



## House Bill 1027

### *Vehicle Laws – Bus Lane Monitoring Systems – Statewide Expansion*

MACo Position: **SUPPORT**

To: Environment and Transportation  
Committee

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The Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) **SUPPORTS** HB 1027. This bill would allow counties to install and manage bus lane monitoring systems, and clarify their authority to allow other types of vehicles to use the bus lanes as they see fit.

HB 1027 is enabling legislation, providing counties with an additional tool in maintaining motor vehicle compliance and safety in neighborhoods and communities. This opportunity also helps counties enhance the reliability and safety of public transportation for residents. In addition to the enhanced security and order these programs help local governments provide, they also help to support other public safety measures that keep these communities thriving. With an automated option for enforcing motor vehicle laws and violations, there is great potential to divert costs associated with law enforcement personnel who would typically be tasked with motor vehicle monitoring. These savings can be reinvested in other areas, while maintaining compliance and calming neighborhoods via the automated monitoring system.

Counties welcome the additional means to provide the accommodations necessary to maintain safe streets and dependable transportation for all and doing so in a way that is sensitive to the constant demands on taxpayer dollars and county budgets. For these reasons, MACo urges a **FAVORABLE** report for HB 1027.