



Maryland Municipal League
The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

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Committee: House Environment & Transportation

Bill: HB 748 – Transportation – Kim Lamphier Bikeways Network Program

Position: Support

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League supports HB 748 which codifies and mandates funding for the Bikeways Network Program in the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). The bill also renames the program as the Kim Lamphier Bikeways Network Program. Each year, the Governor must include in the annual State budget an appropriation of at least \$3.8 million from the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) for the program; at least \$100,000 of the annual appropriation must be distributed to the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) and the Maryland Municipal League (MML) to provide technical assistance to counties and municipalities

As our communities around the State become more bikeable, the establishment of a Bikeways Network Program will become more important and helpful. Our municipalities strive to connect various portions of their downtown areas to residential areas to encourage the use of bicycles over vehicles, both for environmental and health reasons. The funding in this program will assist in the build-out of these networks around the State. MML also appreciates the ability to identify and assist jurisdictions actively involved in applying for grants under the program.

For these reasons, the Maryland Municipal League supports HB 748 and urges passage of the legislation.

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