

February 16, 2023

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee
251 House Office Building
Annapolis MD 21401

***RE: Letter of Information – House Bill 367 – Vehicle Laws – Stop Sign Monitoring System
- Authorization***

Dear Chair Barve and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) takes no position on House Bill 367 but offers the following information for the Committee's consideration.

House Bill 367 would authorize local jurisdictions to use stop sign monitoring systems. Additionally, House Bill 367 would establish an income based fining structure for the civil penalties for stop sign monitoring system violations; the revenue collected from stop sign monitoring systems would be used for the Complete Streets and other pedestrian safety programs.

Like the permitting process for speed monitoring systems along State highways, local jurisdictions would need to apply for a permit from MDOT State Highway Administration (SHA) prior to installing stop sign monitoring systems within SHA right-of-way. To facilitate that permit review process, SHA would need to develop criteria and guidance to establish best practices for the placement of speed monitoring systems along State highways. Currently, no such guidance or criteria exists.

The SHA looks forward to working with local partners to promote safety for all users of our roadways, including pedestrians and bicyclists. When planning for new monitoring systems along the roadways, it is important to identify locations that are the most effective at improving safety, while also considering right-of-way needs.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee consider this information when deliberating House Bill 367.

Respectfully submitted,

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