

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2023 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-067-2023

Proposed by Council Member Olson

Introduced by Council Members Olson, Dernoga, Ivey, Watson, Blegay, Oriadha,
Burroughs and Fisher

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction July 5, 2023

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Walkable Urban Streets Act of 2023

3 Roads and Sidewalks - Design and Construction Standards and Requirements

4 For the purpose of incorporating 2023 Urban Street Design Standards and Specifications as
5 consistent with Plan Prince George's 2035 for Regional Transit Districts and Local Centers in
6 Prince George's County, striving to balance the needs of all users that are business-friendly,
7 walkable, bike-able and transit friendly; generally regarding design and construction standards and
8 urban street designs.

9 WHEREAS, the 2023 Urban Street Design Standards are intended for use in designing of
10 new and retrofit streets in the eight Regional Transit Districts and 26 Local Centers, as established
11 by Plan Prince George's 2035 that have the necessary transit and transportation infrastructure to
12 support future growth as mixed-use centers; and

13 WHEREAS, the County Council enacted CB-86-2015 calling for the development of new
14 urban street standards. CR-85-2016 approved specifications and standards for Regional Transit
15 Districts and Local Centers. The County adopted Urban Street Design Standards that set the
16 standards and criteria for urban street standards for use in the Prince George's Regional Transit
17 Districts and Local Centers that were consistent with the County Council's 2014 approval of its
18 most current general plan for the County, Plan Prince George's 2035; and

19 WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the Urban Street Design Standards adequately addressed
20 the interests of multiple County departments and align with Complete Streets policies, the
21 Department of Public Works and Transportation established a committee of representatives from

1 various departments to develop the new urban standards. Consultants with expertise in developing
2 Complete Streets design standards provided assistance to the committee; and

3 WHEREAS, as a result of the work of the committee, the Prince George’s County,
4 Department of Public Works and Transportation Urban Street Design Standards, August 2017 (the
5 “2017 Urban Street Design Standards”) were promulgated; and

6 WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Resolution to ratify and revise the 2017 Urban Street
7 Design Standards; and

8 WHEREAS, the 2023 Urban Street Design Standards (“Exhibit A”) sets standards and
9 criteria for urban street standards for use in the Prince George’s Regional Transit Districts and
10 Local Centers, as attached and set forth and incorporated wholly herein; and

11 WHEREAS, Exhibit A reflects the revisions to the 2017 Urban Street Design Standards
12 document; and

13 WHEREAS, the County Council and the County Executive have determined, based upon the
14 finding and determinations set forth herein, that it is in the best interest of the citizens and residents
15 of the County that the County Council and the County Executive approve the 2023 Urban Street
16 Design Standards as set forth in Exhibit A; and

17 WHEREAS, a forthcoming resolution shall be brought to the Council requesting amendments
18 to the Prince George’s County Code Subtitle 23, Roads, and Sidewalks, to incorporate the 2023
19 Urban Street Design Standards into the Specifications and Standards for Roadways and Bridges
20 of the Department of Public Works and Transportation.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George’s
22 County, Maryland, that the 2023 Urban Street Design Standards set forth in Exhibit A be approved
23 as comprehensive road design and construction standards for the Regional Transit Districts and
24 Local Centers.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the [Department of Public Works and Transportation]
26 Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission shall present an annual report to the
27 County Council on the progress of implementation of Complete Streets policies and the 2023
28 Urban Street Design Standards and stated goals. The annual report shall state the extent to which
29 these goals, policies, and standards were or were not achieved for each project and explain why.
30 The annual report shall be published on the Department of Public Works and Transportation’s
31 website and be made available in print form, upon request. The annual report shall include detailed

1 descriptions of actions and summary project drawings, plans, budget information, progress
2 timeline for past and future actions for each road related project. In addition to the annual report
3 and summary information about each project, detailed project documents shall be provided on a
4 publicly accessible website of the Department of Public Works and Transportation with posted
5 links for each project.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works and Transportation
7 shall develop a 10-year plan by January 2025 to bring the streets in the County’s Regional Transit
8 Districts and Local Centers into compliance with the 2023 Urban Street Design Standards. The
9 Department of Public Works and Transportation shall report annually on progress to the County
10 Council on the comprehensive efforts to bring all these streets into compliance.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
12 Commission and the Department of Public Works and Transportation shall develop a ten-year
13 implementation plan for Urban Street retrofits, which shall contain context-appropriate street
14 recommendations, prioritization, and timing.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
16 Commission and the Department of Public Works and Transportation shall reestablish the Urban
17 Streets Design Workgroup.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the implementation date for the provisions of this
19 Resolution shall be June 1, 2024.

Adopted this 14th day of November, 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Thomas E. Dernoga
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council