

## SUPPORT

### HB1082 Vehicle Laws – Enforcement and Use of Real–Time Digital Spotters Action Committee for Transit

The Action Committee for Transit a not-for-profit community group that advocates for more and better transit in Montgomery County, Maryland, in addition to better infrastructure to make walking, rolling, and biking safe.

It is widely acknowledged that distracted driving is a real and increasing danger to everyone on Maryland roads. According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, (NHTSA), “Distracted driving is dangerous, claiming 2,841 lives in 2018 alone. Among those killed: 1,730 drivers, 605 passengers, 400 pedestrians and 77 bicyclists.”

Maryland has laws against cell phone use while driving. Unfortunately, there is little enforcement. As with speeding, drunk driving, and other dangerous driving actions, people will not change their behaviors until there is enforcement.

In addition, periodic police-officer-led enforcement efforts are necessarily sporadic, vulnerable to accusations of bias, and personnel-intensive. Automated enforcement is not. We have automated enforcement for speeding, running red lights, and passing school buses; now it’s time for automated enforcement for distracted driving, too.



Montgomery County’s Advocates for Better Transportation