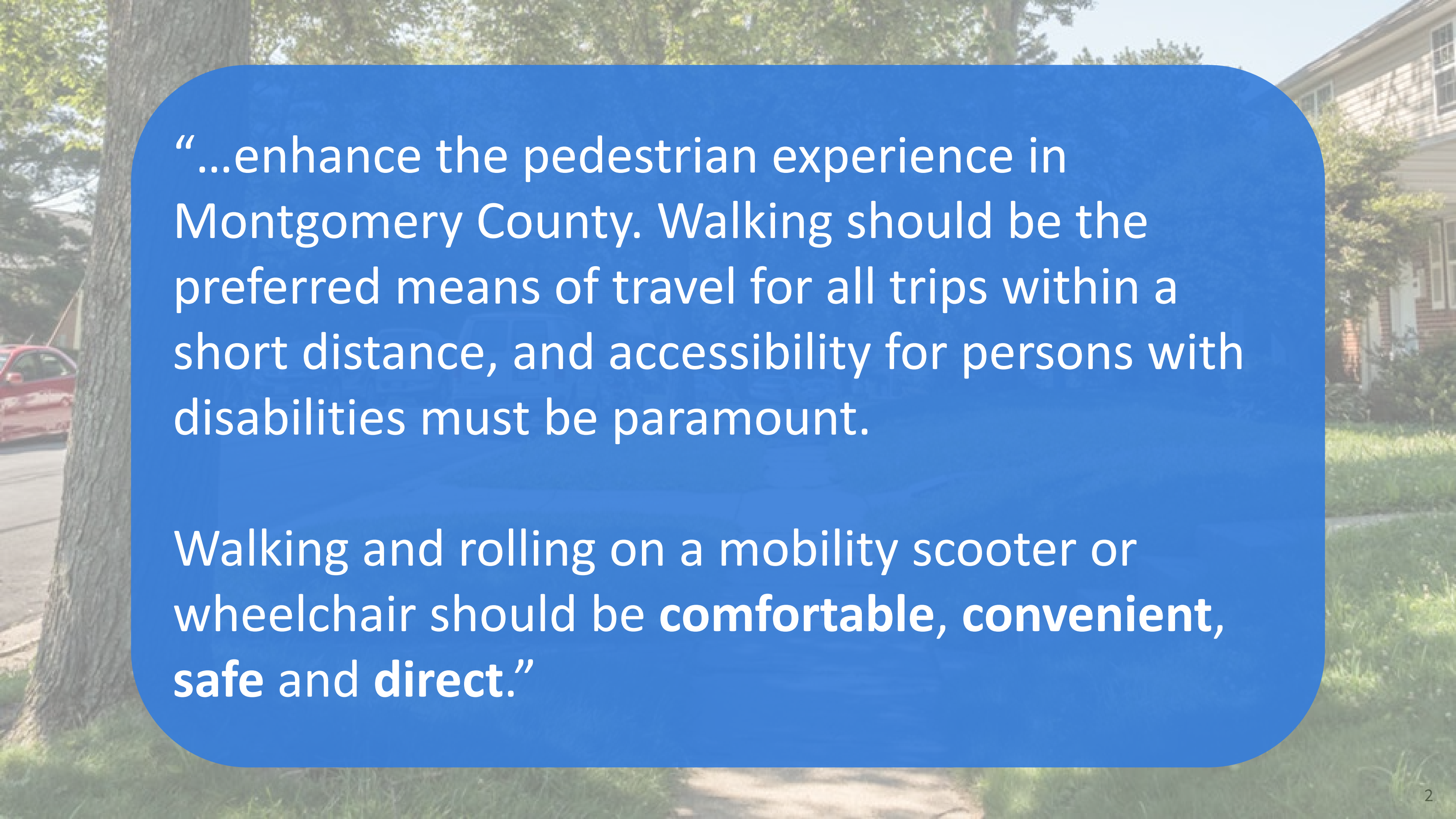


# MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S **PEDESTRIAN** **PLAN**

**Commission on Aging**  
**September 26, 2019**

The background of the slide is a photograph of a residential street. On the left, a large tree trunk is visible. In the middle ground, a red car is parked on the street. On the right, a two-story house with light-colored siding and a dark roof is visible. The scene is set during the day with green grass in the foreground.

“...enhance the pedestrian experience in Montgomery County. Walking should be the preferred means of travel for all trips within a short distance, and accessibility for persons with disabilities must be paramount.

