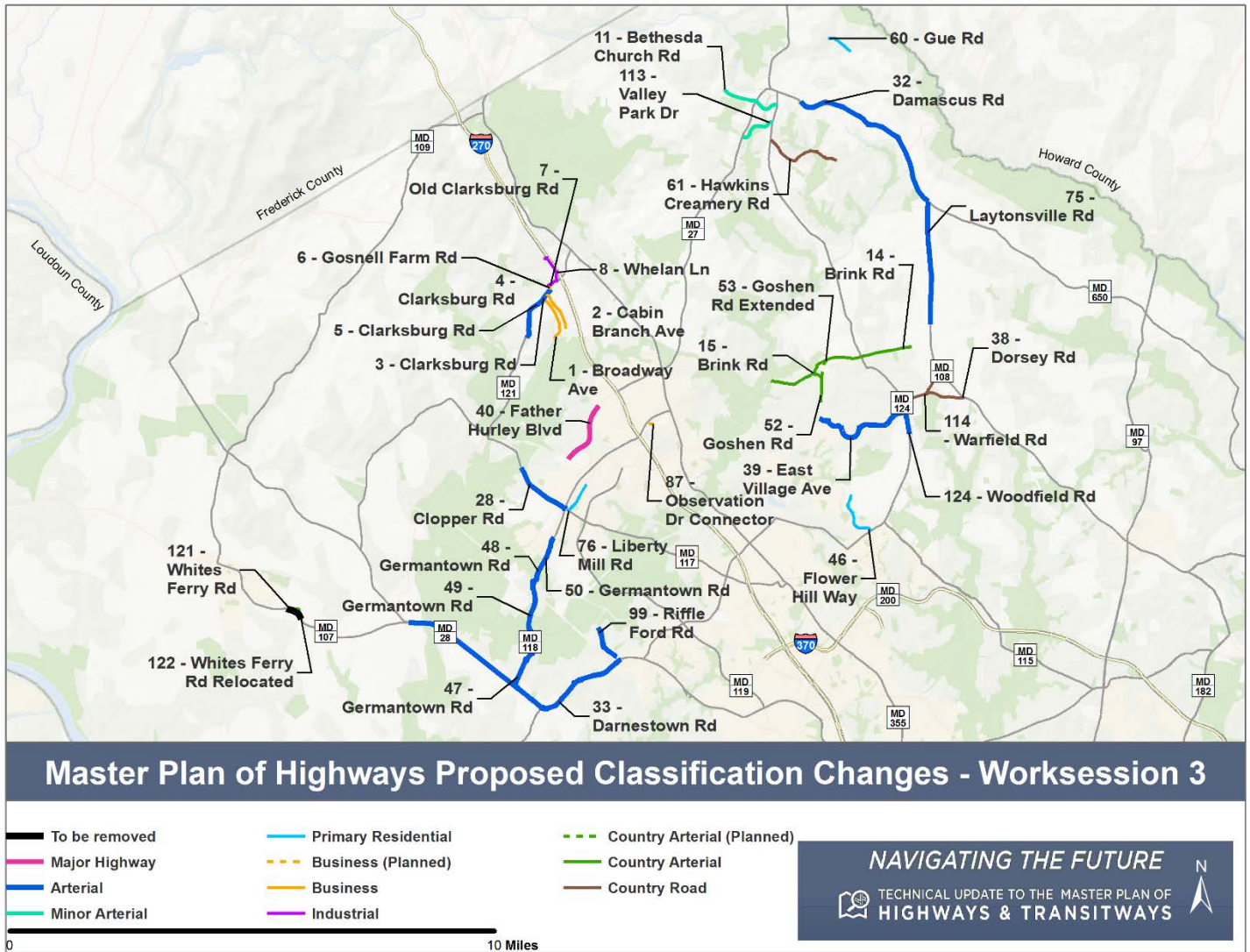


Figure 1: Proposed Classification Changes - Worksession 3

Table 1: Proposed Classification Changes – Worksession 3

ID	Name	From Location	To Location	Classification	Proposed Classification	Master Plan	Existing Lanes	Planned Lanes	Existing ROW (Feet)
11	Bethesda Church Rd	Kings Valley Rd	Woodfield Rd	Arterial	Minor Arterial	Damascus	2	2	80
14	Brink Rd	Goshen Rd	Town of Laytonsville	Arterial	Country Arterial	Agriculture and Open Space	2	2	80
15	Brink Rd	Wightman Rd	Goshen Rd Extended	N/A	Country Arterial	MPOHT (Pending)	2	2	80
28	Clopper Rd	Little Seneca Creek	Germantown Rd	Major Highway	Arterial	Boys / Germantown	2	6	150
32	Damascus Rd	Laytonsville Rd (MD 108)	2800' east of Woodfield Rd	Major Highway	Arterial	Damascus	2	2	120
33	Darnestown Rd	Whites Ferry Rd	Riffle Ford Rd	Major Highway	Arterial	Agriculture and Open Space	2	2	120
38	Dorsey Rd	Warfield Rd	Olney-Laytonsville Rd	Primary Residential	Country Road	Upper Rock Creek	2	2	70
39	East Village Ave	Goshen Rd	Woodfield Rd	Primary Residential	Arterial	Montgomery Village Master Plan	4	4	70
40	Father Hurley Blvd	Crystal Rock Dr	CSX Tracks	Controlled Major Highway	Major Highway	Germantown Employment Area Sector Plan (2009)	4D	6D	120
46	Flower Hill Way	Woodfield Rd	Snouffer School Rd	N/A	Primary Residential	MPOHT (Pending)	2	2	70

