

QUESTION Will you strictly abide by the Council resolution stating that future master plans will not rely on Mid-County Highway Extended (even if parts of the right-of-way get a new name)?

Candidate		Party	Verbatim response
County Executive			
Robin	Ficker	R	No, nor would I abide by a Council resolution shutting down Georgia Ave inside the Beltway or Carroll Ave. in Takoma Park. We have 45,000 people in the Clarksburg area who are gridlocked every day.
Roger	Berliner	D	Yes – I do not support M-83 and do not believe it will solve upcounty traffic congestion issues. We must invest in and advocate for transit solutions with the state such as BRT on the MD 355 corridor and the Corridor Cities Transitway to give people a true option for getting out of their vehicles.
Marc	Elrich	D	Absolutely; I have never supported M-83.
Rose	Krasnow	D	No, I believe in a multi-modal approach to traffic congestion relief, and M-83 may be part of the solution to relieving traffic congestion in the Clarksburg area. When the Clarksburg Master was approved in 1994, it opened up development in an area previously undeveloped in the northern part of our county where there was little existing infrastructure. New residents were promised both the Corridor Cities Transitway and M-83 but got neither. I am still open to proceeding with a version of M-83, although I like the idea of making it a parkway with dedicated BRT lanes, rather than a highway
George L.	Leventhal	D	Yes.
Council At-Large			
Robert	Dyer	R	No. We must construct M-83 on the master plan alignment ASAP.
Marilyn	Balcombe	D	Technically yes, I will abide by the Council resolution to not rely on the completion of M-83 when approving development that assumes the completion of the road. However, I do support the completion of Mid-County Highway Extended (regardless of what we call it).
Hoan	Dang	D	Yes. I will be open to consideration of options that alleviate concerns of communities while providing additional road options to the 355 corridor.
Lorna Phillips	Forde	D	Yes, I will abide by this Council resolution (#18-957, Oct. 31, 2017).
Jill Ortman	Fouse	D	Yes.
Evan	Glass	D	Yes. I do not believe that the long-standing plans for M-83 make sense anymore.

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Richard	Gottfried	D	The Council made a mistake with M83 and not charging the proper impact tax to pay for the infrastructure needed for the residents. Let's be real about M83, the County turned Clarksburg from an area which had 2,000 residents to 50,000 residents leaving the residents with only two country roads to drive on. This is embarrassing. Whether we build M83 as the Master Plan has laid out or not, we need to build something to help the UP-County residents be able to move in and out of their neighborhoods from the previous Council's decision to develop their new neighborhood so that they can get to work, school and shop!
Seth	Grimes	D	Yes. Times change, and plans have to change with them. A "good" idea 60 years ago may no longer be a good idea.
Will	Jawando	D	I do not support construction of the Mid-County Highway Extended, under any name, with or without Council support in the form of a resolution. But yes, I will abide by the current resolution.
Danielle	Meitiv	D	YES. We need public transit in the upcounty, not more roads, which will only create induced demand and attract more traffic.
Hans	Riemer	D	Yes, I introduced and passed this resolution
Michele	Riley	D	I would abide by the resolution that future master plans not rely on M-83 if it remains unfunded.
Steve	Solomon	D	Yes. BRT and MARC are better solutions than M-83.
Council District 1			
Bill	Cook	D	The future of M83 is uncertain. If we are not committed to building it then it should not be included in any master plans. We should not be making plans or promises that we do not intend to keep.
Pete	Fosselman	D	If abiding results in never building M83 then no. This road was promised to citizens in Clarksburg, the fastest growing part of the County, for many years. There is a 5.7-mile gap in the road which destroys the concept of the "ladder" Eastern and Western (Great Seneca Highway) arterials on either side of I-270, which were developed to reduce traffic congestion and pressure on I-270 many years ago. The dysfunctionality of the Mid-County Highway leaves Clarksburg residents without a second north/south option. Once built, it would provide an east-west link at Middlebrook Road and a direct connection between the East and West arterials.
Andrew	Friedson	D	Yes.

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Ana Sol	Gutierrez	D Yes, I'm opposed to M-83 and will support the Council resolution to limit future master plan's reliance on extending the Mid-County Highway.
Jim	McGee	D I will but that decision must be made in conjunction with a plan to expand both long distance rapid transit – connecting the upper county to the lower county and to DC – and local area transit that matches existing travel patterns
Regina "Reggie"	Oldak	D Yes, I concur with the resolution that said that M83 should not count for master plan development. I will continue to concur with that decision regardless of how M83 is designated in the future.
Meredith	Wellington	D Yes.
Council District 2		
Craig L.	Rice	D As an elected official we must abide by the decisions we make as a body.
Council District 3		
Sidney A.	Katz	D I voted for the Council resolution. The alignment should be kept until we are certain that the other measures that could be taken would alleviate the transportation problems, and it should not be counted for development capacity in sector plans.
Ben	Shnider	D Yes.