

Support

Testimony from Pat Lynch on HB #56

Thursday, January 30, 2020.

My name is Pat Lynch. I have served as President of the Broadneck Council for 13 years and am also a Board member of the County wide GAN Citizens' Advocacy group. I am an 8 year member of the BBAG but am not testifying on behalf of BBAG.

I am here to support HB-56 to include newly proposed amendments to this Bill. Having lived on the Broadneck Peninsula for over 50 years in a community located 2 miles west of the Bay Bridge, I am part of the history of our Bay Bridge corridor and have witnessed the destruction of our quality of life caused by the extreme growth in beach traffic that we on the Broadneck have had to deal with -- especially over recent years.

The forecast is for more traffic growth and further degradation of our Peninsula. The projected traffic concentrations on our Peninsula will result not only in safety issues but threats to our quality of life. There are planned improvements for the Bay Bridges but no complete long term effective remedy offered by our Administration nor the Government Agencies who should be working to provide solid solutions to this avalanche of traffic. The traffic problems are not just limited to the Bridge inadequacies but most significantly to the approach and access roadways on this corridor.

Therefore we support:

- an Executive Director be added to the BBAG organization representing the SHA since the traffic flow is dependent on the approach roadways on both the East and West sides of the Bridge.
- the designation of 'emergency' to expedite the actions mandated by this Bill.
- the scheduling of a traffic study managed by the SHA that will cover both the approach and access roads on either sides of the Severn River Bridge, Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Kent Island Bridge corridors. Further east/west extensions for this study should be considered for this Rte #50/301 corridor study.
- the naming of new members of the BBAG,- as stated in this Bill, who are representatives from both our Communities as well as our State and Local Government elected officials.

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Please vote for House Bill-56 to support the proposed advances that are required to strengthen the BBAG organization and provide traffic relief to your constituents.