

APPENDIX A: ACRONYMS, AGENCIES, AND DEFINITIONS

ACRONYMS AND AGENCIES

BRT – Bus Rapid Transit

CAP – Climate Action Plan

CCT – Corridor Cities Transitway

COMSAT – Communications Satellite Corporation

CSDG – Complete Streets Design Guide

DGS – Department of General Services

EPRG – Equity Peer Review Group

GARE – Government Alliance on Race and Equity

HPC – Historic Preservation Commission

MCDOT – Montgomery County Department of Transportation

MCPS – Montgomery County Public Schools

MD DNR – Maryland Department of Natural Resources

MDOT SHA – Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration

M-NCPPC – Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

Montgomery Parks – Montgomery County Parks Department, an agency of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

Montgomery Planning – Montgomery County Planning Department, an agency of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

MPDU – Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit

MWCOG – Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

NAACP – National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

POPS – Privately Owned Public Spaces

TDR – Transferable Development Rights

WMATA – Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

WSSC – Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission

DEFINITIONS

Breezeway – Part of a network of special bikeways that are envisioned to carry a high number of bicyclists, primarily for longer, faster trips to central business districts (CBDs), transit stations, activity hubs and job centers. Breezeways may be designed as trails, sidepaths, separated bike lanes, and neighborhood greenways (*Montgomery County Bicycle Master Plan*).

Carbon footprint - The total greenhouse gas emissions caused by an individual, event, organization, service, place, or product, expressed as carbon dioxide equivalent (Wikipedia).

Compact Development – A pattern of land development focused on centers of activity where site elements including buildings, circulation, parking, environmental features, and gathering spaces are configured efficiently on a site and located close to nearby sites to allow safe and comfortable access by a range of travel modes (driving, walking, biking, rolling, and transit) (Montgomery Planning).

Complete Streets - Roadways that are designed and operated to provide safe, accessible, and healthy travel for all users of our roadway system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and motorists (MCDOT Complete Streets Design Guide).

Complete Communities - Places that include a variety of land uses, infrastructure, services and amenities that allow them to meet a wide range of needs for a variety of people within a short distance (also known as “15-Minute Living”) (*Thrive Montgomery 2050*).

Corridor Connector – A near-term network of enhanced bus routes that builds on existing master-planned bus projects, including the MD 355 and Veirs Mill Road Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) projects to create a transit network that serves communities and employment centers along the I-270 corridor. (*Corridor Forward: The I-270 Transit Plan*).

Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit – Montgomery County’s inclusionary zoning program which requires 12.5 to 15 percent of all new units in developments with 20 or more units to be affordable to moderate income households (65 to 70 percent of AMI).

Park(s) – M-NCPPC Parkland operated by the Montgomery County Parks Department.

Priority Urban Forests – Forest stands within Census tracts in Maryland identified by the Maryland State Department of Natural Resources for their significance to the conservation of biodiversity and managed to prioritize forest and tree retention over disturbance or removal. (MD DNR)

Privately Owned, Publicly Available Open Space(s) (POPS) – Privately owned open spaces open and accessible for public use.

Public Open Space(s) – Any open spaces accessible for public use regardless of ownership.

Sidepaths – Sidepaths are shared-use paths located parallel to and within the road right-of-way. They provide two-way travel routes designated for walking, bicycling, jogging and skating.

Special Protection Area – A geographic area where existing water resources or other environmental features relating to those water resources are of high quality or unusually sensitive and proposed land uses would threaten the quality or preservation of those resources or features in the absence of special water quality protection measures which are closely coordinated with appropriate land use controls (Montgomery Planning).

Targeted Ecological Areas - Lands and watersheds in the State of Maryland that are conservation priorities and represent some of the most ecologically valuable areas in the state (MD DNR).

Third Places – Public places on neutral ground where people can gather and interact and are able to host regular, voluntary, informal, and happily anticipated gatherings of individuals beyond the realms of home and work. Maybe on public or private property (Ray Oldenburg, *The Great Good Place*).

Vision Zero – Vision Zero is an approach to road safety founded on the principle that no one should be killed or seriously injured as a price of mobility. (*Montgomery County 2030 Vision Zero Action Plan*)