Walking and rolling on a mobility scooter or wheelchair should be **comfortable, convenient, safe and direct.**”



# Why a Pedestrian Plan?

First countywide plan to improve all aspects of the pedestrian environment

# What will the Plan include?

- Identify Best Practices
- Existing Conditions/Perceptions
- Infrastructure Prioritization
- Pedestrian-Forward Design
- Policy Recommendations
- Programming Recommendations
- Engagement





# Identify Best Practices

- What are other counties, cities, states doing as part of similar plans?
- Planning Process
- Plan Layout
- Recommendations
- Engagement Strategies
- What can we learn from?
- **Status:** In Process



# Existing Conditions/ Perceptions

- What is the pedestrian environment like today in Montgomery County?
  - Pedestrian Level of Comfort
  - Crash Analysis
- What do residents think about walking?
  - Countywide Scientific Survey
- **Status:** In Process





# Infrastructure Prioritization

- What pedestrian pathways and crossings are the most important to construct or improve?
- What factors should guide prioritization?
- **Status:** Future



# Pedestrian-Forward Design

- Develop design and traffic operations approaches that support pedestrians related to:
  - Traffic-calming
  - Accessibility
  - Signal timing
  - Materials selection
  - Others
- **Status:** Future





# Policy Recommendations

- Work closely with County agencies to identify existing regulations/policies that affect pedestrians
- Recommend and adopt new/improved policies
- **Status:** Future



# Programming Recommendations

- Catalog existing pedestrian programming
- Recommend new programming, potentially including:
  - Traffic safety
  - Wayfinding
  - ADA compliance
- **Status:** Future





# Engagement

- Kickoff Meetings
- Website / e-Newsletter
- Social Media
- Pedestrian Advisory Group
- Additional Engagement



# Kickoff Meetings

Location	Date
Olney Library	October 10
East County Recreation Center	October 14
Bethesda Chevy-Chase RSC	October 16
Planning Department Headquarters	October 21
Upcounty Regional Services Center	November TBD
Wheaton	November TBD



# Website and E-Newsletter

September 2019

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION



## Montgomery Planning Launches First Countywide Pedestrian Master Plan

*With Planning Board approval of scope of work for new plan to improve pedestrian conditions, community engagement will begin this fall*

The Montgomery County Planning Department, part of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), is set to begin development of the county's first Pedestrian Master Plan, an effort to make walking in Montgomery County safer and more comfortable, convenient and direct.

The Scope of Work for the plan, defining the purpose, process and timeline required of this initiative, goes before the Planning Board for approval on Thursday, September 5, 2019. Community engagement will occur in fall 2019 and a draft of the completed plan is expected to be presented to the Planning Board in late 2020.

## Background on Pedestrian Master Plan

The new Pedestrian Master Plan, to be developed by Montgomery Planning's Functional Planning and Policy Division, will address all reasons for walking – commuting to and from work or school, running errands, recreation, entertainment, exercise and everything in between. Recommendations will support making walking universally accessible to county residents of all ages and abilities and will consider walking on foot (including with a cane, a walker or a stroller), by wheelchair or by mobility scooter.

Sign up for e-newsletter:  
[montgomeryplanning.org/walkinghere](http://montgomeryplanning.org/walkinghere)

Over 300 subscribers to date

# Social Media



#WalkingHere social media campaign

Department account used to share upcoming events and Plan news



# Pedestrian Advisory Group

Provide feedback on pedestrian concerns and plan recommendations

Application for participation to be publicized in October



# Additional Engagement

Develop and promote “Community Walk Audit-in-a-box”

Meetings with interested community groups





# Schedule

Task	Completion Date
0: Outreach and Engagement	Ongoing
1: Planning Board Approved Scope of Work	September 2019
2: Identify Pedestrian Master Plan Best Practices	October 2019
3: Existing Conditions and Perceptions	January 2020
4: Pedestrian Infrastructure Prioritization	October 2020
5: Progressive Pedestrian Design Toolkit	October 2020
6: Pedestrian-Supportive Policies	October 2020
7: Pedestrian-Supportive Programming	October 2020
8: Planning Board Draft Plan	November 2020
9: Council Review and Approval	After June 2021

**What issues should the Plan study?**

**What are your concerns about traveling around Montgomery County?**

**If the Pedestrian Master Plan could only achieve one thing, what should it be?**

**Other questions and thoughts...**