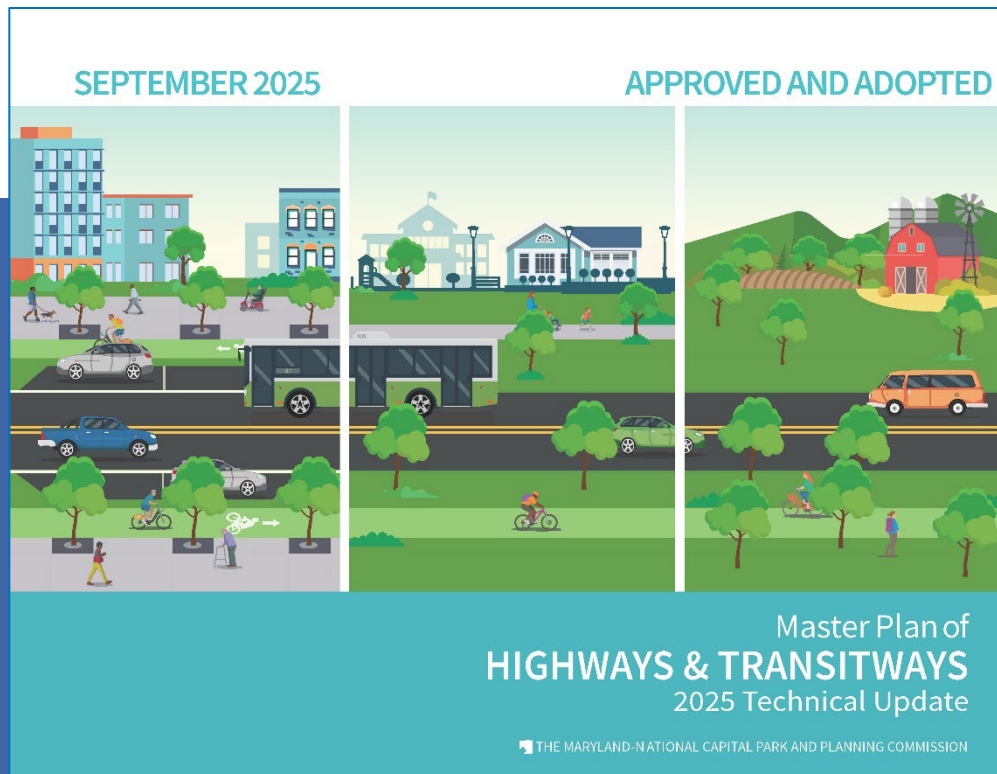


**MASTER PLAN OF HIGHWAYS AND TRANSITWAYS –  
2025 TECHNICAL UPDATE –  
PLANNING BOARD APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION**



**Description**

The Planning Board will be briefed on Master Plan changes approved by the County Council and consider a motion to approve the Resolution of Adoption for transmission to the full Commission.

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## Summary:

- A recommendation to approve the Resolution of Adoption of the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways – 2025 Technical Update to be transmitted to the Full Commission
- A list of plan topics discussed and amended through the County Council review and approval process

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## SECTION 1 – PLAN STATUS

Since the Planning Board voted to transmit the draft Master Plan of Highways and Transitways – 2025 Technical Update to the County Council on April 10, 2025, the following has taken place:

- 1) The County Council held a public hearing on July 8, 2025.
- 2) The Transportation and Environment Committee (T&E) held one work session on July 21, 2025 and identified potential amendments.
- 3) The full County Council held a work session to review and vote on the T&E Committee's recommended amendments and voted (10-1) on a Resolution of Approval for the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways – 2025 Technical Update as amended on July 29, 2025.

To fully adopt the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways – 2025 Technical Update, the Montgomery County Planning Board is required to vote on a joint Resolution of Adoption and then transmit the resolution to the Full Commission for final adoption. The joint Resolution of Adoption is included as Attachment A. The County Council Resolution of Approval is included as Attachment B.

## SECTION 2 – COUNTY COUNCIL PLAN AMENDMENT TOPICS

The following substantive changes were approved by the County Council with additions shown underlined and deletions shown in brackets.

1. **Modification to Transportation Study Description** - Page 19, Planning Board Draft, last paragraph was modified as shown below:

“To ensure that there is sufficient transportation capacity to serve existing and future travel demand in the Clarksburg to [Germantown] Montgomery Village corridor, a comprehensive study of travel needs should be conducted to determine whether there is sufficient master-planned transportation capacity to accommodate planned development, as well as the feasibility and timeline of implementing planned and existing master-planned transportation improvements.”

These changes were added to address ongoing concerns about traffic congestion and to reflect that the section of Midcounty Highway Extended removed from the master plan extends all the way to Montgomery Village.

2. **Removal of Parkways** - Page 25 (and related locations in tables and Appendices) - This change was identified by Planning Staff at the T&E Committee to streamline the plan. Parkway as a street type was eliminated from the MPOHT by reclassifying existing and planned streets previously classified as a “Parkway” to another classification. The following text is added to Recommendation 5.B.2.

“Several parkway segments remain in the MPOHT despite Council precedent removing parkways from the MPOHT. Some of the segments currently classified as parkways will remain in the MPOHT under different classifications. The changes made by this recommendation can be summarized in the following table:”

Street Name	From	To	Recommended Classification	Recommended Target Speed
Cabin John Parkway (I-495X)	Capital Beltway	Clara Barton Parkway	Freeway	N/A
Clara Barton Parkway	MacArthur Blvd	Eggert Drive	Remove	N/A
Clara Barton Parkway	Eggert Dr	1330 ft east of Tulane Ave	Remove	N/A
Clara Barton Parkway	1330 ft east of Tulane Ave	D.C. Line	Remove	N/A
Josiah Henson Parkway	Montrose Rd	Approx. 780 ft west of East Jefferson St	Controlled Major Highway	35 mph
Montrose Parkway (Planned)	Parklawn Dr	Rock Creek Park	Controlled Major Highway	35 mph
Montrose Parkway (Planned)	Rock Creek/Veirs Mill Master Plan Boundary	Veirs Mill Rd	Controlled Major Highway	35 mph

3. **Treatment of MARC and Red Line Expansion in Area Master Plans** - While Councilmembers wanted to retain the master-planned third tracking of the MARC Brunswick Line and the extension of the Red Line to Germantown in the MPOHT because they would be transformational, they expressed concern that master plan areas would get credit for improvements that are out of the County's control and may never be realized and that this could lead to land use and transportation recommendations that are out of balance. To address this, the Council added the following language to the resolution of approval:

"Until the next countywide update of the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways, the Council directs the Montgomery County Planning Board not to assume additional capacity from a) the third tracking of the MARC Brunswick Line between the Frederick County Line and Metropolitan Grove or b) the Metrorail expansion on the Red Line between Shady Grove and the Germantown MARC station when calculating the land use - transportation balance in future master plans, including but not limited to the upcoming Clarksburg Gateway Sector Plan and the Germantown Sector Plan Amendment."

### SECTION 3 – ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Resolution of Adoption MCPB Resolution No. 25-103, M-NCPPC Resolution No. 25-17.

Attachment B – Resolution of Master Plan Approval with Revisions, Resolution No 20-890.