



# MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION, INC.

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July 8, 2025

Montgomery County Council  
Stella Werner Council Office Building  
100 Maryland Ave  
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: MVF Support for Removal of M-83 from the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways

Dear County Executive Elrich, Council President Stewart and Councilmembers:

Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc. (MVF) has long been opposed to the construction of MidCounty Highway Extended (M-83), noting the detrimental impacts it would have on the planned community of Montgomery Village, home to nearly 40,000 county residents.

This controversial road sits at the doorstep of our 60-year-old community. While completing the unfinished portions may create a transportation solution on paper, this outdated plan fails to take into consideration the current surroundings which have fostered growth in the county over the last several decades. If ever built, M-83 would split Montgomery Village neighborhoods; encroach on residential and school property lines; destroy important wildlife habitats, wetlands, stream valleys, and vital ecosystems; and complicate and exacerbate vehicular traffic and pedestrian safety issues, especially at a vital entry point to Montgomery Village.

As the large-scale homeowners association that governs Montgomery Village, MVF takes its fiduciary duty to protect and advocate for the community seriously. On behalf of MVF and all residents of Montgomery Village, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the current and previous County Executives and County Councils for their support in not adding funds to previous Capital Budgets to build M-83 and the Resolution to not consider the road when evaluating future development. This commitment signifies a respect for the community we have built.

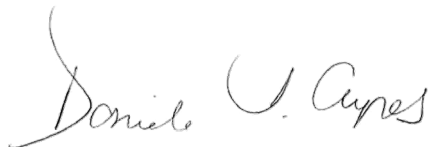
In the same manner, M-83 has already been removed from the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board Visualize 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan and contradicts other county policies and initiatives aimed at maintaining the quality of life for all county residents. I would urge the County Council to follow these examples and remove M-83 from the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways as the next critical step in working together to maintain the fabric of our community.

Montgomery Village communities that border the proposed route of M-83 fall inside “Moderately- and Highly-Disadvantaged Equity Focus Areas.” These same areas are also identified for disparities in healthcare and other critical health services. The Planning Board is charged with “developing plans that benefit all community members and reduce or eliminate inequity.” Maintaining the potential for another large roadway, which would pollute these communities in many ways, works against that charge and erects another physical barrier that isolates our majority-minority community.

MVF is encouraged by the Planning Board’s recommendation and supports the removal of M-83 from the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways. Additionally, MVF supports smart changes and growth that provide increased service to Village residents and neighbors, including increased RideOn service and Bus Rapid Transit. Attached is MVF’s Resolution in Opposition to Building of M-83 Highway, dated January 26, 2023, which reiterates our long-standing position on this matter.

Thank you for your consideration of: MVF’s position; the removal of M-83 from the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways; and the quality of life for 40,000 of your neighbors who call Montgomery Village home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doniele Ayres". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Doniele Ayres, President  
Montgomery Village Foundation  
Board of Directors

CC: MVF Board of Directors

Attachment: MVF Board of Directors Resolution in Opposition to Building M-83 Highway

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## **Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors Resolution in Opposition to Building of M-83 Highway**

Enacted: January 26, 2023

Effective: January 26, 2023

WHEREAS, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF), Inc. recognizes the importance of taking positions on major projects/programs that impact Village residents and bringing them forward to Montgomery County officials; and

WHEREAS, the MVF Board of Directors wants to make certain that all new members and incumbent members of the Montgomery County Council know that MVF has a long-standing position of opposing further planning and construction of the M-83 Highway which would negatively impact the lives of so many who call Montgomery Village their home; and

WHEREAS, M-83 has been removed from The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board Visualize 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County Council should recognize that the construction of this outdated highway is counter to and in direct opposition of many standing policies to protect the environment including the County's Climate Action Plan, and the recently adopted County General Plan - Thrive Montgomery 2050; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and County Councils for many years have not included funding in the County's capital budget to further plan for the roadway, and have asked the Planning Board not to assume that M-83 is constructed when doing transportation studies for development projects; and

WHEREAS, MVF supports regional transportation projects that include diverse options, as well as improvements and alternatives to options outlined in the 2016 Montgomery Village Master Plan that provide increased service to Montgomery Village residents; and

WHEREAS, if built, this roadway would negatively impact and be in extremely close proximity to existing residential dwellings, neighborhoods, recreational facilities and Watkins Mill Elementary School, as well as disrupt significant area floodplains, wetlands, streams and forested areas;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors reaffirms its opposition of the construction of M-83 and recommends that the County Council consider its removal from the Functional Master Plan of Highways, pending a County Council review of the ramifications of doing so; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc. supports: not building M-83; intersection improvements on MD 355 and pedestrian safety improvements on Midcounty Highway and Montgomery Village Avenue; intersection improvements and addition of auxiliary lanes between select intersections on MD 355; increased Ride On service; and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).

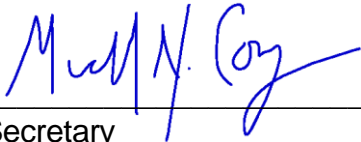


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President, MVF Board of Directors

1/26/2023

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Date

ATTEST:



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Secretary

1/26/2023

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Date