

JOHN A. OLSZEWSKI, JR.
County Executive



JENNIFER AIOSA
Director of Government Affairs

AMANDA KONTZ CARR
Legislative Officer

WILLIAM J. THORNE
Legislative Associate

BILL NO.: SB 450

TITLE: Baltimore County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Residential Districts and Mailing of Citations

SPONSOR: Senator Brooks

COMMITTEE: Environment and Transportation

POSITION: Letter of Information

DATE: April 3, 2024

Baltimore County **would like to provide this letter of information on** Senate Bill 450 – Baltimore County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Residential Districts. This legislation would authorize the use of speed monitoring systems in residential areas of Baltimore County on the approval of the Baltimore County Council by majority vote. The placement of the aforementioned traffic calming devices would be determined by the Baltimore County Department of Public Works and the Baltimore County Police Department, in conjunction with a community engagement process.

SB 450 in its current form includes several amendments. For example, Baltimore County respectively requested the passage of a technical amendment to the bill text which removed a duplication in local council approval. Many of the passed amendments intend to ensure that fairness and equity is taken into consideration when implementing these speed monitoring systems. Other amendments, however, may hinder Baltimore County’s ability to properly facilitate a speed monitoring system as intended by the legislation.

The placement of Speed Monitoring devices in residential districts would provide an increased incentive for keeping unsafe driving and reckless speeding out of our neighborhoods and communities. Baltimore County appreciates the opportunity to explore this strategy for enforcing safe driving and looks forward to continuing to collaborate with the Maryland General Assembly to encourage slower driving speeds in residential districts.

For more information, please contact Jenn Aiosa, Director of Government Affairs at jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov.