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Committee Review: N/A
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Purpose: To receive testimony – no vote expected
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AGENDA ITEM #8
December 6, 2022
Public Hearing

SUBJECT

Expedited Bill 34-22; Streets and Roads – Classification of Roads

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

The Council approved Bill 24-22 Complete Streets on October 25, 2022 and it was signed into law by the County Executive on November 7, 2022. The bill established design parameters for various types of streets and roads within five area types: downtown, town center, suburban, industrial, and rural. Section 31(a)(2) of the bill lists the town centers.

Subsequently, the joint staffs have recognized that a few proposed town centers that had been recommended were inadvertently left off this list, namely: White Oak Science Gateway urban area excluding the Life Sciences/FDA Village Center (which is classified in the bill as a “downtown”), the Life Science Center South urban area in the Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan, the Veirs Mill/Randolph urban area in the Veirs Mill Corridor Master Plan, and the Washingtonian Town Center in the Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan. This bill would include these areas on the town center list; otherwise, streets in these areas would be designed as if they were in any other suburban area.

This bill also more precisely defines some of the other town centers. For example, in Bill 24-22 one of the town centers is “Woodside Purple Line Station.” The bill would amend this to read “Woodside Station urban area,” which corresponds to the area near the station, not just the station itself.

Action is scheduled for December 13, 2022. This bill is proposed as an Expedited Bill so that it would be effective on February 7, 2023, right after Bill 24-22 will be effective.

This report contains:

Expedited Bill 34-22

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Expedited Bill No. 34-22
Concerning: Streets and Roads –
Classification of Roads
Revised: 11/10/2022 Draft No. 1
Introduced: November 15, 2022
Expires: May 15, 2024
Enacted: [date]
Executive: [date signed]
Effective: [date takes effect]
Sunset Date: [date expires]
Ch. [#], Laws of Mont. Co. [year]

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President

AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

- (1) correct the identification of town centers; and
- (2) generally amend the law concerning the classification of roads.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 49, Streets and Roads
Section 49-31

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

Sec. 1. Section 49-31 is amended as follows:

Sec. 49-31. Classification of roads.

(a) In this Article and the regulations adopted under it[.], County area types are as follows until subsequently designated by functional plans, master plans, or sector plans:

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(2) A *town center* area consists of areas with moderate to high development intensity. These areas are:

(A) Burtonsville [Town Center] urban area;

(B) Cabin Branch urban area;

(C) Chevy Chase Lake urban area;

(D) Clarksburg [Town Center] urban area;

(E) Damascus [Town Center] urban area;

(F) Forest Glen/Montgomery Hills Sector Plan urban area;

~~[(F)]~~ (G) Germantown [Town Center] urban area;

~~[(G)]~~ (H) Glenmont Sector Plan Area urban area;

~~[(H)]~~ (I) Grosvenor-Strathmore Sector Plan Area urban area;

(J) White Oak Science Gateway urban area excluding Life Sciences / FDA Village Center;

~~[(I)]~~ (K) Kensington Town Center urban area;

~~[(J)]~~ (L) Langley Crossroads urban area;

(M) Life Science Center South in Great Seneca Science Corridor urban area;

- 24 [(K)] (N) Lyttonsville Purple Line Station urban area;
- 25 [(L) Montgomery Hills]
- 26 [(M)] (O) Olney Town Center urban area;
- 27 [(N)] (P) Piney Branch urban area;
- 28 [(O)] (Q) Shady Grove [Sector Plan Area] urban area;
- 29 [(P)] (R) Twinbrook [Sector Plan Area] urban area;
- 30 (S) Veirs Mill-Randolph [Town Center] urban area in Veirs
- 31 Mill Corridor Master Plan;
- 32 (T) Washingtonian Town Center in Great Seneca Science
- 33 Corridor urban area;
- 34 [(Q)] (U) Westbard Sector Plan urban area;
- 35 [(R)] (V) White Flint 2 Sector Plan area east of the CSX
- 36 Metropolitan Branch; and
- 37 [(S)] (W) Woodside [Purple Line] Station urban area.

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39 **Sec. 2. Expedited effective date.** The Council declares that this legislation is
40 necessary for the immediate public interest. The Act must take effect on February 7,
41 2023.