How to Participate - Zoom

- This meeting will be recorded and shared on the website
- Everyone will be muted throughout the meeting
- If you have a comment or question, raise your hand or type it in the chat
- Unmute yourself, if you are called on

Stop/start your video camera  Open participant panel, raise hand
Mute/unmute  Open meeting chat

Thrive Montgomery 2050 – Community Chats
What is Thrive Montgomery 2050?

• Update to the General Plan, last comprehensively updated in 1969.
• Long-range vision for the future of growth in the county.
• Thrive Montgomery 2050 plan will help guide:
  • Countywide policies
  • Future initiatives
  • Land use planning infrastructure
  • Community amenities
  • Private development
In 2050, Montgomery County is a vibrant and welcoming place where all people thrive with equitable access to:

- Attainable housing;
- Healthy food;
- Opportunities for physical activity, parks and open space;
- Employment;
- Education;
- Services;
- And a variety of travel options.
Vision

In 2050, Montgomery County is a web of complete communities connected by vibrant corridors.

- **Complete communities**: Individual and unique centers of neighborhood activity and urban nodes optimize land use with a variety of housing types and price points are located close to transit, workplaces, needed goods and services, public amenities and active park spaces.

- **Vibrant corridors**: comfortable, safe corridors of multimodal transportation and services; and corridors of green parks, stream valleys and trails.
Categories of Goals

- Design, Arts and Culture
- Complete Communities
- Diverse and Adaptable Growth
- Connectedness
- Healthy and Sustainable Environment
- Diverse Economy
- Affordability and Attainability
- Safe and Efficient Travel
- Economic Health
- Environmental Resilience
- Community Equity
Initial Questions

• What are some of your favorite things about your neighborhood?

• What would you be excited to see in your neighborhood that isn’t currently there?

• What is preventing you from meeting your daily needs within a 15-minute walk or bike ride?
Complete Communities

• Provide opportunities to live, work, shop, learn and play

• Include a mixture of uses, housing types, amenities and services accessible by foot, bike or transit
Complete Communities – Initial Poll

• Do you live in an urban, suburban or rural part of the county?
• Do you currently live in a community where you can live, work, shop, learn and play by walking, biking or using transit?
• Do you have convenient social gathering places accessible to you by walking or biking?
Complete Communities Goal

Retrofit existing communities and create new communities where people can meet their daily needs without a car.
Policies

• Policy 1.1: Live, work, play, exercise, shop, learn and enjoy public amenities and services within a 15-minute walk or bike ride.

• Policy 1.2: Prioritize walking and bicycling.

• Policy 1.3: Allow various types and densities of housing.

• Policy 1.4: Conveniently locate public services and amenities accessible by walking and bicycling from home.
Complete Communities Goal

Orient communities around convenient social gathering places accessible to neighborhood residents by walking and biking.
Policies

• Policy 1.2.1: Locate and design public buildings and parks as places where social gathering is encouraged.

• Policy 1.2.2: Preserve and support existing gathering places that enhance neighborhoods and reflect local culture.
Complete Communities Goal

Promote active lifestyles by making parks and open spaces a central element of the community.
Policy

• Policy 1.3.1: Ensure access to parks or public spaces within a 15-minute walk from home.
Complete Communities Goal

Equitably distribute the benefits of land use planning and investment throughout the county.
Policy

• Policy 1.4.1: Eliminate disproportionate adverse impacts affecting communities and avoid creating new adverse impacts from future land use policies and capital investments.
Complete Communities – Poll Results

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Discussion

What are some of your favorite things about your neighborhood?

What would you be excited to see in your neighborhood that isn’t currently there?

What is preventing you from meeting your daily needs within a 15-minute walk or bike ride?
Project Timeline

- **Issues Report**
  Presented to the Planning Board on February 27th

- **Draft Vision and Goals**
  Presented to the Planning Board on April 16th

- **Draft Policies and Actions**
  Will be presented to the Planning Board on June 11th

- **Working Draft Plan**
  September 2020

- **Planning Board Review + Transmittal**
  October 2020 – March 2021

- **Council Review + Approval**
  April 2021 - TBD
Stay involved!

• Sign-up for the Thrive Montgomery 2050 e-letter at www.ThriveMontgomery.com

• Send your comments to Thrive2050@montgomeryplanning.org

• Connect with us on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram

• Participate in upcoming Community Chats – through June 30th
Community Chat Schedule

June 23, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. **Bilingual Healthy and Sustainable Environment**
June 24, All day. Twitter Town Hall. **Housing**
June 24, 5 to 6 p.m. **Pints with a Planner on Housing with Casey Anderson**
June 29, Noon to 1 p.m. **Design, Arts and Culture**
June 30, 7 to 8 p.m. **Diverse and Adaptable Growth**