



# Coalition for Smarter Growth

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## Smart growth wins in Virginia and big issues ahead!



Thanks to [Boston Properties](#) for sponsoring our Reston walking tour (top left)!

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Dear {{FirstName or 'Friend'}},

Last month, we had two great wins for smart growth in Virginia: a YES vote for better buses on Alexandria's Duke Street and a YES vote for the redevelopment of West Falls Church. CSG and local advocates fought hard for these wins and we're committed to continue fighting. Read on for how you can help!

### Regional



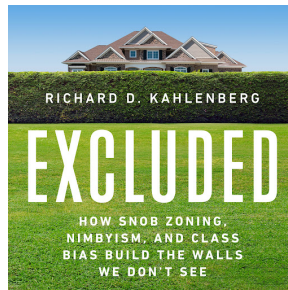
#### Fix our region's transportation plan ([take action](#))

You have a chance to speak out against wasteful road expansion and FOR smart growth, with better transit, safer streets for walking and biking, and also better maintaining the roads we've already built to handle climate change. Comment on the Visualize 2050 plan this month!



### Metro's fiscal cliff: "Failure cannot be an option" ([our press release](#))

Metro's been on a positive course: more [frequent service](#), [new fare options](#), and major rehabilitation (paid for by the 2018 capital funding deal). [But WMATA is facing a \\$750 million operating funding gap](#) in FY25, risking major service cuts: no service after 9:30pm, only 37 (out of 135) bus lines, and 20-minute wait times.



### Event: A talk on exclusionary zoning moderated by Jerusalem Demsas ([RSVP](#), July 14 at 6pm)

Join Montgomery for All and Ward3Vision at Politics & Prose for a talk on Richard Kahlenberg's new book, Excluded: How Snob Zoning, NIMBYism, and Class Bias Build the Walls We Don't See, moderated by journalist Jerusalem Demsas! We'll meet at 6pm at a local restaurant, then walk together to Politics & Prose for the author talk.

## Virginia

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### A vision for Langston Boulevard ([learn more](#); [provide feedback](#) by July 30)

Arlington County just released their draft for Plan Langston Boulevard. This is an opportunity to create another vibrant, inclusive, and transit-oriented corridor. Learn about the draft plan at one of three [open houses](#). Be sure to [provide online feedback](#)!



### Another vote, another win for West Falls Church ([learn more](#))

We've continued our advocacy for transformation of West Falls Church Metro Station, winning a unanimous vote of the Fairfax Board of Supervisors for the rezoning. Next up: hearings on the Virginia Tech proposal for their property situated between the Metro and City of Falls Church projects.



### A big win for transit on Duke Street ([our testimony](#))

We teamed with amazing local advocates to [win unanimous City Council support](#) for the [Alexandria Duke Street bus rapid transit](#)! It will include center-running bus lanes where feasible in the near term, wider sidewalks, and protected bike lanes. 42 people spoke in favor, 26 against. Parents were especially eloquent about the value of the bus and a safer street for their children.



### Reimagining parking in Fairfax ([learn more and provide feedback](#))

Fairfax County's "Parking Reimagined" is an opportunity to right-size parking and support walkable, bikeable, transit-oriented communities. Too much parking increases housing costs, stormwater, and traffic. A Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for July 26.

## D.C.

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### Support faster buses on Georgia Avenue ([open house info](#), July 11 from 4:30-7:30pm)

DDOT is conducting an open house public meeting on July 11 to introduce the [Georgia Avenue NW Bus Priority Project](#). This is your chance to learn about the project and share ideas for street designs that will improve bus service and safety along Georgia Avenue NW.



### We're getting close to a win at Takoma Metro ([learn more](#))

Thank you for joining us in supporting the Takoma Metro station redevelopment project at the June 15 hearing. We're optimistic the DC Zoning Commission will approve the project – replacing a parking lot with 440 new homes (at least 70 affordable) with cafes, plaza, greenspace, and better bus, walk, and bicycle facilities.



### A great place for new housing: the U Street police/fire station rezoning ([take action](#))

Replacing the obsolete, one-story Third District Police Station and Fire Station and two-story garage with new facilities and more than 200 affordable or mixed-income homes is a great idea made possible by the 2021 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map. But the DC Zoning Commission postponed the public hearing on the rezoning until the fall, citing a desire for more public process.

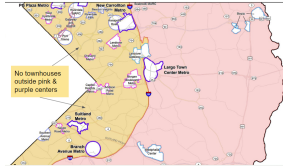
## Maryland

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### Event: Where and how should Prince George's County grow? ([RSVP](#), July 18 at 6:30pm)

The recent debate over the proposed townhouse moratorium has prompted a broader discussion about development in Prince George's. Join CSG and RISE Prince George's for a conversation with Planning Board Chair Peter Shapiro, to discuss [Plan Prince George's 2035 General Plan](#), land use and housing policies, and a sustainable and prosperous future.



### On hold: Prince George's townhouse moratorium ([learn more](#))

Concern about the impacts of growth prompted a bill for a two-year moratorium on townhouse construction in most of the county – including inside the beltway and close to Metro stations. But the main issue is too much development far from transit and other public services. After hearing our testimony and others, the Council voted to hold the bill in committee, allowing the county to better assess how to direct growth in walkable communities near transit and away from sprawl.



### Time to reconsider the proposed toll lanes for I-495/I-270

Sierra Club - MD and others filed a [motion for Summary Judgment](#) outlining the many flaws with the Hogan Administration's study and a strong case for rejecting the Record of Decision. We've argued that investing in transit-oriented development in Prince George's and eastern Montgomery would bring more jobs, address the East-West economic divide, and shorten commutes.



### Share your vision for University Boulevard ([RSVP, July 18 at 5pm](#); [take the survey](#))

Join the upcoming Montgomery County meeting on a [corridor plan for University Boulevard](#) to voice your support for safe streets, parks, placemaking, and new residential and mixed-use development. You can also [add your comments on the project website](#).

Thanks for all you do,