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March 4, 2024

Bill: State Highway Administration - Sidewalks and Bicycle Pathways - Maintenance and Repair

Position: Support w/ Amendments

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the City of Gaithersburg, I write to support State Highway Administration – Sidewalks and Bicycle Pathways – Maintenance and Repair.

The bill mandates that the State Highway Administration is responsible for maintaining and repairing sidewalks adjacent to State highways. This shift in responsibility will ensure a more consistent approach to sidewalk maintenance while alleviating costs and administrative burdens on the political subdivisions.

We also appreciate the Sponsor and her willingness to amend the legislation to clarify that property owners shall continue to have responsibility to remove snow and ice from personal sidewalks, even along state highways.

For these reasons, the City of Gaithersburg believes this bill offers practical solutions to ensure such pathways are well-maintained and safe for use, benefiting our communities and promoting walkability.

Should you have any questions, please contact me on my cell at 301-466-5350 or our government relations consultant, Sarah Peters, at speters@hbstrategies.us.

Sincerely,

Jud Ashman, Mayor
City of Gaithersburg

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