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**PLANNING BOARD TO REVIEW TOP 10 MOST CONGESTED  
INTERSECTIONS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**SILVER SPRING, MD** -- The Montgomery County Planning Board at its regularly scheduled **Thursday, May 18** afternoon meeting will review the 2006 Highway Mobility Report (HMR), which serves as the annual update on the status of current and future congestion in the County and includes the top 10 most congested intersections. This report is a comprehensive countywide view of traffic congestion from the viewpoint of intersections, roadway segments and observed travel times and speeds on segments of selected major roadways.

A key finding of the HMR is the identification of the top 10 most congested intersections in Montgomery County. Transportation Planning staff analyzed Critical Lane Volumes (CLVs) at key Montgomery County intersections to compile the Top 10 list. In rank order, these congested intersections are:

1. Georgia Avenue (MD 97) at Forest Glen Road
2. Rockville Pike (MD 355) at Cedar Lane
3. Great Seneca Highway (MD 119) at Muddy Branch Road
4. Rockville Pike (MD 355) at South Drive/Wood Road
5. Columbia Pike (US 29) at Southwood Avenue
6. Frederick Road (MD 355) at Ridge Road (MD 27)
7. Connecticut Avenue (MD 195) at Jones Bridge Road
8. Connecticut Avenue (MD 195) at University Boulevard (MD 193)
9. Frederick Road (MD 355) at King Farm Boulevard
10. Rockville Pike (MD 355) at Pooks Hill Road

The CLV method of calculating the level of traffic congestion at intersections is generally accepted as the standard methodology by most public agencies in Maryland including M-NCPPC, Maryland's State Highway Administration, Montgomery County's Department of Public Works and Transportation, and many others.

Another key finding of the report is the identification of those areas and corridors that continue to experience significant levels of traffic and therefore should be targeted for near-term congestion relief. These locations are as follows:

- Clarksburg
- Rockville Pike/Hungerford Drive/Frederick Road (MD 355)
  - From the Bethesda CBD to the Capital Beltway (I-495)
  - In the City of Rockville
  - From Montgomery Village Avenue (MD 124) to Ridge Road (MD 27)
- Georgia Avenue
  - From the Silver Spring CBD to the Wheaton CBD
- East-West Corridors
  - Norbeck Road (MD 28)
  - Montrose Road

For Planning Board review, transportation staff compiled and analyzed a list of active or recently completed transportation projects that are anticipated to relieve traffic congestion, considering recently observed as well as forecasted (year 2010) traffic conditions. Copies of the staff draft HMR are available at the Commission's Montgomery Regional Office Building at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring and online at the following address:

<http://www.mc-mncppc.org/transportation/hmr/index.shtm>.

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