



POSITION STATEMENT

Bill: HB 404 – Vehicle Laws – Speed Limits – Establishment

Position: Favorable with Amendment **Date:** February 10, 2022

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What The Bill Does:

This bill authorizes all Local Authorities to reduce the maximum speed limit on roadways within their control, after completing an engineering and traffic investigation. The bill also prohibits Local Authorities from implementing a new speed monitoring system on any portion of the road where the speed was decreased.

Why We Support with Amendment:

In keeping with the Zero Deaths and Vision Zero programs, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (“Commission”) supports the passage of HB 404 *with amendment*. The Commission is charged with land use planning, parks, and recreation in Montgomery County and Prince George’s County. The agency improves the well-being of over two million residents and countless visitors within the region by: planning for the coordinated and harmonious physical growth and development of the region; protecting and stewarding natural, cultural, and historical resources; providing award winning system of parks; creating recreational experiences that enhance quality of life of all individuals; and planning great communities that are vibrant, livable, accessible and sustainable.

As a part of its mission, the Commission is committed to prioritizing the safety of adults and children whether walking, biking, or driving. The amendment put forward by the Commission, clearly establishes its authority to review and alter the speed limits on its roadways in accordance with the provisions of §21-803 of the Transportation Article.

For these reasons, the Commission accordingly urges a favorable report of HB 404 with amendment.

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