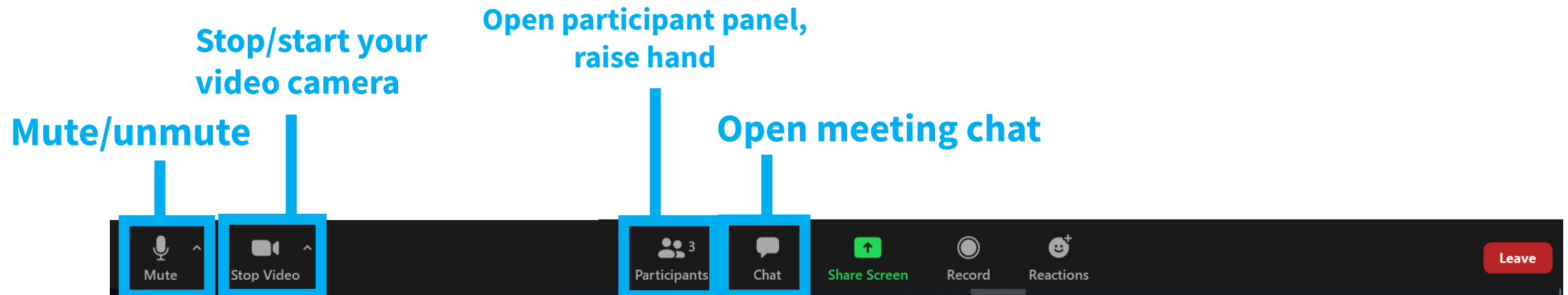






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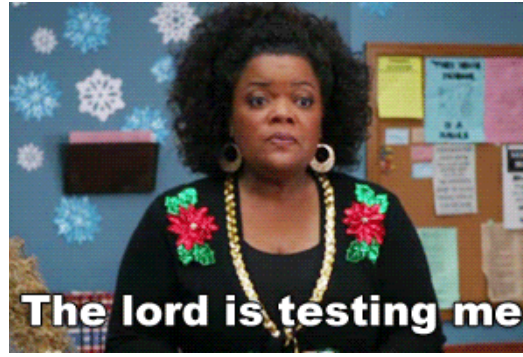
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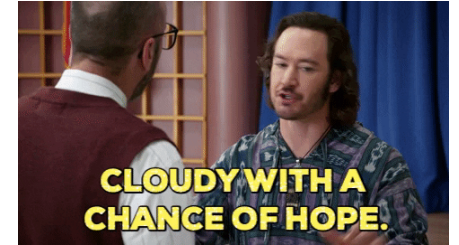
B: Fired up



