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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WHEREAS, the County Council should recognize that the construction of this outdated highway is counter to and in direct opposition of many standing policies to protect the environment including the County's Climate Action Plan, and the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).

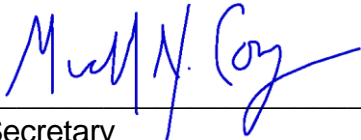


President, MVF Board of Directors

1/26/2023

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Secretary

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