

Delegates approved unanimously - 11/9/09

MCCF Resolution on Bill 38-09, Growth Policy Amendments

Whereas oversight of land use activities is one of the primary responsibilities of the County Council, and its review of the growth policy, which has already been changed from an annual to a biennial cycle, is proposed in Bill 38-09 to occur only once every four years; and,

Whereas the Council plans in 2010 to consider an alternative to the existing Policy Area Mobility Review (PAMR), at which time members could determine the appropriate timetable for analysis of, and possible adjustments to, the agreed-upon test(s); and,

Whereas the Council must also consider the appropriate cycle for receipt of the studies now submitted to it as part of the growth policy, such as the Highway Mobility/Transit Usage/Pedestrian Activity Report and an implementation status report for each master and sector plan (with the development activity report for at least one policy area required to be submitted as part of the Biennial Growth Policy, by a provision in the Council Resolution on the Sector Plan Amendment for that area);

Therefore, the Montgomery County Civic Federation strongly urges the Council to postpone action on Bill 38-09 and consider it in the context of the analysis of a PAMR alternative.