



City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
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September 21, 2022

The Honorable Calvin S. Hawkins, II, Chair
Prince George's County Council
Wayne K. Curry Administration Building
1301 McCormick Drive, 2nd Floor
Largo, Maryland 20774

RE: Bowie-Mitchellville and Vicinity Sectional Map Amendment (SMA)

Dear Council Chair Hawkins:

On September 19, 2022, the Bowie City Council conducted a public hearing regarding the proposed SMA for Bowie-Mitchellville and Vicinity. The City Council heard testimony from a dozen residents who spoke in opposition to Zoning Change (ZC) 56 involving the Freeway Airport property. ZC 56 proposes rezoning from the current AR (Agriculture Residential) to the RSF-A (Residential Single-Family Attached) zone. In addition, many of the residents spoke in opposition to ZC 42 involving the Frank's Nursery property. ZC 42 proposes rezoning from the current RE (Residential Estate) zone to the CGO (Commercial General Office) zone.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Council voted unanimously to support the many Zoning Changes in the proposed SMA, with several revisions described in the table below:

Zone Change # (ZC)	Location	Current	Proposed	City Council Recommendation
9	Edge of planning area along NE side of MD 197 north of OTB	AR	AG	AG, but other nearby parcels should also be included
10	PEPCO Lemons Bridge Rd	AR	AG	AG, but City parcel should be included
30	Jesuit Prop. N. side of MD 450	RE	AR	AG – s. side of MD 450 should be AG also, not AR
35	Forest Drive Lot 7	RE	AG	RE
36	MD 3 south lot	RE	AG	RE
45	Old Stage MNCPPC Parcel and HOA prop	RR	AG	AG – Part owned by MNCPPC should be ROS
50	Park Drive Lots 4-5	AR	AG	AR
73	SFD Longleaf, Plat 14	AR	AG	AR
74	Two SFD Longleaf, Plat 14	AR/AG	AG	AR
104	N end of South Lake along MD 214, open space	LCD	AG	ROS

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The City Council also concurs with nine of the 18 Individual Property Owner requested changes, but takes exception to the nine specific requests noted below:


Property Owner Request #	Location	Current	Requested	City Council Recommendation
3	6513 and 6517 NW Crain Highway – Ken Michael Prop	AR	CS	AR*
4	Jericho Park Road	AR	Chesapeake Bay RCA zone	AR
5	16620 Sylvan Drive	RE	CGO	RE
6	3900, 3600 and 3702 Church Rd Freeway Airport	AR	RSF-A	AR*
7	15550 Annapolis Rd--Freestate Shopping Center	RR, CGO	CGO	Retain RR on rear parcel (Parcel D) Tax ID - 742814*
9	Frank's Nursery MD 450/MD 193	RE	CGO	RE
11	3704 Church Rd, south of Freeway Airport opposite Dawn Whistle Way	AR	RSF-A	AR
15	1 SE Crain Hwy	RE	CS	RE*
17	180 Robert Crain Highway	AR	CS	AR

***Request is already covered by Proposed SMA Zone Change**

The City Council also asks that more time be given to hear from residents and allow the County planning staff appropriate time to do a proper analysis of the Freeway Airport request, as well as public testimony from the joint public hearing. The City respectfully requests a delay in the County Council's public hearing process and decision on this SMA, as the current schedule sets a self-imposed deadline when there is no urgency.

The City Council appreciates the efforts made thus far to update the Master Plan for our community. We strongly urge you to take more time needed for a careful review of public input on this proposed SMA. Thank you for the opportunity to provide recommendations on this comprehensive rezoning.

Sincerely,


Bowie City Council
Timothy J. Adams
Mayor

cc: The Honorable Todd M. Turner