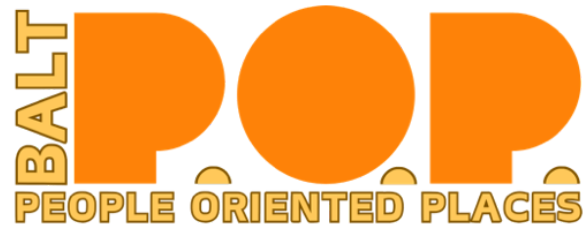


Bill: Senate Bill 0943

Bill Title: Better Bus Service Act of 2024

Position: **Favorable with Amendments**



Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee,

In order for public transit to be more appealing for widespread use, it needs to perform better. The measures that this bill calls for (prohibiting unallowed stopping and parking in a dedicated bus lane and allowing automated enforcement of bus lane use, stopping, and parking violations) are a necessary step toward that better performance.

When passing this bill, please consider the following two provisions:

1. Please **retain** the provision that "a person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle in a bike lane," as well as the similar "bus stop zone" prohibition.
2. Please **strike** the provision that "A vehicle making a brief stop for the sole purpose of dropping off or picking up a passenger" may stop in a bus lane. This would be difficult to enforce.

We hope the committee finds these points helpful and convincing and we urge its members to **vote for this bill (with amendments)**. Thank you for your time and attention.

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