



February 5, 2024

Honorable Jolene Ivey  
Chair  
Prince George's County Council  
1801 McCormick Drive  
Largo, Maryland 20774

**Re: Request for Re-Initiation or Extension to the Timeframe for Preparation of the Staff Draft Countywide Master Plan of Transportation**

Dear Chair Ivey,

The Planning Department respectfully requests the District Council consider a 12-month extension to the timeframe for preparation of the Staff Draft of the Countywide Master Plan of Transportation (MPOT). The transportation system is built and operated by County, State and regional agencies, and the input of these agencies is critical to a successful MPOT. Several transportation agencies are engaged in updates to plans and standards that are relevant to the MPOT. A 12-month extension will allow the MPOT to incorporate these updates, which include the following:

<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Ongoing Effort</b>	<b>Anticipated Delivery</b>
MDOT	Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan	January 2024
DPW&T	Comprehensive Update to the Urban Street Design Standards	March 2024
County Council	Legislation to Adopt Updated Urban Street Design Standards	July 2024
DPW&T	Transit Transformation and Associated Transit Plan	July 2024
MDOT	Replacement of US 301 Corridor Study with new planning effort	TBA
WMATA	Announcement of potential finalists for new Metrorail service changes and extensions in Prince George's County	TBA



Implementing Plan 2035 and the County's 37 master and sector plans requires a transformation of the County's transportation system to better address how people get around and through Prince George's County. We will use the additional time to work closely with the Council, DPW&T, MDOT, the Washington Area Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA), municipalities and other partner agencies to create a Staff Draft that reflects a shared vision for meeting our transportation needs. The anticipated schedule for the plan will roughly follow this timeframe:

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
Internal Staff Draft	October 2024
Internal Review	November 2024
Agency Review	December 2024
Preparation of Final Staff Draft for Public Release	December 2024 – January 2025

For these reasons, we request an extension of 12 months to print and release to the public the 2024 Staff Draft of Go Prince George's, the Countywide Master Plan of Transportation. The Planning Department anticipates that the Staff Draft plan would be released to the public in January 2025.

The Planning Department looks forward to working with the County Council as this plan proceeds and thanks Councilmembers for their participation and input during the plan's development. If you have questions about Go Prince George's, the Countywide Master Plan of Transportation, please contact me or the Project Manager, Scott Rowe, by e-mail at [brandon.rowe@ppd.mnccppc.org](mailto:brandon.rowe@ppd.mnccppc.org) or 301-952-3521.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Draft Letter from the Chair of the County Council to the Chair of the Planning Board

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