

Montgomery County Council
Public Hearing
Montgomery Thrive 2050
June 29, 2021

Good Evening Council,

My name is Margaret Schoap. Tonight, I am representing Dayspring Church in Germantown, MD.

Dayspring Church has been a retreat center for 68 years, since 1953, providing people with 206 acres of sacred space for personal and organized spiritual retreats.

From our beginning, we have lived at the intersection of faith and ecology. In this time of global climate change, which is not going away, we try to live in ways that will restore the sacred community of all life - for neighbors and the earth.

Dayspring Church borders the RoW of Midcounty Highway Extended. Our faith community has joined advocating with others for transit alternatives for decades, so to keep the interior forests and well established communities intact.

We request the Council to vote for “No New Highways”, rather than voting for the loop hole change of “No New Highways for Cars”. As you know, this could target M83 to be built for buses. We ask for Midcounty Highway Extended to be removed from all master plans.

How will you vote to enable all residents in Montgomery County to thrive now and till 2050? What are you truly committed to? And who are you truly committed to?

Respectfully,

Margaret Schoap
Steward for Dayspring Church
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