

What's M-83?

The Mid-County Highway Extended (M-83) is a master-planned north/south parkway that has been the basis for planned density in Upcounty areas east of I-270, especially in Clarksburg. When the 5.6-mile connection (Alternative 9A) is completed, M-83 will provide a viable north/south travel alternative to I-270 and MD 355 on the east side of I-270, like Great Seneca Highway on the west side of I-270.

Completion of M-83 provides a direct connection from Snowden Farm Parkway in Clarksburg to Shady Grove Metro and the Inter-County Connector (MD-200). M-83 will be a multimodal traffic solution meaning, auto, bus (BRT Route 23) and bike path.



Why is everyone talking about it?

Earlier this month, the Montgomery County Planning Board voted to consider removing the unbuilt northern and southern extensions of M-83, including the adjacent bikeway, from the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways (MPOHT).

Thursday, November 14, 2024, Montgomery County Planning Office. Community members are encouraged to participate in person or online via Microsoft Teams. We encourage you to [sign up to testify](#) at the public hearing. You can testify in person, via video, or just send an email to the Chair of the Planning Board at mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org

Here are some facts:

- Mid-County Highway Master Plan alignment has been on area master plans for nearly 50 years.
- The roadway was reconfirmed in the 1994 Clarksburg Master Plan.
- M-83 was the basis for density planned, approved, and constructed in Upcounty, including Damascus, Clarksburg, Germantown, Montgomery Village, Shady Grove, and other areas east of I 270.
- Upcounty residents, especially in Clarksburg, have made decisions about their purchases of residence based on area master plans, which include M-83.
- M-83 is a multimodal right of way that can accommodate auto, bus, (BRT Route 23) with a safe bicycle path

- M-83 could provide the right of way if there was a proposal to extend the Red Line Metro to Germantown or Clarksburg <https://wjla.com/news/local/montgomery-county-leaders-push-metro-expand-red-line-georgetown-eight-additional-miles-shady-grove-station-proposal-project-adding-toll-lanes-i-270-marc-brunswick-line-service>
- M-83 could provide the right of way for a proposed Monorail from Frederick to Tysons Corner via Clarksburg, Shady Grove Metro, Bethesda Metro, over the bridge to Tysons <https://mdot.maryland.gov/tso/pages/Index.aspx?PageId=122>
- M-83 is recommended as an Evacuation Route by safety experts in case of an emergency
- As UpCounty density increases, M-83 will contribute to the growth of the county's economy
- **Don't let special interest groups adversely affect the quality of your life and the lives of future generations**
- **Don't let special interest group choke the economy of our county by removing planned transitways**
- **Testify to "Keep M-83 on the Master Plan!"**
- **Email The Planning Board and County Council members to "Keep M-83 on the Master Plan"**