

Introduced by: Councilmember Kovar

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Resolution No. 2019-6

Amending Resolution 2018-63 to Clarify that No Change in the Width of the Fenton Street Right of Way is Needed by the City of Takoma Park

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council passed Resolution 2018-63 regarding the Montgomery College Math and Science Building on December 5, 2018 and the plan was submitted to Montgomery County Planning Department for Mandatory Referral review, as required; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County's staff review of the plan noted that the 2000 Takoma Park Master Plan Roadway Classification Table classifies Fenton Street as an arterial road with a recommended right of way width of 80'; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan recommends streetscaping and sidewalks on Fenton Street, including accommodation of the Metropolitan Branch Trail; and

WHEREAS, despite having variable right of way widths, those improvements have been installed on Fenton Street so that it now contains dedicated bike and pedestrian infrastructure on both sides of the street, with sidewalks on the Montgomery College side and the Metropolitan Branch Trail on the other side; and

WHEREAS, during this Mandatory Referral process, the City could request that the width of the right of way of Fenton Street adjacent to the project be increased; and

WHEREAS, while acquiring additional right of way is not needed for additional bike and pedestrian improvements, any additional right of way land will increase the City's right of way maintenance costs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council declines to request an increase in the right of way width of Fenton Street as part of the Montgomery College Mandatory Referral process.

Adopted this 13th day of February, 2019.

Attest:


Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk