

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2023 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CR-067-2023

**Draft No.:** 2

**Committee:** TIEE

**Date:** 9/28/2023

**Action:** FAV(A)

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### REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as Amended, 5-0 (In Favor: Council Members Olson, Dernoga, Hawkins, Ivey, and Watson).

The Committee convened on September 14, 2023, and again on September 28, 2023, to discuss CR-67-2023, which approves the new 2023 Urban Streets Design Standards. These new standards are intended for use in the designing of new and retrofit streets in the eight Regional Transit Districts and twenty-six Local Centers. CR-67-2023 revises the 2017 Urban Street Design Standards. This resolution is part of a legislative package (CR-68-2023 and CB-69-2023) needed to update and codify the new standards.

As proposed, CR-67-2023 requires the Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPWT) to present an annual report to the County Council on the progress of implementation of Complete Streets policies and the 2023 Urban Street Design Standards and stated goals. Draft 2 assigns the responsibility for this report to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC). The committee's discussion included significant input from DPWT, MNCPPC, Council staff, the Coalition for Smart Growth, the Sierra Club, as well as several emails and letters from interested stakeholders. A number of amendments were offered, including amendments requiring DPWT and MNCPPC to collaboratively develop a ten-year implementation plan for Urban Street Retrofits, as well as jointly reestablish the Urban Streets Design Workgroup. The implementation date for the provisions of CR-67-2023 was amended to take effect on June 1, 2024. The committee accepted all amendments to the resolution as well as the updates and corrections to the Urban Street Design Standards, included as Exhibit A.

After discussion, the Committee voted favorably on CR-67-2023 as amended by a vote of 5-0.