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HB351 -- Land Use and Vehicle Miles Traveled Workgroup  
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Position: Support

Good afternoon Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. I am Jen Brock-Cancellieri, representing Bike Maryland. We represent cyclists of all abilities across the state, Cyclists who ride 5 miles around the park with their families, for transportation, to a 100 mile ride. We believe that all cyclists should feel safe when they ride. Bike Maryland has over 18,000 members from across the state.

Cyclists and pedestrians currently represent a small fraction of the commuters in our state's transportation network. While bike and pedestrian infrastructure is currently critical for the last mile, appropriate planning and investment could see dramatic increases in overall bike/ped transportation. Recent studies show compelling evidence that sufficient investment in cycling infrastructure results in a 754% increase in bike mode share and a resulting 30% decrease in driving share.<sup>1</sup>

Like our friends from Rails to Trails have stated in their written testimony, we support the friendly amendments that will explicitly ensure that the workgroup pursue opportunities to provide safe connections for walking and biking between residential communities, job centers and commercial districts, and incorporate consideration of biking and walking infrastructure throughout the bill. These amendments would ensure that the workgroup fully consider opportunities for mode shift to walking and biking and explore increased investment in safe active transportation networks for commuting and other daily needs.

Finally, we want to make clear that Bike Maryland is here to support this workgroup for all transportation modes. A workgroup committed to a broad reaching and in depth study on land use and VMTs will help all of us regardless of our transportation choices. In fact, we hope it will broaden our transportation choices while making us cleaner and healthier.

We urge a favorable report

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ww3.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/policies/bicycling/bicycling\\_brief.pdf](https://ww3.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/policies/bicycling/bicycling_brief.pdf)