



Transit Alternatives to Mid-County Highway Extended

**TO:** Honorable Members of the Montgomery County Council:

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**CC:** The Honorable Marc Elrich, Montgomery County Executive,  
 Montgomery County Planning Board Chair Artie Harris, Vice-Chair Mitra Pedoeem  
 and Planning Board members Shawn Bartley, James Hedrick, and Josh Linden

**FROM:** The Coalition for Transit Alternatives to Mid-County Highway Extended  
 (TAME Coalition), Diane Cameron, Tim Goodfellow, Deborah Sarabia, Margaret Schoap

**DATE:** February 12, 2024

The TAME Coalition urges you to take specific action to permanently remove the proposed Midcounty Highway Extended (M83) (or any other name this project may be given) from all aspects of current and future Montgomery County plans, programs, and project development.

The attached document, ***“A Call to Action: The Foundation, Rationale, and Mandate for Removing Proposed Midcounty Highway Extended (M83) from all Master Plans in Montgomery County, Maryland,”*** summarizes the analyses, investigations, and governmental findings that establish the framework and provide clear justification to cancel M83 highway and remove it from all County land use and transportation plans.

Some councilmembers have publicly stated that since M83 is dormant, there’s no need for the council to act to remove it from the master plans. Yet, experience has taught us that as long as a proposed highway remains in master plans, it can be built at any time. Therefore, we call upon the Council to act now to permanently remove this threat that will harm neighborhoods, degrade public parkland, imperil the county’s response to climate change, and weaken its commitment to Racial Equity and Social Justice.

Adherence to retrograde transportation policies embodied by M83 highway is not in the public interest. We ask you to take this action now to completely remove proposed M83 highway from all master plans.