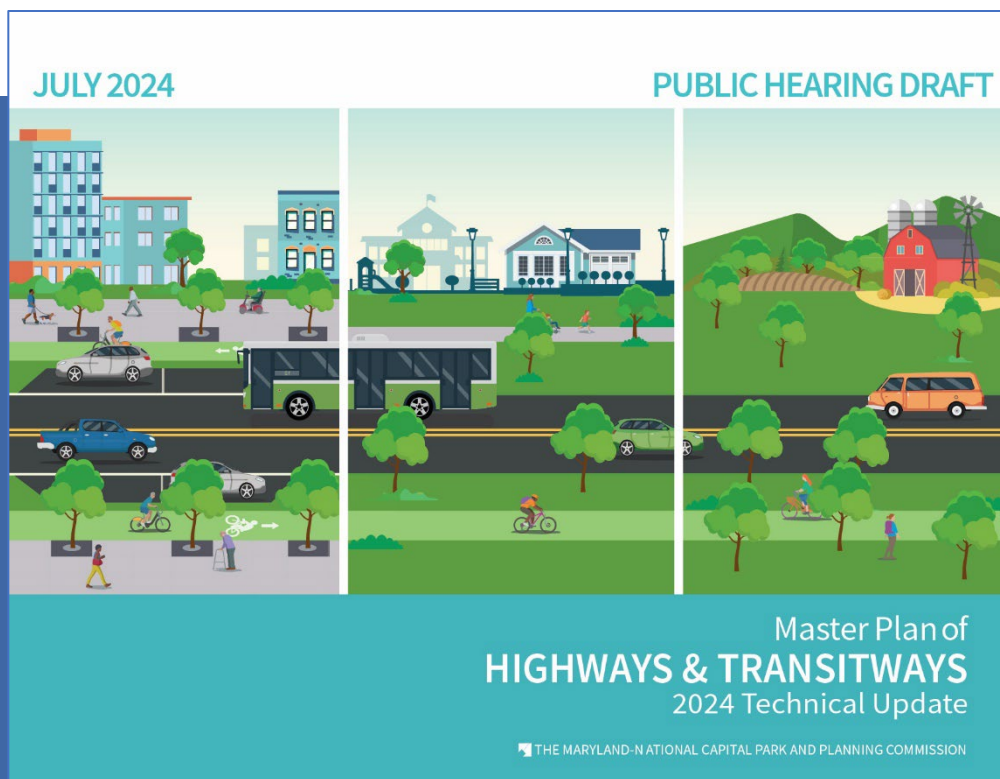


MASTER PLAN OF HIGHWAYS AND TRANSITWAYS 2024 TECHNICAL UPDATE – PUBLIC HEARING #3



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 third 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 and to address public concerns for a more proximate public hearing opportunity in the Germantown/Clarksburg area, 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 first public hearing was conducted on September 12, 2024. The second public hearing was conducted on November 14, 2024. The Planning Board gave final approval during their November 14, 2024 meeting to set a third public hearing date, to be held on January 9, 2025 and for this hearing to be at the Upcounty Regional Services Center (12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown, Maryland). The third public hearing was advertised in the Washington Times on December 6, 2024.

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

The purpose of this third 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 Friday, January 24, 2025 at noon for additional testimony to be submitted to the Planning Board.

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