Veirs Mill Corridor Master Plan

B. Designate Veirs Mill Road-Randolph Road Area as Road Code Urban Area

Staff Recommendation
Recommend approval of this request to transmit a draft County Council resolution to the County Council for it to designate a Road Code Urban Area in Chapter 49 of the County Code for the area around the intersection of Veirs Mill Road and Randolph Road.

Summary
Request that the Planning Board approve transmittal of the attached draft County Council resolution and map in order to implement a recommendation in the approved and adopted 2019 Veirs Mill Corridor Master Plan to create a Road Code Urban Area around the intersection of Veirs Mill Road and Randolph Road.

Background
On April 23, 2019, the County Council approved the Veirs Mill Corridor Master Plan by Resolution Number 19-76. The Council’s Resolution added the following language (underlined) to page 37 of the Planning Board Draft Master Plan: “Reduce target speeds on Veirs Mill Road to 35 miles per hour, outside the Road Code Urban Area, to improve safety. Define the areas between Havard Street and Bushey Drive on Veirs Mill Road as a Road Code Urban Area with a target speed of 25 miles per hour.” In order to implement this recommendation, Council staff requested that Planning Department staff prepare a draft County Council resolution and a map depicting the Road Code Urban Area, which are attached. Planning staff is bringing this matter to the Board’s attention and asking for approval to transmit these items to the County Council for their action.

Conclusion
Staff recommends approval of this request to transmit the attached resolution to the County Council to designate the Veirs Mill-Randolph Road Urban Area in Chapter 49 of the County Code, which will implement a recommendation in the approved and adopted 2019 Veirs Mill Corridor Master Plan.

Attachments
1. Draft County Council Resolution to designate the Veirs Mill Road-Randolph Road Urban Road Code Area in Chapter 49 of the County Code.
2. Map of the boundaries for the Veirs Mill Road-Randolph Road Urban Road Code Area
Resolution No.: 
Introduced: 
Adopted: 

COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Designation of a Road Code Urban Area in Chapter 49 of the County Code for the Intersection of Veirs Mill Road and Randolph Road

1. Section 49-32(c)(1) of the County Code states that an ‘urban’ road is a road segment in or abutting a Metro Station Policy Area, Town Center Policy Area, or other urban area expressly identified in a Council resolution.

2. Section 49-19 of the Code states that the Executive must require that any affected utility line be installed underground if he finds that the underground installation is desirable after considering several factors, one of which is whether the line is in a Metro Station Policy Area, Town Center Policy Area, or other area expressly identified for this purpose in a Council resolution (Section 49-19(j)).

3. On April 23, 2019, the County Council approved the Veirs Mill Corridor Master Plan by Resolution Number 19-76, which includes a recommendation to “Define the areas between Havard Street and Bushey Drive on Veirs Mill Road as a Road Code Urban Area with a target speed of 25 miles per hour.”

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following resolution:

For the purpose cited in Section 49-32(c)(1) of the County Code, the area on the attached map is identified as a road code urban area. For the purpose cited in Section 49-19(j) of the Code, the area on the attached map is identified as an other area expressly identified in a Council resolution.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Megan Limarzi, Clerk of the Council