



Delegate Marc Korman, Chair  
House Environment and Transportation Committee  
250 Taylor House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

February 5, 2026

**RE: HB 55 – FAVORABLE – Vehicle Laws – Speed Monitoring Systems – Residential Districts**

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland Asphalt Association (MAA) represents approximately 110+ members, including 20 material producers, contractors, engineering firms, and associate members, supporting a 7,000-person workforce. MAA actively collaborates with regulatory agencies to advocate for the asphalt industry, ensuring fair regulations at both the state and federal levels. Additionally, we support adequate funding for Maryland's multimodal transportation system.

House Bill 55 would expand the use of speed monitoring systems on highways in residential districts throughout the State. MAA generally supports all legislation that expands speed monitoring programs on Maryland's roadways. Expanded speed monitoring significantly improves safety for both road workers and the traveling public. Work zones and active construction areas are inherently high-risk environments, and speeding is a leading contributor to serious crashes and fatalities. Automated and consistent enforcement has proven effective at reducing excessive speeds and dangerous driving behavior, helping to create safer conditions for workers who are often just feet away from live traffic.

Predictable and consistent enforcement supports more efficient project delivery. Automated speed monitoring reduces the need for constant on-site law enforcement presence while still achieving meaningful compliance. Fewer crashes and safer driving conditions allow construction and maintenance projects to proceed with fewer disruptions, delays, and unexpected costs, resulting in better outcomes for motorists and public agencies alike.

For these reasons, the Maryland Asphalt Association supports legislation that responsibly expands speed monitoring programs as part of a broader strategy to improve safety, protect infrastructure, and ensure efficient use of transportation dollars. We respectfully ask for a favorable report on HB 55.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tim E. Smith'.

Tim E. Smith, P.E.  
President  
Maryland Asphalt Association