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Subject: Road Code  
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Dear Councilmembers Floreen, Ervin, and Leventhal,

The Action Committee for Transit believes strongly that the County Council needs to adopt a new road code in order to establish a new policy for the design of the county's roads, especially in the urbanized areas around Metro stations.

In recent decades, our roads have been designed to serve automobiles first and with pedestrians, cyclists, and transit riders as an afterthought. Complaints by pedestrians, bicycle and transit advocates, and neighborhood groups, joined not infrequently by developers, have fallen on deaf ears. It is the responsibility of the Council to unambiguously instruct the implementing agencies that change must be implemented.

At tomorrow's T&E Committee meeting, we urge you to move forward on the crucial step of setting numerical guidelines with enforceable deadlines for adoption of implementing regulations.

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