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**COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PORTION
OF THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT
WITHIN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: District Council

SUBJECT: Approval of Planning Board Draft Technical Update to the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways

1. On May 11, 2018, the Montgomery County Planning Board transmitted to the County Executive and the County Council the Planning Board Draft Technical Update to the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways.
2. The Planning Board Draft Technical Update to the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways amends the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways within Montgomery County; the General Plan (on Wedges and Corridors) for the Physical Development of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, as amended; the Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan, as amended; the Preservation of Agricultural and Rural Open Space Functional Master Plan; the Aspen Hill Master Plan; the Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan; the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Master Plan; the Boyds Master Plan, the Burtonsville Commercial Crossroads Neighborhood Plan; the Capitol View and Vicinity Sector Plan; the Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan; the Clarksburg Master Plan and Hyattstown Special Study Area, as amended; the Cloverly Master Plan; the Damascus Master Plan, the East Silver Spring Master Plan; the Fairland Master Plan; the Forest Glen Sector Plan; the Four Corners Master Plan; the Friendship Heights Sector Plan; the Gaithersburg and Vicinity Master Plan; the Germantown Employment Area Sector Plan; the Germantown Master Plan; the Glenmont Sector Plan; the Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan; the Greater Lyttonsville Sector Plan; the Grosvenor Sector Plan; the Grosvenor/Strathmore Metro Area Minor Master Plan; the Kemp Mill Master Plan, the Kensington Sector Plan; the Town of Kensington and Vicinity Sector Plan; the Kensington/Wheaton Master Plan; the Long Branch Sector Plan, the Montgomery Village Master Plan; the North and West Silver Spring Master Plan; the North Bethesda/Garrett Park Master Plan; the Olney Master Plan; the Potomac Subregion Master Plan; the Rock Spring Master Plan; the Sandy Spring/Ashton Master Plan; the Sandy Spring Rural Village Plan, the Shady Grove Sector Plan; the Silver Spring CBD Sector Plan; the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Sector Plan; the Takoma Park Master Plan; the Twinbrook Sector Plan; the Upper Rock Creek Master Plan; the Westbard Sector Plan; the Wheaton

CBD Sector Plan; the White Flint Sector Plan; the White Flint 2 Sector Plan; the White Oak Master Plan; and the White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan.

3. On July 23, 2018, the County Executive transmitted to the County Council his fiscal impact analysis for the Technical Update to the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways.
4. On July 10, 2018, the County Council held a public hearing regarding the Planning Board Draft Technical Update to the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways. The Plan was referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee for review and recommendation.
5. On July 19, 2018, the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee held a worksession to review the issues raised in connection with the Planning Board Draft Technical Update to the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following resolution:

The Planning Board Draft Technical Update to the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways, dated May 2018, is approved with revisions. County Council revisions to the Planning Board Draft Technical Update to the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways are identified below. Deletions to the text of the Plan are indicated by [brackets], additions by underscoring. The maps in this resolution have been updated to be consistent with the text.

Page 7: Revise the first sentence, as follows: “The Master Plan of Highways and Transitways [(MPHOT)] MPOHT ...”

Throughout the Plan, change the total number of road or transitway segments re-classified or modified, and the changes by category in Table 7, to correspond with the revisions in this resolution.

Page 11: In Table 1, include the Georgetown Branch Master Plan (January 1990) and the Countywide Bikeway Master Plan (March 2005).

Page 12: In Table 2, include the Town of Kensington and Vicinity Sector Plan (May 1978).

Page 32: In Table 6, in the “Minor Arterial/Traffic Calming Considered?” cell: [No Speed Humps] Yes. In the cells with “Not Required”: [Not Required] No.

Page 34: Change the title of Table 7, as follows: “[Proposed] Changes to MPOHT, by Reason.”

Page 36: In Table 8: revise the “Target Speeds/Arterials” cell to read “25 mph Urban; 30 mph or higher in Suburban and Rural Areas; revise the “Target Speeds/Minor Arterials” cell to read “25 mph Urban; typically lower than Arterials in Suburban and Rural Areas.”; revise the “Target Speeds/Primary Residential Streets” cell to read “25 mph Urban; 25-30 mph in Suburban and Rural Areas”; and delete the reference to “suicide” lanes in the “Medians” row and in the footnote.

Page 37: Delete the second and fourth paragraphs in the “Recommended Minor Arterial Streets” section.

Page 38: Change the title of Table 9, as follows: “[Proposed] Minor Arterials [Candidates] (Down-Classification).” Revise the street name for segment #30: [Dale Drive] Columbia Boulevard/Dale Drive.

Pages 38-39: Revise Table 9 to show Prince Philip Drive and Hines Road reclassified from Arterials to Minor Arterials; the existing lanes, planned lanes, proposed planned lanes, and the master plan rights-of-way for these roads are the same as in the Olney Master Plan. Revise Table 9 to show the segment of Lockwood Drive between Colesville Road and New Hampshire Avenue reclassified from an Arterial to a Minor Arterial; the existing lanes, planned lanes, proposed planned lanes, and the master plan right-of-way for this road is the same as in the White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan.

Page 40: Replace the word “Proposed” with “Classification” in the map’s title. Delete the word “Proposed” in the legend. Revise the map to show Prince Philip Drive, Hines Road, and the segment of Lockwood Drive between Colesville Road and New Hampshire Avenue.

