



SB 23 – Equity in Transportation Sector - Guidelines and Analyses

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My name is Joshua Feldmark and I write this as a representative of Bike Maryland. We represent cyclists of all abilities across the state, cyclists who ride 5 miles around the park with their families, for transportation, to a 100 mile ride. Bike Maryland has over 18,000 members from across the state. Additionally, we consistently organize or advocate on behalf of pedestrians and many other non-vehicle transportation users.

All too often, projects and policies that support biking and walking revolve around those who do so primarily as a form of recreation. While, of course, we support those initiatives, ultimately, our organization is about “mode shift” to walking, biking and other non-passenger vehicle transportation through all levels of our transportation infrastructure.

As such, we welcome and support an in depth look into equity throughout the sector. Then and only then, will we realize our mode shift goals. Integrating equity into the transportation plan is a critical first step while the creation of the advisory committee can work to develop comprehensive equity goals.

We urge a favorable report