

THRIVE MONTGOMERY 2050 – RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Description

The Montgomery County Council, sitting as the District Council, approved *Thrive Montgomery 2050* by Resolution No. 19-1413 on October 25, 2022. Sec. 33A-9 of the County Code requires the Commission to adopt the approved plan within 60 days of the Council’s approval of the plan. The adoption of the approved plan is a two-step process: 1) Planning Board’s approval of the Resolution of Adoption; and 2) the full Commission’s approval of the Resolution of Adoption.

Attached for your review and approval is the Montgomery County Planning Board Resolution No. 22-101 to adopt Thrive Montgomery 2050 as the new General Plan for Montgomery County, except for the following municipalities that have their own planning and zoning authority: the Cities of Rockville and Gaithersburg, and the municipalities of Barnesville, Brookeville, Laytonsville, Poolesville, and Washington Grove.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends approval of the attached Resolution of Adoption for *Thrive Montgomery 2050*.

SUMMARY

Thrive Montgomery 2050 is a comprehensive amendment to the 1969 General Plan (On Wedges and Corridors) for the Physical Development of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Montgomery County Maryland, as amended; the 1993 General Plan Refinement of the Goals and Objectives for Montgomery County, as amended; the Master Plan of Historic Preservation, 1979, as amended; the 2010 Purple Line Functional Plan, as amended; the 2011 Housing Element of the General Plan, as amended; the 2013 County-wide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan, as amended; the 2018 Master Plan of Highways and Transitways, as amended; the 2018 Energized Public Spaces Functional Master Plan, as amended; and the 2018 Bicycle Master Plan, as amended.

Thrive Montgomery 2050 defines the basic land use policies and context for all public and private development in the county. It provides high level direction for decisions about land use, transportation, and related issues under local government influence. Its recommendations also touch on the objectives and actions of other public and private entities that are responsible for implementing and providing land use related services and amenities.

Thrive Montgomery 2050 has a 30-year time horizon, but it is designed to be flexible and adaptable to changing circumstances. It provides long-term guiding principles and objectives that can deal with a constantly changing economic, social, and environmental landscape. It aims to create communities that offer equitable access to jobs, more housing, transportation, parks, and public spaces. It helps guide the design of the built environment to strengthen the social and physical health of our residents, supporting active lifestyles and encouraging interaction and engagement. This framework embraces and builds on the county's previous general plan, called Wedges and Corridors Plan, with a greater emphasis on the development of transit-oriented, walkable complete communities and the role of major corridors as places to grow. It also supports greater conservation and expanded protection of our natural resources and recognizes the importance of integrating arts and culture in our communities.

A simpler, easier to read version of the Plan approved by the County Council is available online at: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Resources/Files/2022/Draft%20for%20Resolution%20-%20Thrive%202050%20clean%2010_17_22.pdf

In addition, Planning Department Staff will provide the Planning Board at their December 1 meeting an overview of the final approved plan and the process used to develop it, including the extensive community outreach.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Montgomery County Planning Board Resolution No. 22-101

Attachment B: County Council Resolution No. 19-1413.