



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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ITEM NO. #

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

VIA: Richard C. Hawthorne, Chief *RC Hawthorne*
Transportation Planning
County-wide Planning Division

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SUBJECT: Local Area Transportation Review and Policy Area Mobility Review Guidelines
Staff Draft to Release for Public Comment

We are pleased to attach the Staff Draft of an update to the Planning Board Local Area Transportation Review (LATR) and Policy Area Mobility Review (PAMR) Guidelines, for release to the general public, transportation consultants, developers, and other stakeholders for comment. This Staff Draft reflects the 2007-2009 Growth Policy adopted by the Montgomery County Council on November 13, 2007, retroactively effective to January 1, 2007. A public hearing on these will be held on December 13th, with a Board worksession(s) and adoption following in January 2008.

We acknowledge that this update comes quickly on the heels of the Growth Policy adoption, and that the Growth Policy introduces some complex procedural issues. We have made our best effort to reflect both the letter and the spirit of the Policy in these guidelines, but recognize that public testimony and further consideration by the Planning Board will modify and improve upon this Staff Draft.

The 2007-2009 Growth Policy Council resolution is found online at:
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/council/pdf/res/growth_policy07.pdf

For memo and file size management purposes, the attached draft does not contain the appendixes to the July 1, 2004 LATR Guidelines. No changes to the LATR Guidelines appendixes are needed to reflect the 2007-2009 Growth Policy. A PDF of the Guidelines, with changes tracked, is available to the general public upon request by contacting me at the location listed below.

Our tentative schedule for receiving public comment, holding work sessions with the Planning Board, and adoption of these guidelines is as follows:

December 7 – LATR/PAMR “Open House” held in the Auditorium of the Montgomery Regional Office (MRO) in Silver Spring from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. The purpose of this open house is to discuss questions with traffic consultants and any interested stakeholders about new requirements of the Growth Policy and the Staff Draft LATR and PAMR Guidelines. (Open to the public.)

December 10 – Roundtable discussion with the Planning Board to review the basic elements of transportation regulatory analysis including LATR and identify some issues that we expect will be included in the public hearing testimony.

December 13 – Planning Board Public Hearing to receive written and oral comments, and discuss issues with staff.

January 10 - Planning Board Worksession #1, with the intent to adopt the guidelines.

Comments on the draft and requests for further information should be submitted to:

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