

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2023 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CR-068-2023

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**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-68-2023, which incorporates and codifies the new 2023 Urban Street Design Standards into the Department of Public Works and Transportation's "Specifications and Standards for Roadways and Bridges (2007)", as set forth in CR-67-2023 and consistent with the Council's 2014 approval of its most current general plan for the County, Plan 2035. This resolution is part of a legislative package (CR-67-2023 and CB-69-2023) needed to update and codify the new standards (included as Exhibits A and B of the resolution).

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 to the standards and specifications documents. The implementation date for the provisions of CR-68-2023 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 *2023 Urban Street Design Standards* (included as Exhibit A), and the *Specifications and Standards for Roads and Bridges* (included as Exhibit B). The amendments are included below for informational purposes.

After discussion, the Committee voted favorably on CR-68-2023 as amended by a vote of 5-0.

### AMENDMENTS

Exhibit A - Urban Street Design Standards - sets forth the following revisions:

1. Amends and adopts the 2017 General Specifications and Standards for Highway and Street Construction and Signals. Standards shall be incorporated into the County code.
2. Adds on language on page 5 "transit priority design standards"
3. Adds language of no more than maximum travel lanes 2, 3, or 4 required to maintain LOS E based on most recent published traffic volumes (ADT and AADT). P. 6

4. Adds language to the chart on page 14 that “additional urban street types shall be used in Regional Transit Districts and Local Centers and current standards are prohibited.”
5. Adds language that slip lanes are prohibited except as outlined in the procedures contained in Section 23-146(d) and multiple left turn lanes are strongly discouraged. P.36
6. Appendix B – Additional Design Considerations adds language on intersection design standards based on National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) and strikes language allowing appropriateness for individual projects. P. 36

Exhibit B, formally titled “Specifications and Standards for Roads and Bridges 2007” amends inclusion files in Section 1. The included language amends the legislation to account for urban street design standards. It adopts exhibit A, where there is underlined language generally pertaining to Regional Transit and Local Centers Urban Street Design Standards.