Pages 41-42: Remove the words “Future Possible” from the maps’ titles. Remove the word “Proposed” in the legends. Delete the four segments of Capitol View Avenue and Capitol View Avenue Relocated from the map on page 42.

Page 43: Delete the four segments of Capitol View Avenue and Capitol View Avenue Relocated from Table 10. Change the title of Table 10, as follows: “[Future Possible] Minor Arterials [Candidates] (Up-Classification).”

Page 45: In Table 10, revise the “From Location” in Segment 107: [Darnestown Rd] Unicorn Way.

Page 47: Change the title of Table 11, as follows: “Primary Residential [Candidates] Streets.”

Pages 50-51: Replace the word “Proposed” with “Classification” in the maps’ titles. Delete the word “Proposed” in the legends.

Page 52: Under the “Correction of Road Classification Inconsistencies” section, add the following paragraph after the third paragraph:

There is a classification inconsistency on Randolph, East Randolph, and Cherry Hill Roads. Randolph Road is currently classified as a Major Highway from Rock Creek to Fairland

Road, but it is currently classified as an Arterial further west between Rock Creek and White Flint and on East Randolph Road and Cherry Hill Road further east between Fairland Road and Prince George's County. However, these roads carry a consistent function between White Flint and Prince George's County. Reclassifying both Randolph Road from Rock Creek to Parklawn Drive and East Randolph Road/Cherry Hill Road from Fairland Road to Prince George's County from Arterial to Major Highway would correct this inconsistency.

Page 53: Change the title of Table 12, as follows: "Re-Classification [Candidates] to Correct Master Plan Inconsistencies."

Pages 53-56: In Table 12, add segments for Randolph Road from Rock Creek to Parklawn Drive and for East Randolph Road/Cherry Hill Road from Fairland Road to Prince George's County, reclassifying them from Arterial to Major Highway; the existing lanes, planned lanes, proposed planned lanes, and the master plan rights-of-way for these segments are the same as in the White Flint 2 Sector Plan and the White Oak/Fairland/White Oak Science Gateway Master Plans, respectively.

Page 57: Replace the word "Proposed" with "Classification" in the map's title. Delete the word "Proposed" in the legend.

Page 58: Change the title of Table 13, as follows: "Re-Classification [Candidates] – Rural Boundary Modifications."

Page 60: Replace the word "Proposed" with "Classification" in the map's title. Delete the word "Proposed" in the legend.

Page 61: Revise the title at the top of the page, as follows: "[Proposed] Classification Changes on Major Highways."

Page 61: Revise the start of the first sentence, as follows: "There are 11 [proposed] classification[s] changes ..."

Page 61: Revise the start of the third sentence, as follows: "Table 14 provides ..." Change the title of Table 14, as follows: "Re-Classification [Candidates] – Major Highways."

Page 63: Replace the word "Proposed" with "Classification" in the map's title. Delete the word "Proposed" in the legend.

Page 67: Replace the word "Proposed" with "Classification" in the map's title. Delete the word "Proposed" in the legend.

Page 68: Replace the title of the section, as follows: "Highway [Candidates for Removal] Segments Removed from the MPOHT."

Page 69: Replace the title of the map, as follows: “[Proposed Changes:] Segments [to be] removed from the MPOHT.” Delete the word “Proposed” in the legend.

Page 70: Replace the title of Table 16, as follows: “[Candidates Proposed for Removal] Highway Segments Removed from the MPOHT.”

Page 72: In Table 17, revise the “To Location” for the second I-270 segment, as follows: [Great Seneca Creek] Middlebrook Rd. Revise the “From Location” for the third I-270 segment, as follows: [Little Seneca Creek] Middlebrook Rd.

Pages 73-74: Delete the section entitled “Right-of-Way Changes Needed to Support the Bicycle Master Plan,” including Table 18.

Page 75: Revise the title of the section as follows: [Potential Expansion of] Urban Road Code and Bicycle-Pedestrian Priority Area Boundaries. Revise subtitle, as follows: New and Expanded Urban Road Code Areas and Bicycle-Pedestrian Priority Areas. Revise the paragraph, as follows:

The Master Plan of Highways and Transitways is an appropriate place for modifying Urban Road Code and Bicycle-Pedestrian Priority Area boundaries. In preparing the plan, a review of existing [Urban Road Code] areas was conducted and potential modifications were identified for consideration with this technical update. These locations are summarized in Table [19] 18. The intent of any change was to make these [Urban Road Code] boundaries consistent with existing and or planned urban character, including zoning.

Page 75: Revise title of table, as follows: Table [19] 18: Changes to Urban Road Code (URC) and Bicycle-Pedestrian Priority Area (BPPA) Boundaries [- Proposed Changes]. Revise the heading of first column, as follows: [Proposed Urban Road Code] New or Revised Area. Delete the word “Proposed” in the heading of the third column. Delete the word “Urban” from the cells in the third column.

After Page 75: Include the maps for the new or revised areas.

Pages 80-87: Relocate this material to the Plan’s appendices.

General

All illustrations and tables included in the Plan are to be revised to reflect District Council changes to the Planning Board Draft. The text and graphics are to be revised as necessary to achieve clarity and consistency, to update factual information, and to convey the actions of the District Council. All identifying references pertain to the Planning Board Draft.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



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