



## Thrive Montgomery 2050 Public Hearing

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### Description:

The Planning Board will receive virtual public testimony on the Thrive Montgomery 2050 Public Hearing Draft Plan. Staff requests that the Planning Board members bring their copy of the [Public Hearing Draft Plan](#) to the public hearing.

### Summary:

Thrive Montgomery 2050 is an update to the county's General Plan. It is a long-range policy framework to help guide, over multiple decades, how Montgomery County should respond to future opportunities and challenges while maintaining its important strengths. Thrive Montgomery 2050 sets a vision for the county and encompasses broad, county-wide policy recommendations for land use, housing, the economy, equity, transportation, parks and open space, the environment, historic resources, urban design, and the arts and culture. These recommendations will provide guidance for future master plans, county and state capital improvement processes, and other public and private initiatives that influence land use and planning in the county.

Staff presented the Thrive Montgomery 2050 Working Draft Plan to the Planning Board on October 1, 2020. The Planning Board authorized staff to prepare the Public Hearing Draft Plan and scheduled a public hearing on November 19, 2020. The public hearing notice was published in The Washington Times on October 12, 2020. Staff conducted an extensive advertising campaign for the public hearing that included post cards, emails, social media, press releases and meetings with stakeholders. This public hearing will be conducted virtually with call-in public testimony and live-streaming due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Staff requests that the public hearing record remain open until December 10, 2020 to allow additional time for those who may not be able to submit testimony by November 19. Staff will summarize the testimony and conduct the first work session with the Planning Board on December 17, 2020.