



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – January 25, 2023 Agenda Item 1

### **Presentation**

Briefing presentation of the Minor Master Plan Amendment process, including a review of the project background and progress to date.

### **Recommended Council Action**

Receive the presentation.

### **Context with Key Issues**

In 2021, in partnership with the City of Takoma Park, Montgomery Planning began a Minor Master Plan Amendment (Plan) to update portions of the 2000 *Takoma Park Master Plan* to re-envision critical resources within the City and the surrounding community. The project area includes the Washington Adventist Hospital and University Campuses, Maple Avenue, and Erie Center. The project team presented to City Council on the findings of their existing conditions analysis on March 9, 2022, and on the summary of their community engagement efforts on September 14, 2023.

This presentation will be a primer on the Plan process to date, including background on the project, a summary of the findings, and the timeline moving forward. The purpose of this presentation is to bring new Councilmembers up to speed in advance of a yet-to-be-scheduled future presentation to share draft preliminary recommendations.

Montgomery Planning staff Melissa Williams, Project Lead, will give the presentation. Additional team members will be available for questions.

### **Council Priority**

A Livable Community for All

Community Development for an Improved & Equitable Quality of Life

### **Environmental Considerations**

Not applicable for this presentation; however, any improvements or redevelopment that may occur as a result of a Minor Master Plan would be evaluated on their environmental impacts and opportunities to address climate change.

### **Fiscal Considerations**

Not applicable for this presentation; however, the costs of the planning process will be largely borne by the Montgomery County Planning Department. Any improvements or redevelopment that results from the recommendations made in the Minor Master Plan amendment may have fiscal impacts to the City, County, residents, and/or landowners that would be considered when they arise.

### **Racial Equity Considerations**

The Montgomery County Racial Equity and Social Justice Act, which the County Council signed into law in December 2019 to actively address racial disparities within the county, requires the Planning Board to consider racial equity and social justice impacts when preparing a Master Plan. Therefore, all Plan process elements will be implemented with the lens of equity. The City of Takoma Park will be adhering to the City's racial equity goals during the process of planning and in evaluating the

recommendations and provisions of the Minor Master Plan. Example of how racial equity was built into the community engagement process will be included in the presentation.

**Attachments and Links**

None.