AN ACT to:

(1) require the Montgomery County Planning Board, when preparing certain plans, to assess a plan’s potential impact on greenhouse gas emissions in the County, consider ways to reduce vehicle miles traveled in the County, and consider options that would minimize those emissions; and

(2) generally amend the law relating to planning procedures.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 33A, Planning Procedures
Article I, Master Plans
Section 33A-2

Chapter 33A, Planning Procedures
Article II, Growth Policies

By adding

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 33A, Planning Procedures
Article 2, Components of the Plan
Section [[33A-4A]] 33A-14

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:
Sec. 1. [[Section 33A-2 is amended and Section 33A-4A is added]] The title of Article 1 is amended, Article 2 is renamed Article 3, a new Article 2 is added, and Sections 33A-2 and 33A-14 are amended as follows:

Article [[II]] 1. Master Plans


[For the purpose of this chapter] In this Chapter, the following words [and phrases shall] have the meanings [respectively ascribed to them by this section] indicated:

"Article 66B" means Article 66B of the Maryland Code.


[(b) District council: The county council for Montgomery County] "District Council" means the County Council sitting as the [district council] District Council for that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District [within] in Montgomery County.

"Greenhouse gas" includes carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride, and any other gas or substance the Director of the Department of Environmental Protection finds to be a significant contributor to global warming.


"Planning Board" means the Montgomery County Planning Board.

[(d) Regional district act:] "Regional District Act" means Chapter 780 of the [1959] Laws of Maryland for 1959, as amended and codified in Article 28 of the Maryland Code.
Article 2. Components of the Plan

[[33A-4A. Preparation of the Plan.]]


[[In addition to]] As part of the factors and conditions outlined in §§7-101 §7-108 of the Regional District Act and §1.01 and §1.03 of Article 66B, in preparing
the Plan, the Planning Board must:

(a) [[Assess]] assess the Plan's potential impact on greenhouse gas
emissions in the County, including a carbon footprint analysis; [[and]]
(b) consider ways to reduce vehicle miles traveled in the County; and
(c) [[Consider]] consider options that would minimize [[those]] greenhouse
gas emissions.

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Article [[II]] 3. Growth Policies

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Approved:

Michael J. Knapp, President, County Council

Isiah Leggett, County Executive

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council