

Subject: Resolution Amending the Howard County Design Manual Volume III- Roads and Bridges

To: Lonnie Robbins

Chief Administrative Officer

From: James M. Irvin, Director

Department of Public Works

Date: December 22, 2008

We are presenting to the County Council for consideration and adoption a revision to the Howard County Design Manual Volume III - Roads and Bridges. Specifically, we propose to amend a portion of Chapter 2, section 2.5.B.9, Intersection Sight Distance, for the purpose of clarifying intersection sight distance requirements, how stopping sight distance is measured, under what circumstances a waiver will be considered, and what technical information must be submitted when submitting a request for waiver. There is no fiscal impact with this change.

Input on the proposed revision was received from various Bureaus within the Department of Public Works, Department of Planning and Zoning, and private engineering consulting firms affiliated with the Howard County Chapter of the Home Builders Association of Maryland.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 18.210 of the Howard County Code, a public hearing was held before the Public Works Board on December 10, 2008, and all interested parties were given an opportunity to speak on the proposed revision. After consideration of the testimony presented at the public hearing, the Public Works Board recommended approval of the proposed amendments to the Howard County Design Manual Volume III - Roads and Bridges.

In accordance with Section 18.210 of the Howard County Code, we are presenting the proposed amendments to the Howard County Design Manual Volume III - Roads and Bridges to the County Council for adoption by resolution.

If you require any further information concerning this matter or have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience. Representatives from the Department of Public Works will be present at the public hearing to answer your questions.

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