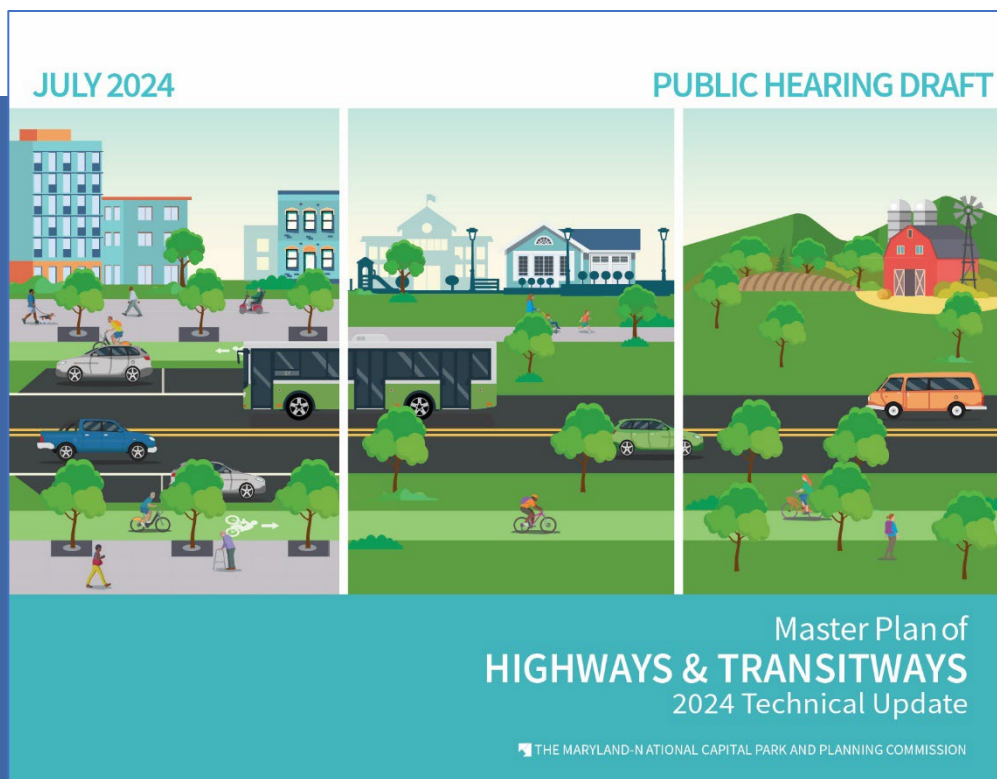
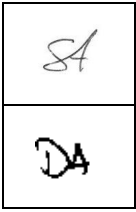


MASTER PLAN OF HIGHWAYS AND TRANSITWAYS 2024 TECHNICAL UPDATE – PUBLIC HEARING #2



Description

The Planning Board will receive testimony on the Public Hearing Draft of the *Master Plan of Highways and Transitways – 2024 Technical Update*.



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RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Board will receive public testimony on the *Master Plan of Highways and Transitways (MPOHT) – 2024 Technical Update*. This second public hearing was added by the Planning Board in order to receive public input more fully on the status of Midcounty Highway Extended (M-83) as a recommended transportation improvement in the MPOHT, though comments on all aspects of the master plan are appropriate.

DESCRIPTION

A technical update to the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways (MPOHT) is necessitated by the County Council's approval of two bills in 2022 (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. While the updated county code provides an interim translation from the previous "functional" classification system to the new "complete streets" classification system, adjustments to these default translations are needed for various road segments in the county. Master plan recommendations are presented in the Public Hearing Draft to street classifications, master planned target speeds, number of planned travel lanes, transitway removals and additions, transit station removals and additions, and the identification of a new Growth Corridor street type.

Planning Staff presented the Working Draft of *the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways – 2024 Technical Update* to the Planning Board on June 26, 2024. The Planning Board authorized Planning Staff to prepare the Public Hearing Draft document and scheduled a public hearing for September 12, 2024 in the second floor auditorium of the M-NCPPC Wheaton Headquarters building at 2425 Reedie Drive, Wheaton, MD. The public hearing was advertised in the Washington Times on August 5, 2024.

The Public Hearing Draft Plan is available online at: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/mpoht2024>

The purpose of this second public hearing is to provide an opportunity for all interested persons to express their views on the status of Midcounty Highway Extended (M-83), though comments on all aspects of the master plan are appropriate. The public hearing record will remain open until Thursday, November 29, 2024 at 5 p.m. for additional testimony to be submitted to the Planning Board.

In advance of this effort, Planning Staff, with assistance from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, held one virtual public outreach meeting on October 21, 2024, and two in-person public outreach meetings, the first at Montgomery Village Middle school on October 23, 2024, and the second at Clarksburg High School on October 29, 2024.

APPENDICES

Attachment A: Public Hearing Draft – Master Plan of Highways and Transitways – 2024 Technical Update

Attachment B: Public Hearing Draft – Master Plan of Highways and Transitways – 2024 Technical Update Appendices