ID	Name	From Location	To Location	Classification	Proposed Classification	Master Plan	Existing Lanes	Planned Lanes	Existing ROW (Feet)
47	Germantown Rd	Darnestown Rd	Great Seneca Creek (Southern Branch)	Major Highway	Arterial	Potomac	2	2-4D	120
48	Germantown Rd	Great Seneca Creek (Northern Branch)	Riffle Ford Rd	Major Highway	Arterial	Germantown (1989)	2D	2-4	120
49	Germantown Rd	Great Seneca Creek (Southern Branch)	Great Seneca Creek (Northern Branch)	Major Highway	Arterial	Agriculture and Open Space	2	2-4	120
50	Germantown Rd	Riffle Ford Rd	Richter Farm Rd	Major Highway	Arterial	Germantown (1989)	2D	6D	120
52	Goshen Rd	Warfield Rd	Brink Rd	Arterial	Country Arterial	Agriculture and Open Space	2	2	80
53	Goshen Rd Extended	Goshen Mill Court	Brink Rd	Arterial (Planned)	Country Arterial (Planned)	Agriculture and Open Space	N/A	2	80
60	Gue Rd	5000' east of Ridge Rd	Howard Chapel Dr	Country Arterial	Primary Residential	Damascus	2	2	70
61	Hawkins Creamery Rd	Woodfield School Rd	Woodfield Rd	Primary Residential	Country Road	Damascus	2	2	70
75	Laytonsville Rd	Damascus Rd	Rocky Rd	Major Highway	Arterial	Damascus	2	2	120

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76	Liberty Mill Rd	Dawson Farm Rd	Clopper Rd	N/A	Primary Residential	MPOHT (Pending)	2	2	70
87	Observation Dr Connector	Goldenrod Ln	Observation Dr	Arterial	Business (Planned)	Germantown Employment Area Sector Plan (2009)	0	2	80
99	Riffle Ford Rd	700' north of Woodsboro Dr	220' east of Hallman Ct	N/A	Arterial	MPOHT (Pending)	2	4	80
113	Valley Park Dr	Ridge Rd	Woodfield Rd	Arterial	Minor Arterial	Damascus	2	2	80-120
114	Warfield Rd	Woodfield Rd	Olney-Laytonsville Rd	Primary Residential	Country Road	Gaithersburg Vicinity / Upper Rock Creek	2	2	70
121	Whites Ferry Rd	Poolesville eastern boundary	Approx. 2000' east of Poolesville eastern boundary	N/A	Country Arterial	MPOHT (Pending)	2	2	120
122	Whites Ferry Rd Relocated	Approx 2000' E of Poolesville boundary	Partnership Rd	Country Arterial (Planned)	To be removed from MPOH	Agriculture and Open Space	N/A	2	120
124	Woodfield Rd	Fieldcrest Rd	Warfield Rd	Major Highway	Arterial	Montgomery Village Master Plan	2-6	6	120

Cabin Branch

ID	Name	From Location	To Location	Classification	Proposed Classification	Master Plan	Existing Lanes	Planned Lanes	Existing ROW (Feet)
1	Broadway Ave	Clarksburg Rd (MD 121)	West Old Baltimore Rd	Arterial	Business	Clarksburg	2D	2D	120
2	Cabin Branch Ave	Clarksburg Rd (MD 121)	Little Seneca Pkwy	N/A	Business	MPOHT	2D	2D	N/A
3	Clarksburg Rd	Bryne Park Dr	Goldeneye Avenue	Arterial		Clarksburg	4D	6D	150
4	Clarksburg Rd	Dunlin St	Bryne Park Dr	Arterial		Clarksburg	2	4D	80
5	Clarksburg Rd	West Old Baltimore Rd	Dunlin St	Arterial		Clarksburg	2	2-4D	80
6	Gosnell Farm Rd	Clarksburg Rd (MD 121)	Old Clarksburg Rd	N/A	Business	MPOHT	4D	4D	N/A
7	Old Clarksburg Rd	Gosnell Farm Rd	Whelan Ln	N/A		MPOHT	2	2	N/A
8	Whelan Ln	New Cut Rd Extended	Clarksburg Correctional Facility	Arterial	Industrial	Clarksburg	2	2	120