

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2025 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 15

Resolution No. ~~204~~2025

Introduced by: Liz Walsh

SHORT TITLE: Amend Scenic Roads Inventory – Add portions of Old Frederick Rd and Main Street in Ellicott City

TITLE: A RESOLUTION amending the Howard County Scenic Roads Inventory by adding a portion of Old Frederick Road, from Rogers Ave to the Baltimore County line; extending the existing Scenic Road designation of Main Street in Ellicott City from the edge of the Historic District, including Frederick Road, to Route 40; and generally related to Scenic Roads.

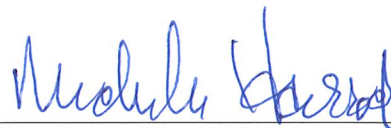
Introduced and read first time Nov 3, 2025.

By order


Michelle Harrod, Administrator

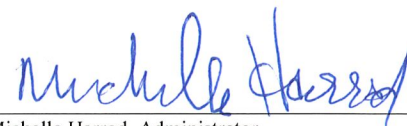
Read for a second time at a public hearing on Nov 17, 2025.

By order


Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted___, Adopted with amendments___, Failed___, Withdrawn___, by the County Council on Dec 1, 2025.

Certified By


Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive on _____, 2025

Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, the Howard County Scenic Roads Act was established by Council Bill 51-
2 1994 to protect the character of certain roads or road segments in Howard County that have
3 outstanding scenic or historic value and pass through areas of the county where forest,
4 agricultural, or historic features are predominant; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, Section 16.1403(a) of the Howard County Code (the “Code”) provides for
7 the County Council to adopt, by resolution, a Scenic Roads Inventory, which designates certain
8 roads or road segments in the County as scenic roads and permits the inventory to be expanded,
9 by resolution, periodically if a road or road segment has one or more of the characteristics listed
10 in Section 16.1402(a) of the Code; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, the County Council adopted the Scenic Roads Inventory by Council
13 Resolution 102-1994 in 1994, and amended the inventory three times since, with the passage of
14 Council Resolution 135-2006, Council Resolution 129-2008, and most recently Council
15 Resolution 28-2016; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, the portion of Old Frederick Road between the northern intersection of
18 Route 29 to the Baltimore County line that passes through outstanding natural environmental
19 features and therefore meets the criteria in the Scenic Roads Act in Section 16.1402(a)1 of
20 the Code; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, the portion of Main Street between the Ellicott City Historic District
22 western boundary line that turns into Frederick Road and extends to Route 40, follows
23 historic road alignments, and provides views of historic structures, and therefore meets the
24 criteria in the Scenic Roads Act in Section 16.1402(a)3 of the Code;
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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
28 Maryland this _____ day of _____, 2025 that the Howard County Scenic Roads
29 Inventory is hereby amended by inserting the attached pages into the Scenic Roads inventory,
30 hereto and incorporated herein.

OLD FREDERICK ROAD (Rogers Ave to Baltimore County Line)

<i>Scenic Road Designation</i>	Portion of Old Frederick Road from Rogers Ave to the Baltimore County line
<i>Road Characteristics</i>	Pavement width: Approximately 24' ROW width: Varies Lanes: Two lanes striped, no shoulders Speed Limit: 25 miles per hour
<i>Length</i>	1.48 miles from Old Frederick Rd/Rogers Ave traffic circle to the Baltimore County line.
<i>Road Classification</i>	Major Collector

Description

Old Frederick Road, from Rogers Ave to the Baltimore County line, is a narrow, rolling road that crosses through Patapsco Valley State Park into Baltimore County at the Patapsco River.

The scenic character of this portion of Old Frederick Road is created by views from the road and are generally confined by the rolling terrain. Scenic features along the road include many forested areas, and rows of trees or hedgerows. The road is also home to many historic sites, including the William Hollifield House (Historic Site #242), the William Thomas Farmhouse (#874), and the Kefauver Boarding House (#283).

MAIN STREET/FREDERICK ROAD

<i>Scenic Road Designation</i>	Portion of Main Street from historic district western boundary line to Route 40/Baltimore National Pike
<i>Road Characteristics</i>	Pavement width: Approximately 30' ROW width: Varies Lanes: Two lanes striped w/ shoulders Speed Limit: 35 miles per hour
<i>Length</i>	Approximately 3.4 miles from the Historic Ellicott City historic district western boundary line to Route 40/Baltimore National Pike intersection.
<i>Road Classification</i>	Minor Arterial

Description

The portion of Main Street, that extends from the Ellicott City Historic District, is a two-lane road that turns into Frederick Road after the Rogers Ave intersection and extends to Route 40/Baltimore National Pike.

The scenic character of this portion Main Street and Frederick Road is created by its historic significance as a portion of the historic road alignment of the “Old National Pike”, America’s first federally funded highway.

Scenic features along the road include the historic Old National Pike Mile Markers #11-14, and many other historically significant landmarks on the Howard County Historic Sites Inventory, including:

- George White’s Cottage (HO-334)
- Saint Peter’s Episcopal Church (HO-299)
- the Ellicott City Colored Schoolhouse (HO-585)
- the Frederick Road bridge over Hudson Branch (HO-653)
- St. John’s Episcopal Church (HO-026)
- Earlougher’s Tavern (HO-364)
- Historic Site #769 at 8957 Frederick Road
- Frederick Road bridge over Little Patuxent River (HO-727)
- The Gerwig-Lintner House at 10101 Frederick Rd (HO-138)
- Charles and Margaret Kirn House at 10114 Frederick Rd (HO-844)
- Historic Site #843 at 10109 Frederick Road (Mission Revival style stone house)