



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**  
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

**APPROVED  
MINUTES**

The Montgomery County Planning Board met in regular session on Monday, July 21, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the Montgomery Regional Office in Silver Spring, Maryland, and adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Present were Chairman Royce Hanson, Vice Chair John Robinson, and Commissioners Joe Alfandre, Jean Cryor, and Amy Presley.

Items 1 and 2 are reported on the attached agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Planning Board will be held Thursday, July 24, 2008, in the Montgomery Regional Office in Silver Spring, Maryland.

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**Montgomery County Planning Board Meeting**  
**Monday July 21, 2008**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3760

- 1. Worksession #1: ICC Limited Functional Master Plan Amendment (Bikeways and Interchanges)**

**(No public testimony will be taken at this time)**

*Staff recommendation: Transmit Planning Board Draft Plan to County Council*

**BOARD ACTION**

**Motion:**

**Vote:**

**Yea:**

**Nay:**

**Other:**

**Action: Provided direction to staff to add explanatory language and provide maps showing the entire alignment, to be brought back for final Board review in September.**

Transportation Planning staff presented an overview of the recommendations in the master plan amendment; the testimony received at the public hearing; the staff response to testimony, including two revised recommendations; and additional information requested by the Board, as contained in the staff report.

Mr. Bob Simpson, representing the Executive Branch, and Mr. Jack Cochrane of Montgomery Bike Advocates (MOBIKE) participated in the discussion.

**2. Growth Policy Studies**

Staff findings for the technical studies established in the 2007-2009 Growth Policy resolution due to the County Council by August 1, 2008. These studies include a review of alternatives to Policy Area Mobility Review, vehicular trip equivalencies for non-auto facilities such as sidewalks, a development activity status report, design excellence for public facilities, a transportation-housing affordability index, and processes to coordinate public agency review and sign-off on transportation mitigation.

*Staff recommendation: Transmit report to County Council*

**BOARD ACTION**

**Motion: ROBINSON/HANSON**

**Vote:**

**Yea: 3-2**

**Nay:**

**Other: ALFANDRE, PRESLEY**

**Action:       Approved the staff recommendation to transmit the report to the County Council, with the notation that the Board will review the recommendations further before making recommendations to the Council.**

Research and Technology staff presented and discussed with the Board the findings, as detailed in the staff report. Planning Director Rollin Stanley and Urban Design Division Chief John Carter discussed design excellence.

Councilmember Mark Elrich participated in the discussion and offered comments on several issues.