



Montgomery County's Advocates for Better Transportation

County Council Kills M-83 Highway Boondoggle

We have good news!

The County Council heard your voices yesterday and killed a giant highway boondoggle. The Council voted 10-1 to remove M-83, a planned six-lane highway from Montgomery Village to Clarksburg, from the county's Master Plan.

This victory is the outcome of 30 years of hard work by ACT and allies, led by the TAME Coalition (Transit Alternatives to Mid-County Highway Extended). M-83 had been in the Master Plan since the 1960s.

"There's no limit to what citizen advocacy can accomplish for the public good," commented TAME organizer Margaret Schoap. "The inspiration to continue in this challenging work comes through the contribution each person makes out of their own life experience. The TAME Coalition is made up of such committed and special individuals and groups."

Added to the Master Plan yesterday was a third track for the MARC train line through Germantown and Gaithersburg. The extra track is needed before trains can run all day, seven days a week, into Rockville, Kensington, Silver Spring and Union Station in DC.

We have a long fight ahead until we get all-day MARC trains, but this is a necessary first step.

If you want to learn more about M-83, read the latest issue of [ACT's Transit Times](#).

Thank you for your support of ACT. It has made a difference!

Sincerely,

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