

Introduced by: Councilmember Smith

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2013-23**

**RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF THE COUNTYWIDE TRANSIT CORRIDORS  
FUNCTIONAL MASTER PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan is a plan developed by Montgomery County's Planning Department, to improve accessibility and mobility throughout Montgomery County with a bus rapid transit network; and

WHEREAS, the Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan contains policies, objectives and recommendations that will guide the development of future bus rapid transit corridors along existing rights-of-way in Montgomery County, including on New Hampshire Avenue in the City of Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, the Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan includes recommendations for a two-lane median busway treatment along the segment of New Hampshire Avenue in Takoma Park, via lane repurposing; and

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council supports the planning and development of bus rapid transit along the New Hampshire Avenue corridor; and

WHEREAS, the City is coordinating planning and design studies for the future conversion of New Hampshire Avenue into a multi-way boulevard, as outlined in the New Hampshire Avenue Corridor Concept Plan, adopted in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Planning Board is holding a public hearing on May 16, 2013 to hear testimony on the draft Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Takoma Park strongly recommends adoption and approval of the Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan by Montgomery County Planning Board, conditioned upon the following changes to the April 2013 Draft Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan:

Incorporate general revisions, identified in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution, which are intended to encourage continued coordination between Montgomery County and City of Takoma Park planning staff, and allow for future flexibility in facility planning along the segment of the New Hampshire Avenue corridor

in the City of Takoma Park, given differences between the recommended busway treatment in the Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan and the multi-way boulevard section outlined in existing City policies and plans. The City of Takoma Park prefers its vision for how this section would work.

Adopted this 6th day of May, 2013.

ATTEST:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk