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
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