



**Resolution on Montgomery County’s General Plan,  
“Thrive Montgomery 2050”**

*Whereas* the Montgomery County Planning Department is undertaking a revision of the County’s General Master Plan, called Thrive Montgomery 2050, which seeks to set a Comprehensive Plan for the County’s land use, development, transportation, environmental, economic and public facilities resources for the entire County for the next 30 years; and

*Whereas* the social and economic disruptions of the current global coronavirus pandemic have raised significant concerns about the future of the national and regional economies and the unpredictable and enduring impacts on transportation needs, job creation, environmental stewardship, and education; and

*Whereas* the implications of the global pandemic—and alternative economic scenarios—must be taken into account for any comprehensive planning framework adopted by the County; and

*Whereas* the public health emergency in the State of Maryland and Montgomery County has imposed significant limitations on the ability of the County’s residents to fully participate in this comprehensive planning project; and

*Whereas* the current announced timetable for the design, finalization, and approval of the proposed General Plan—without sufficient and meaningful public consultation and input—is not reasonable and not suitable for a legitimate community process in which residents can take ownership of the final Plan;

*Therefore, be it resolved* that the Montgomery County Civic Federation, Inc. (MCCF) calls on the Montgomery County Planning Board and the Montgomery County Council to defer further action by the Planning Board and the County Council on a new County General Master Plan for at least a year and until after the coronavirus public health emergency has been rescinded; and

*Further, be it resolved* that the MCCF calls upon the Montgomery County Planning Board and the Montgomery County Council to ensure that all public stakeholders, and especially the residents of Montgomery County, have adequate time to fully participate in the design of the proposed General Plan through a broad-based public process.

*Approved at the September 14, 2020, General Meeting #915 of the Montgomery County Civic Federation, Inc.*