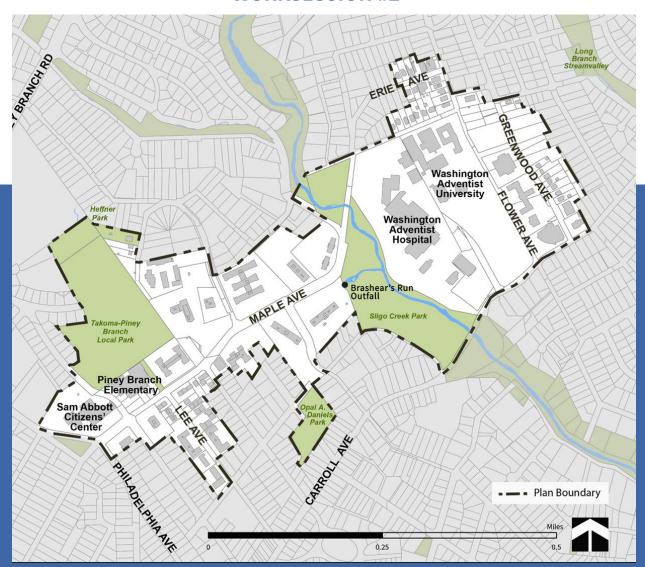
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TAKOMA PARK MINOR MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT

WORKSESSION #2



Description

This worksession will focus on Chapter 3: Plan-Wide Area Recommendations of the Public Hearing Draft of the Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment. Staff will provide an overview of plan recommendations and related testimony, including the City of Takoma Park Resolution for 3.2 Reconnected (Bicycle Network, Pedestrian Network, Roadway network, Transit, Policy Area-Level Transportation Analysis and Non-Auto Driver Mode Share) and if time permits 3.3 Resilient (Environment, Housing, Parks, Trails and Open Space). Staff will also provide the language requested by the Planning Board at the October 19th worksession.

MASTER PLAN INFORMATION

Public Hearing

Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment

<u>Date</u>

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<u>Summary</u>

The Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment (TPMMA) is an amendment to portions of the 2000 Takoma Park Master Plan. It also amends Thrive Montgomery 2050, the County's General Plan; the 2013 Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan; the 2018 Master Plan of Highways and Transitways, as amended; and the 2018 Bicycle Master Plan and the Master Plan of Historic Places. This Plan focuses on improving quality of life, guiding future development and encouraging improvements to the natural and built environments. Recommendations are provided for land use, zoning, housing, transportation, parks, trails and open space, the environment, community facilities, and historic preservation.

The *Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment* (TPMMPA) covers a roughly 132-acre area along Maple Avenue and Flower Avenue from Philadelphia Avenue to the west and the Washington Adventist University campus to the east. The Plan Area includes a variety of land uses, including residential, municipal, and institutional. It is home to the Takoma Park Community Center and Public Works Department, Piney Branch Elementary School, numerous mid- and high-rise apartment buildings, the Erie Center commercial area, the Washington Adventist University and the former Washington Adventist Hospital, as well as Takoma-Piney Branch Local Park, Heffner Park, Opal Daniels Park, and Sligo Creek Park.

The Planning Board Public Hearing for the TPMMPA was held on September 14, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the auditorium of the Wheaton Headquarters Building at 2425 Reedie Drive in Wheaton. A satellite location was also available for the Public Hearing in Takoma Park, where participants could testify and view the Public Hearing.

In the first work session held on October 19, staff reviewed public hearing testimony, the City of Takoma Park Resolution 2023-33 and the recommendations in Chapter 1: Introduction (Background, Equity, Community Engagement, and Community Priorities), Chapter 2: A Renewed Vision (Vision, Thrive Montgomery 2050, and Concept Framework) and a portion of Chapter 3: Plan-Wide Area Recommendations. The worksession on October 19th included a review of Sections 3.1 Reimagined (Land Use and Zoning, Public Facilities) and 3.2 Reconnected (The Green Promenade).

In this second work session, staff will continue addressing the recommendations in Chapter 3: Plan-Wide Recommendations. These recommendations will include the remainder of 3.2 Reconnected (Bicycle Network, Pedestrian Network, Roadway network, Transit, Policy Area-Level Transportation Analysis and Non-Auto Driver Mode Share) and if time permits 3.3 Resilient (Environment, Housing, Parks, Trails and Open Space).