

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL
2002 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-53-2002
Proposed by The Chairman (by request – Planning Board)
Introduced by Council Members Shapiro, Bailey, Scott and Estep
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction September 17, 2002

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning a

2 Countywide Master Plan of Transportation

3 For the purpose of initiating a Countywide Master Plan of Transportation, a functional Master
4 Plan, to support the development pattern recommended in the 2002 General Plan, update the
5 1982 Master Plan of Transportation, and reflect more recent Federal, State, and local
6 transportation policies and initiatives.

7 WHEREAS, Section 27-641 of the Zoning Ordinance establishes procedures for the Prince
8 George’s County Planning Board to initiate a functional master plan, with the approval of the
9 District Council; and

10 WHEREAS, the Approved FY 2003 Planning Department Work Program requires the
11 preparation of a Countywide Master Plan of Transportation, to enhance implement the policies of
12 the 2002 General Plan; and

13 WHEREAS, the District Council in 1998, with the assistance of Planning Department staff,
14 prepared a policy paper, “Managing Growth in the 21st Century: A Smart Growth Initiative for
15 Prince George’s County”, which recognizes that the 1982 General Plan is no longer adequate to
16 guide growth and development from a Countywide perspective; and

17 WHEREAS, the Council established Commission 2000 to prepare a Biennial Growth
18 Policy Plan with the assistance of Planning Department staff; and

19 WHEREAS, Commission 2000 drafted and transmitted a Biennial Growth Policy Plan,
20 which the District Council approved in November, 2000, in CB-80-2000; and

21 WHEREAS, the Biennial Growth Policy Plan made recommendations concerning

1 transportation policies for development and revitalization; and

2 WHEREAS, pursuant to CB-97-2000, the Biennial Growth Policy Plan has served as the
3 Interim General Plan until a new, more comprehensive General Plan is prepared; and

4 WHEREAS, the Preliminary 2002 General Plan for Prince George's County set forth
5 countywide goals, objectives, policies, and strategies to guide future development of
6 transportation systems in the County; and

7 WHEREAS, an integrated, multimodal transportation system is essential to future quality
8 development in Prince George's County, and the County's transportation systems must be
9 reevaluated, to ensure their consistency with the preferred development pattern recommended in
10 the General Plan, and to establish benchmarks for the operational integrity of the County's
11 pedestrian trails, mass transit, and highways; and

12 WHEREAS the Countywide Master Plan of Transportation is as an implementation tool for
13 the General Plan, to provide residents and workers in Prince George's County with a safe,
14 affordable, multimodal transportation system that effectively contributes to timely realization of
15 County growth, development, and revitalization goals; and

16 WHEREAS, on July 25, 2002, the Planning Board, pursuant to Section 27-641 of the
17 Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County, asked the District Council to initiate the
18 Countywide Master Plan of Transportation; and

19 WHEREAS, on July 30, 2002, the District Council approved the General Plan in
20 CR-47-2002.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
22 County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington
23 Regional District in Prince George's County, Maryland, that the Maryland-National Capital Park
24 and Planning Commission is hereby directed to prepare a Countywide Master Plan of
25 Transportation for Prince George's County, in accordance with Part 13 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Adopted this 17th day of September, 2002.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S
COUNTY, MARYLAND, SITTING AS THE
DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PART OF
THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL
DISTRICT IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,
MARYLAND

BY: _____
Peter A. Shapiro
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council