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>

# 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

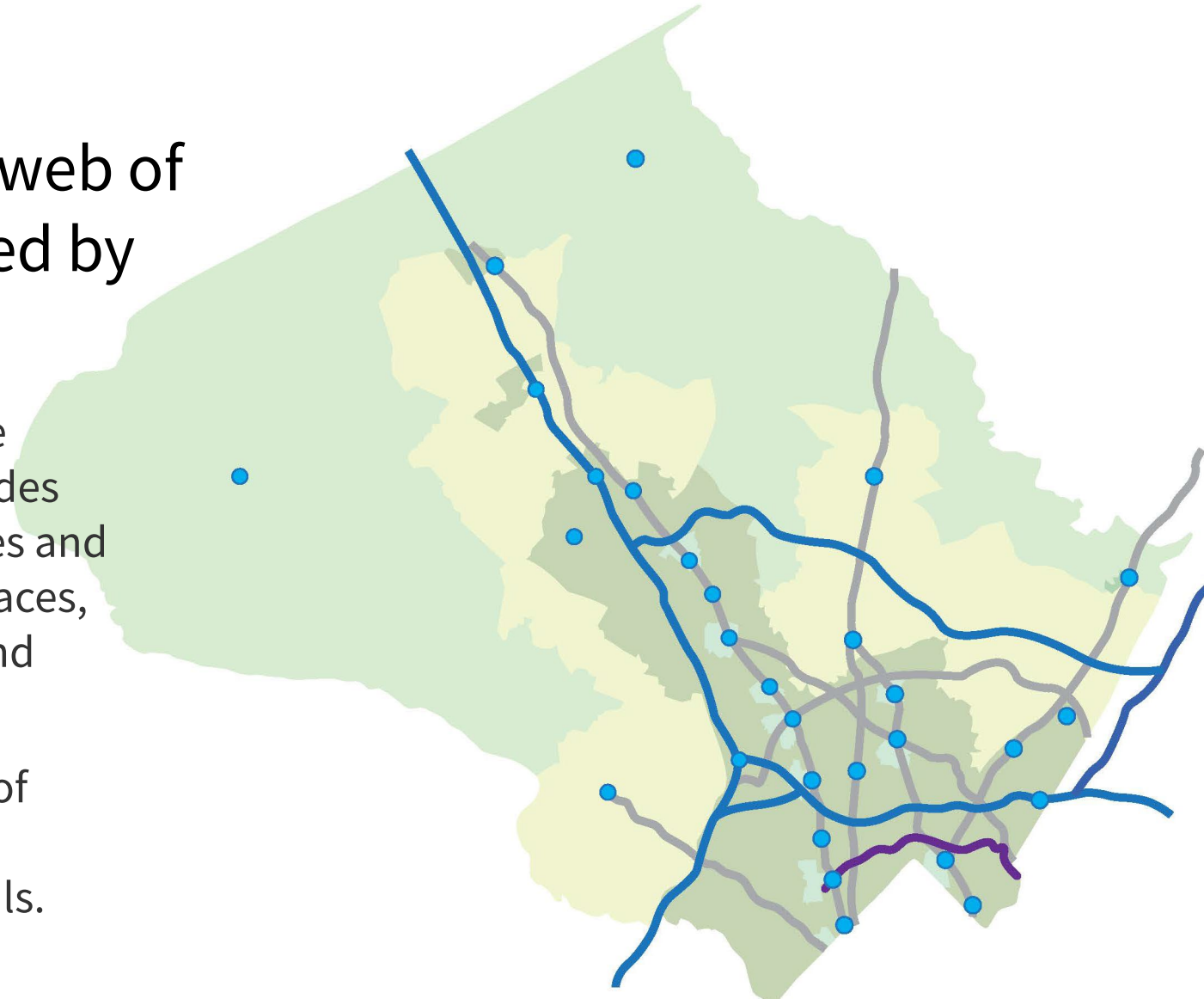




# Vision

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

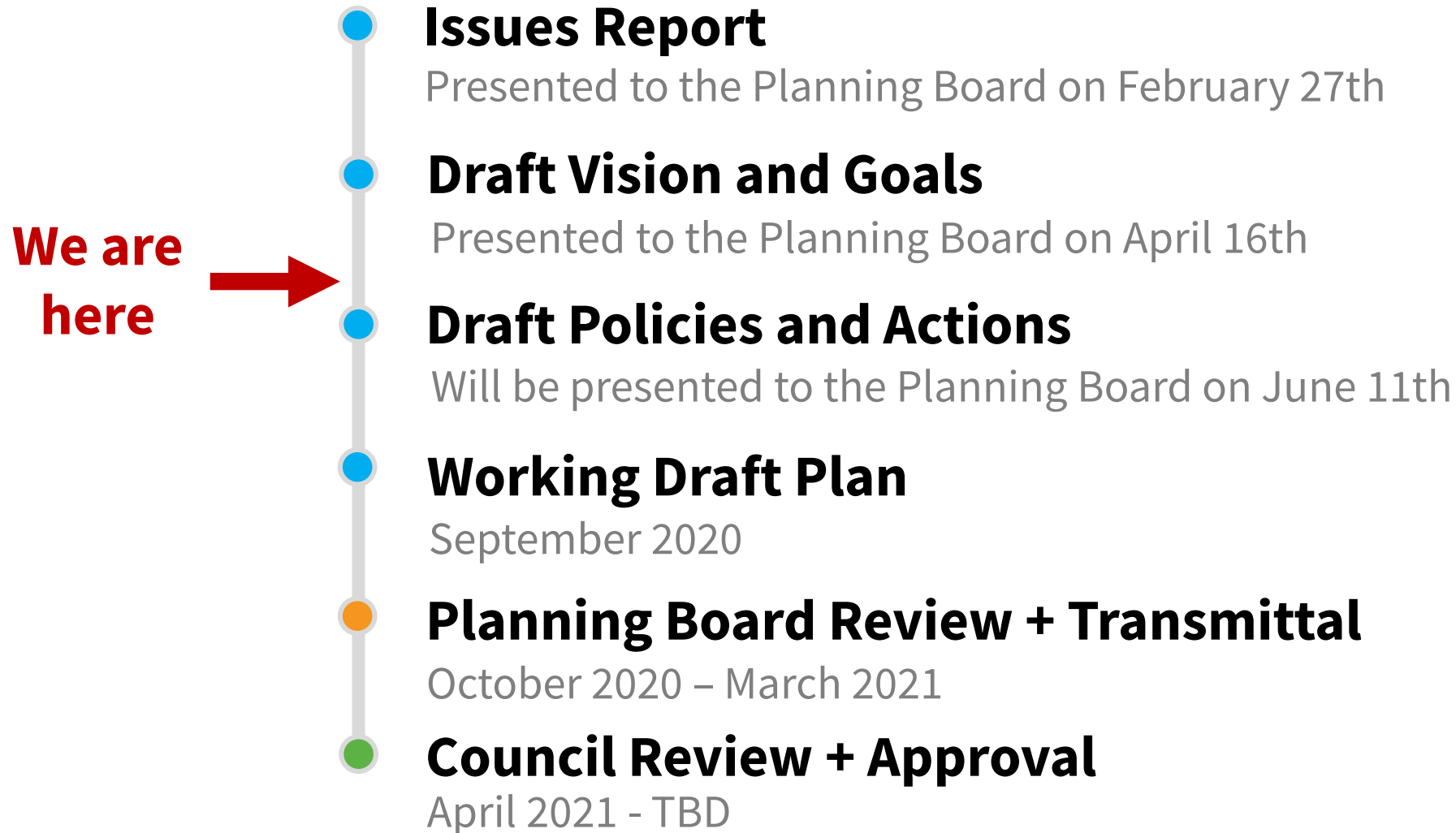
- **Complete communities:** Individual and unique centers of neighborhood activity and urban nodes optimize land use with a variety of housing types and price points are located close to transit, workplaces, needed goods and services, public amenities and active park spaces.
- **Vibrant corridors:** comfortable, safe corridors of multimodal transportation and services; and corridors of green parks, stream valleys and trails.



# Categories of Goals



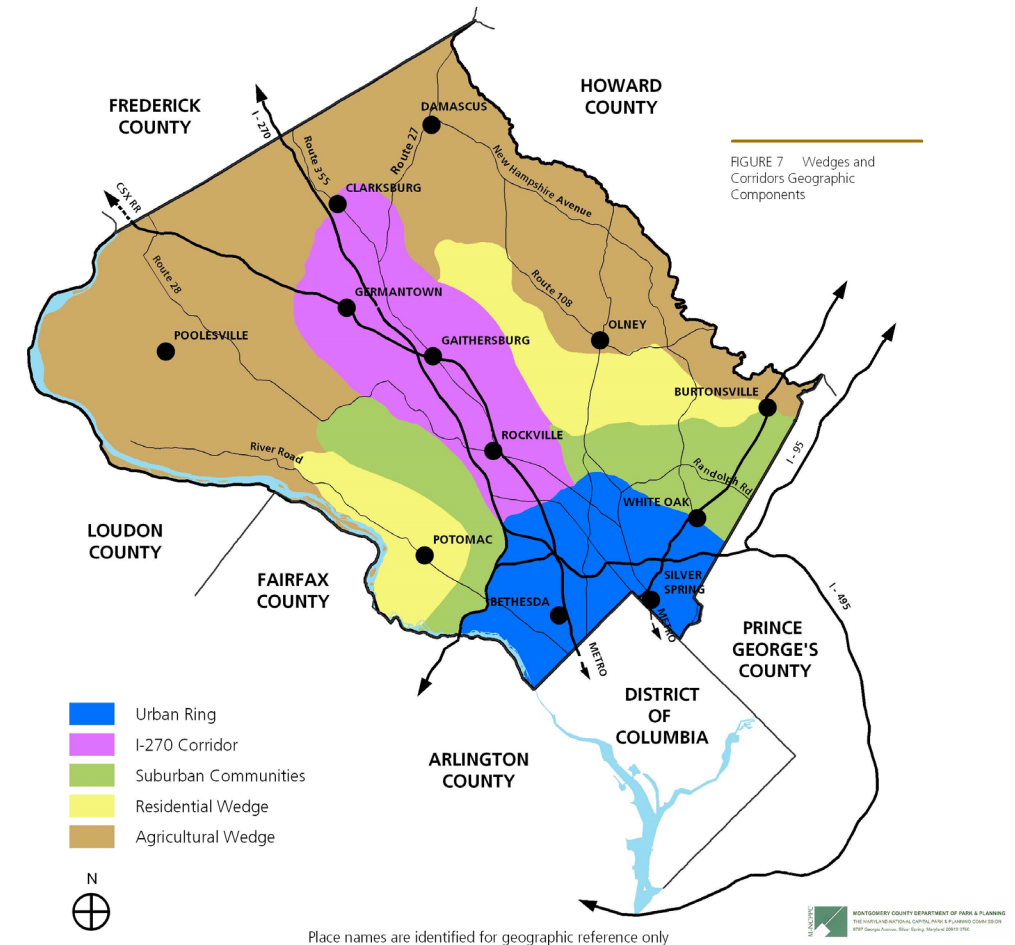
# Project Timeline



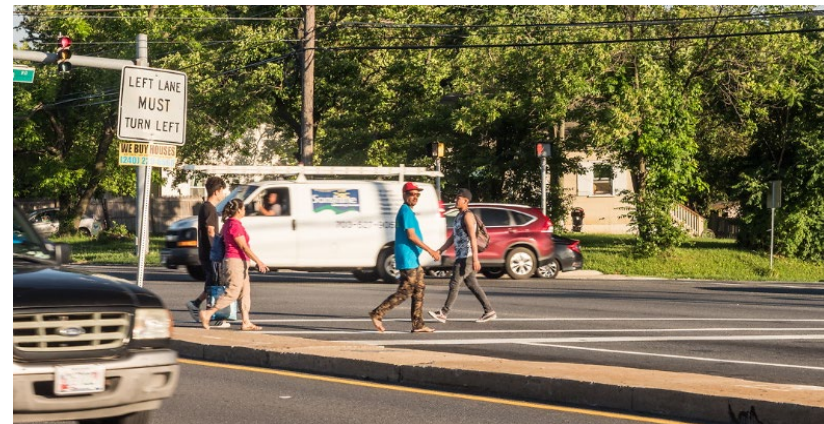


# Wedges and Corridors Plan

- 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.*

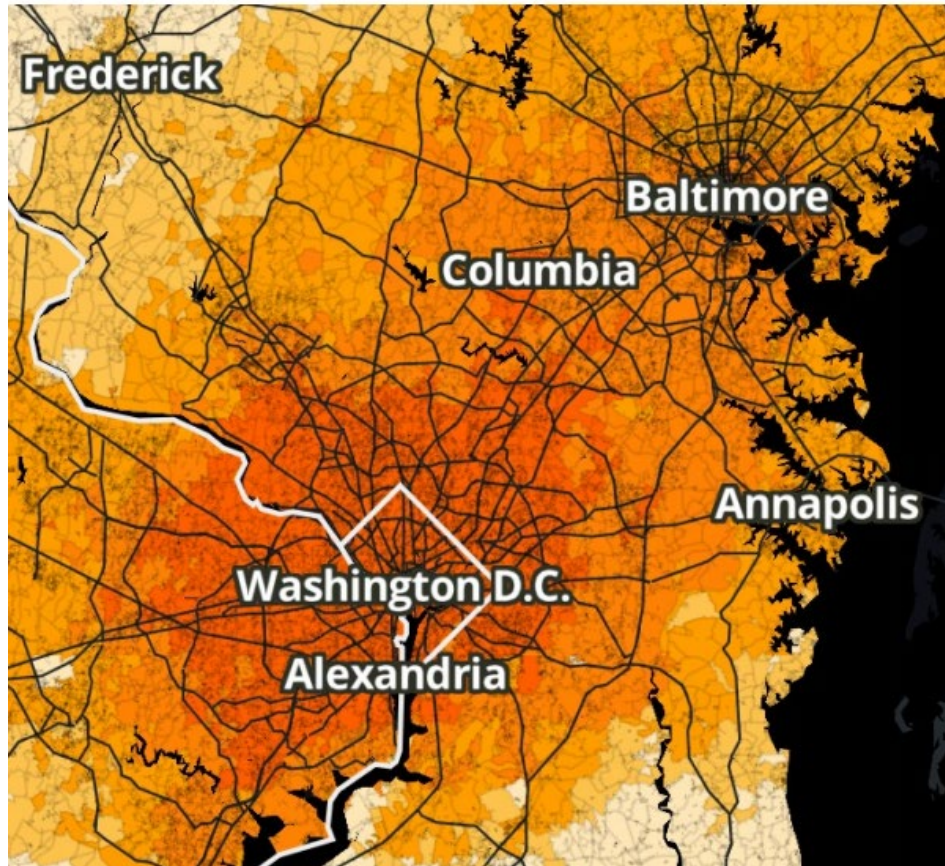
# Goal 7: Convert arterials into multimodal corridors



## 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](http://www.ThriveMontgomery.com)
- Send your comments to [Thrive2050@montgomeryplanning.org](mailto: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?