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## Testimony on SB 285 – *Pedestrian Access Act* Finance

Position: Favorable

The Central Maryland Transportation Alliance supports SB 285.

In order to reduce traffic, reduce pollution, and promote physical activity, State and local governments have adopted policies to encourage Marylanders to walk or ride bikes in communities near transit stations. However, when construction projects impact the right of way, time, cost, and regulatory pressures can make bicyclists and pedestrians an afterthought. SB 285 provides clear rules to ensure maintenance of safe routes for those on foot or on bikes in communities near transit.

We encourage a favorable report.

