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Before we start... how is everyone today?

A: Doing ok!  B: Fired up  C: Stressed  D: Very tired  E: Hopeful

Goals of this conversation today: Check in with you

- Discuss the overall idea of safe and efficient transportation in the General Plan
- Discuss the Goals and key ideas of the safe and efficient transportation chapter
- Get feedback from you!
Safe and Efficient Travel

What do we mean when we say Safe and Efficient Travel?

Multimodal
Equitable
Sustainable
Resilient

Image from Project for Public Spaces: https://www.pps.org/services

Thrive Montgomery 2050 – Community Chats
ThriveMontgomery.com
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
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
- Connectedness
- Diverse Economy
- Safe and Efficient Travel
- Diverse and Adaptable Growth
- Healthy and Sustainable Environment
- Affordability and Attainability
- Community Equity

Economic Health
Environmental Resilience
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
Wedges and Corridors Plan

- 1964 General Plan established concept of “wedges and corridors”
- Concentrated development along north/south corridors
- Focused growth at transit-oriented districts
Safe and Efficient Travel
What are the Goals of Safe and Efficient Travel?

Goal 1. Get people out of cars
Goal 2. Redesign downtown streets to be people-centric
Goal 3. Manage parking effectively
Goal 4. Eliminate transportation fatalities / severe injuries
Goal 5. Eradicate greenhouse gas emissions
What are the Goals of Safe and Efficient Travel?

Goal 6. Create an equitable transportation system
Goal 7. Convert arterials into multimodal corridors
Goal 8. Create an integrated regional transportation system
Goal 9. Increase resilience of the transportation system
Goal 1: Get people out of cars

Goal 1 Policies

- Policy 1.1: Change the function of streets to serve everyone
- Policy 1.2: Plan and implement a high-quality transit network
- Policy 1.3: Reduce single-occupancy auto use
- Policy 1.4: Strengthen access from low-density areas to rail / BRT
Goal 2: Redesign downtown streets to be people-centric

Goal 2 Policies

- Policy 2.1: Expand the street grid to create shorter blocks
- Policy 2.2: Prioritize walking and bicycling
Goal 3: Manage parking effectively

Goal 3 Policies

- Policy 3.1: Reduce public and private parking
- Policy 3.2: Price parking at market rate
Goal 4: Eliminate transportation fatalities

Goal 4 Policies

- Policy 4.1: Prioritize safety in planning and project implementation
- Policy 4.2: Proactively address high-risk locations
- Policy 4.3: Harness technology to improve safety
Goal 5: Eradicate greenhouse gas emissions

Goal 5 Policies

- Policy 5.1: Incentivize transit use, walking, and bicycling
- Policy 5.2: Use pricing to deter vehicle use
- Policy 5.3: Facilitate mass adoption of zero emission vehicles
Goal 6: Create an equitable transportation system

Goal 6 Policies

• Policy 6.1: Prioritize projects for disadvantaged communities

Note: equity is built into many of the goals and policies in this chapter.
Goal 7: Convert arterials into multimodal corridors

Goal 7 Policies

- Policy 7.1: Prioritize bicycle and pedestrian improvements
- Policy 7.2: Build out the BRT network
- Policy 7.3: Implement a grid of streets
Goal 8: Create an integrated regional transportation system

Goal 8 Policies

- Policy 8.1: Coordinate policy with neighboring jurisdictions
Goal 9: Increase resilience of the transportation system

Goal 9 Policies

- Policy 9.1: Create and enhance redundancy
- Policy 9.2: Promote climate-adaptive design
- Policy 9.3: Ensure government can provide quick responses
Pause for Questions...?
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, Noon to 1 p.m. Complete Communities
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. Culture and Design
June 30, 7 to 8 p.m. Diverse and Adaptable Growth
Thank you!

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Discussion Questions

• How does this plan address traffic? Does planning for people, rather than cars mean more traffic or less?

• How will this plan advance pedestrian safety?

• How does this plan affect those who do not rely on a car?

• Will it be easier to travel around the county without a car?

• How does this plan address equity in the transportation?

• How does this plan help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions?