

March 23, 2023

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve
Chair, House Environment and Transportation
Room 251, House Office Building
Annapolis MD 21401

***RE: Letter of Information – Senate Bill 303 – Talbot County – Speed Monitoring Systems –
Intersection of Maryland Route 333 (Oxford Road) and Bonfield Avenue***

Dear Chair Barve and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) takes no position on Senate Bill 303 but offers the following information and amendments for the Committee's consideration.

Senate Bill 303 authorizes the use of one speed monitoring system at the intersection of Maryland 303 and Bonfield Avenue. After a permit is issued by MDOT State Highway Administration (SHA), the system would be placed in SHA right-of-way and operated and maintained by the local jurisdiction. As amended, Senate Bill 303 directs the revenues generated from the speed camera to be distributed to the Town of Oxford and used on safety improvements in the Town.

MD 333 (Oxford Road) is a road owned and maintain by SHA. For roadway or safety improvements to be made at this intersection, SHA would need to perform a traffic engineering study which may or may not recommend an improvement. If an improvement is not warranted, SHA would not be able to use the distributed monies. In addition, the revenues generated from the speed monitoring device would likely not be significant enough to cover the cost of an improvement, if warranted. **For Senate Bill 303 to have the greatest impact, it is recommended that funds generated continue to go towards the Town of Oxford; the Town may have smaller improvement projects in the pipeline that would benefit from the revenue source.**

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee consider this information as it deliberates on Senate Bill 303.

Respectfully submitted,

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