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TO: The Honorable Kumar P. Barve  
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee

FROM: Marc Elrich  
County Executive

RE: House Bill 813, *Montgomery County – Speed and School Bus Monitoring Systems MC 03-22*  
Support with Amendments

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I am writing to express my support with the amendments adopted by Montgomery County's State Delegation for House Bill 813, *Montgomery County – Speed and School Bus Monitoring Systems MC 03-22*. As introduced, House Bill 813 required the Montgomery County Department of Transportation in conjunction with the Maryland State Highway Administration to construct median dividers on roadways where high numbers of citations have been issued for passing a stopped school bus with its lights flashing. The bill also removed a provision that prohibited the placement of speed monitoring systems to enforce speed limits that have been lowered. Finally, the legislation dedicated speed monitoring system revenue to improvements at the specific location where that revenue was generated.

The amendments adopted by the Delegation substantially changed the bill for the better. Working in consultation with the bill's sponsor, the Montgomery County Department of Transportation worked collaboratively with the Montgomery County Police Department, the Montgomery County Public Schools, and our Vision Zero experts and developed solutions that will improve pedestrian safety, driver expectancy, and raise awareness of the current school bus camera law. The reporting requirements in House Bill 813 also align with Montgomery County's commitment to transparent and accountable enforcement programs. The County's recommended action plan is reflected in the amendments to House Bill 813.

I respectfully request that the Environment and Transportation Committee vote favorable on House Bill 813 as amended.

cc: Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee