



**Committee:** Directly to Council  
**Committee Review:** At a future date  
**Staff:** Pamela Dunn, Senior Legislative Analyst  
Glenn Orlin, Senior Analyst  
**Purpose:** Receive briefing – no vote expected  
**Keywords:** #Thrive, 2050, General Plan, M-NCPPC

AGENDA ITEM 16D  
June 15, 2021  
**Presentation**

## SUBJECT

The Council will receive a briefing on the Planning Board's Thrive Montgomery 2050 Draft Plan, an update to the County's General Plan. A public hearing on the Draft Plan will be held on two dates, Thursday June 17 and Tuesday June 29.

## EXPECTED ATTENDEES

Casey Anderson, Chair, Montgomery County Planning Board  
Gwen Wright, Director, Montgomery Planning Department  
Tanya Stern, Deputy Director, Montgomery Planning Department  
Carrie McCarthy, Chief, Research and Strategic Projects, Montgomery Planning Department  
Khalid Afzal, Special Projects Coordinator, Montgomery Planning Department

## COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None

## DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

On April 8, 2021, the Montgomery County Planning Board approved the Thrive Montgomery 2050 Planning Board Draft. Thrive Montgomery 2050 encompasses broad, Countywide policy recommendations for land use, housing, the economy, equity, transportation, parks and open space, the environment, historic resources, urban design, and the arts and culture. These recommendations are intended to guide future master plans, County and State capital improvement processes, and other public and private initiatives that influence land use and planning in Montgomery County.

## SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The Planning Board Draft and supporting documents can be viewed at: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/master-plan-list/general-plans/thrive-montgomery-2050/>.
- The Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee is scheduled to begin its review of the plan on July 12, 2021.

## **This report contains:**

Planning Board Letter of Transmittal

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

April 13, 2021

The Honorable Tom Hucker  
President, Montgomery County Council  
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

SUBJECT: Thrive Montgomery 2050 Planning Board Draft Plan

Dear Mr. Hucker:

On behalf of the Montgomery County Planning Board, I am pleased to transmit our draft of Thrive Montgomery 2050. This plan will amend the Approved and Adopted ...*On Wedges and Corridors, Updated General Plan for the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Montgomery County, 1969*, and the *General Plan Refinement of the Goals and Objectives for Montgomery County, 1993*.

Thrive Montgomery 2050 establishes a framework to guide planning for land use, housing, the economy, equity, transportation, parks and open space, the environment, historic resources, urban design, and arts and culture over the next three decades. These recommendations provide guidance for future master plans, county and state capital improvement processes, and other public and private initiatives that influence land use and planning in the county.

We are proud not only of the proposed plan we are transmitting to you but of the broad and deep public engagement that helped shape it. Over the last three years, Planning staff has held 166 meetings with members of our community on this plan. The Planning Department's online outreach efforts generated 68,139 web page views and 2,686 on-demand video views. On November 19, 2020, the Planning Board held a virtual public hearing on the Public Hearing Draft Plan with public testimony by 85 speakers.

The Planning Board held 10 worksessions between December 17, 2020 and March 4, 2021. Each worksession was devoted to a specific topic or chapter of the draft Plan where staff presented a summary of public testimony, additional analyses and supporting material and revisions to each chapter as instructed by the Planning Board. Our revisions focused on making the document more succinct, clear, and persuasive while maintaining the same overall themes, ideas and proposals that appeared in the public hearing draft.

The Honorable Tom Hucker

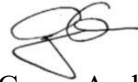
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Two other supporting documents are published as separate documents as they are not part of the Plan document: 1) *Outreach and Engagement Appendix* describes the community involvement strategies and tools used to gather feedback from the public; and 2) *Actions and List of References* includes a list of specific steps to implement Thrive Montgomery's goals and policies over the next 30 years and a list of plans and studies conducted by Montgomery Planning along with outside research material used during the Thrive Montgomery 2050 Plan development process.

The Planning Board and its staff look forward to working with the Council and the Executive Branch through the review and approval of this Plan.

Sincerely,



Casey Anderson  
Chair

#### Attachments

Planning Board Draft: [https://montgomeryplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/THRIVE-Planning-Board-Draft-2021-Pages\\_web.pdf](https://montgomeryplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/THRIVE-Planning-Board-Draft-2021-Pages_web.pdf)

Outreach and Engagement Appendix, <https://montgomeryplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Thrive-Montgomery-Outreach-appendix-4-12.pdf>

Actions and List of References, <https://montgomeryplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Actions-document-final-for-April-8th.pdf>

cc: Pam Dunn