

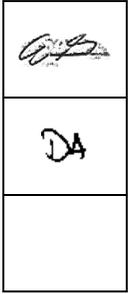
PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

WORK SESSION #4



Description

The Planning Board will review revisions to the *Pedestrian Master Plan* Public Hearing Draft and consider transmitting the Planning Board Draft to the County Council and County Executive.



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SUMMARY

- Review proposed revisions to the Public Hearing Draft of the Pedestrian Master Plan.
- Transmit the Planning Board Draft of the Pedestrian Master Plan to the County Council and County Executive.

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INTRODUCTION

The Pedestrian Master Plan is Montgomery Planning's first comprehensive vision to create safer, more comfortable experiences walking or rolling around the county, and to make getting around more convenient and accessible for every pedestrian.

Pedestrian comfort walking or rolling (with a mobility device) in Montgomery County can vary greatly depending on where you are. Some roads and intersections are safer and more accessible than others. To ensure a less stressful traveling experience, the county recommended the Planning Department put together a master plan to address the issues all pedestrians face in Montgomery County.

Since work began on the Pedestrian Master Plan in fall 2019, Montgomery Planning has held numerous in-person and virtual community engagement events and activities, designed and distributed a survey to 60,000 households, and collected and analyzed commute and crash data to have a deeper understanding of the issues important to pedestrians of all backgrounds, ages, and types of mobility.

The Pedestrian Master Plan provides detailed, actionable recommendations in line with national and international best practices to improve the pedestrian experience, from more and better places to cross the street to a data-driven, equity-focused approach to identifying the county's future pedestrian/bicycle capital investments. The plan vision is supported by four goals:

- Increase walking rates and pedestrian satisfaction
- Create a comfortable, connected, convenient pedestrian network
- Enhance pedestrian safety
- Build an equitable and just pedestrian network

WORK SESSION SCHEDULE

The April 13 work session covered the following topics:

1. General Comments
2. Racial Equity and Social Justice Statement
3. Vision and Goals
4. Existing Conditions

The April 27 work session covered the following topics:

5. Recommendations Chapter
 - A. Recommendations Overview
 - B. Design, Policy, and Programming Recommendations (through Recommendation P-8)

The May 11 work session covered the following topics:

5. Recommendations Chapter
 - B. Design, Policy, and Programming Recommendations (beginning with Recommendation P-9)
 - C. Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Area Prioritization
 - D. Complete Streets Design Guide Area Type Designations
 - E. Pedestrian Shortcuts
 - F. Country Sidepaths
6. Implementation
7. Monitoring
8. Appendices
9. Table of Contents
10. Executive Summary
11. Introduction

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the attached document (Attachment A) as the Planning Board Draft of the Pedestrian Master Plan for transmittal to the County Council and the County Executive.

NEXT STEPS

After the Planning Board's approval, Planning staff will transmit the approved Planning Board Draft, along with the Appendix, to the County Council and the County Executive. The County Council will hold a public hearing, followed by the T&E Committee and Council worksessions, and the Council's approval of the final master plan. The final step will be the Commission adoption of the Council-approved Pedestrian Master Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: Planning Board Draft Pedestrian Master Plan
- Attachment B: Planning Board Draft Pedestrian Master Plan Appendices
- Attachment C: Track Changes Version of Planning Board Draft Pedestrian Master Plan
- Attachment D: Track Changes Version of Prioritization Methodology from Pedestrian Master Plan Appendices
- Attachment E: Summarized Public Testimony Comment Matrix