



## **Transportation Alliance**

March 9, 2023

### **Testimony on HB 1008 – *Electric Bicycle Rebate Program* Economic Matters Committee**

#### **Position: Favorable**

The Central Maryland Transportation Alliance supports HB 1008.

We urge Maryland to establish the electric bicycle rebate program as outlined in HB 1008.

The transportation sector is the number one source greenhouse gas emissions in Maryland and nationally. Many trips Marylanders make by car or truck are under three miles. Electric bicycles are a convenient and growing way to make such short trips. They pollute far less and consume less energy than combustion engines. They also result in less pollution than electric vehicles. Since Maryland offers incentives to purchase electric cars and trucks it makes good sense to also offer incentives to purchase electric bicycles.

We urge a favorable report.