

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2016 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-85-2016

Proposed by The Chairman (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Davis, Lehman, Turner, Glaros,
Franklin, Taveras and Patterson

Date of Introduction October 25, 2016

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Roads and Sidewalks - Design and Construction Standards and Requirements

3 For the purpose of incorporating urban street design standards and specifications as consistent
4 with Plan Prince George's 2035 for Regional Transit Districts and Local Centers in Prince
5 George's County, striving to balance the needs of all users that are business-friendly, walkable,
6 bike-able and transit friendly; generally regarding design and construction standards and urban
7 street designs, and

8 WHEREAS, the new Urban Street Design Standards are intended for use in designing of
9 new and retrofit streets in the eight Regional Transit Districts and 26 Local Centers, as
10 established by Plan Prince George's 2035 that have the necessary transit and transportation
11 infrastructure to support future growth as mixed use centers; and

12 WHEREAS, the Urban Street Design Standards (“Exhibit A”) sets standards and criteria for
13 urban street standards for use in the Prince George’s Regional Transit Districts and Local
14 Centers as set forth in Exhibit A as attached; and

15 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and Transportation (“DPW&T”) established
16 a work group composed of staff from various departments to develop the new urban standards,
17 called the Steering Committee and included representatives from (1) Office of the County
18 Executive; (2) DPW&T; (3) Department of Permitting Inspection and Enforcement (“DPIE”);
19 (4) Department of Environment; (5) Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the Steering Committee met frequently to discuss the development of the
22 standards, the standards were shared with a wider community for feedback and included consent

1 from (1) County Fire/EMS; (2) various utility companies; (3) Maryland Building Industry
2 Association; (4) American Consulting Engineers Community; (5) Coalition for Smarter Growth;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, in addition to the proposed standards as set forth in Exhibit A, further work
5 has been identified by DPW&T to make these standards feasible and includes updating existing
6 standards and developing further details such as driveways, separated bike lanes, location of
7 street furniture, bike parking and also additional guidance and support to DPIE in reviewing the
8 site development application and assignment of streets into the new street typologies; and

9 WHEREAS, the County Council and the County Executive have determined, based upon
10 the finding and determinations set forth herein, that it is in the best interest of the citizens and
11 residents of the County that the County Council and the County Executive approve the Urban
12 Street Design Standards as set forth in Exhibit A; and

13 WHEREAS, upon approval by the County Council, a forthcoming bill shall be brought to
14 the Council requesting amendments to the Prince George’s County Code Subtitle 23, Roads and
15 Sidewalks, to incorporate the Urban Street Design Standards into the Specifications and
16 Standards for Roadways and Bridges of the Department of Public Works and Transportation.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George’s
18 County, Maryland, that the Urban Street Design Standards be approved as comprehensive road
19 design and construction standards for the Regional Transit Districts and Local Centers.

Adopted this 15th day of November, 2016.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Derrick Leon Davis
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

BY: _____
Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive