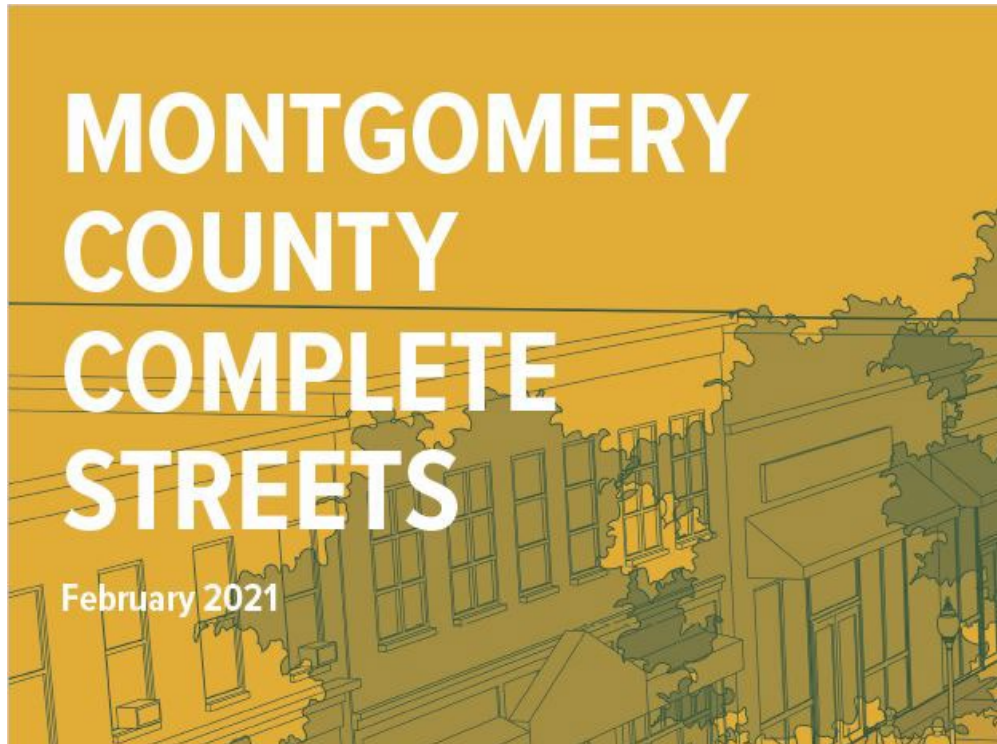


COMPLETE STREETS DESIGN GUIDE - BRIEFING



Description

A presentation will be provided to the Planning Board on the Montgomery County Complete Streets Design Guide, including an overview of the guide, recent changes to county code and ongoing update efforts.

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SUMMARY

- A presentation will be provided by Montgomery Planning and Montgomery County Department of Transportation staff. This technical policy document was jointly developed, with consultant assistance, by these agencies. This document serves as a primary reference supporting the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways. This document was approved by the Planning Board in 2021 and will be undergoing modification within the next several months.
- This is an informational briefing – no Planning Board feedback is required, but is certainly welcome.

RECOMMENDATION

No Planning Board decisions are requested at this time. This briefing is for information purposes and to support the following planning board item on the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways Technical Update.

INTRODUCTION

Version 1.0 of the [Complete Streets Design Guide](#) (CSDG) was approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board in February 2021 as part of an effort to integrate complete streets design principles more fully in how the county plans, designs and manages county streets. In 2022, Montgomery Planning and the Montgomery County Department of Transportation began working on changes to county code to adopt these guidelines into county law. This was completed in Fall 2022 with the adoption by the County Council of two bills (Bill [24-22](#) and [34-22](#)) that revised the street types identified in Chapter 49 of the County Code, also known as the “Road Code,” to conform to the county’s Complete Streets Design Guide. These code changes include some elements that are currently not in the approved CSDG document, so a revision is now required to make the CSDG conform to county code.

This effort is being led jointly by the Countywide Planning and Policy Division within Montgomery Planning and by the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT). The briefing being presented today is informational only and in support of the ongoing Master Plan of Highways and Transitways Technical Update effort, as Planning and MCDOT staff will return to present proposed changes to the existing CSDG document likely in early 2024. At that time, Planning Board comments and approval will be requested for version 2 of the CSDG.