



HB 107: Vehicle Laws - Bus Lane Obstruction - Monitoring Systems Expansion and
Workgroup (Better Bus Service Act of 2024)
House Environment and Transportation Committee
Washington Area Bicyclist Association – FAVORABLE

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Chair Korman and Committee Members,

We are writing this testimony in support of HB0107. Terps For Bike Lanes advocates for fully funding transit and implementing measures to improve its speed, operating efficiency, and overall convenience. HB 107 plays a significant role in achieving these goals by prohibiting unauthorized stopping and parking in dedicated bus lanes and enabling automated enforcement of bus lane use violations. We believe that such measures will contribute to better transit experiences for all.

The Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA), an advocacy organization with 1,200 Maryland members, stands firmly behind this legislation. The proposed prohibition on stopping and parking in dedicated bus lanes in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties aligns with our active involvement in these areas. Similar provisions enacted in the District of Columbia, where WABA is also active, have demonstrated the need for enforcement, further reinforcing our support for HB 107.

Terps For Bike Lanes emphasizes the importance of shared spaces, and we note that bicyclists may use dedicated bus lanes in our jurisdictions. We encourage cyclists to utilize bus lanes when safe, especially when the speed limit is 25 MPH or less and bus frequency is moderate.

Additionally, we commend HB 107 for its establishment of a Workgroup on Curb Space Management. This initiative aligns with our commitment to examining curb-space regulations, management strategies, enforcement methods, and addressing privacy concerns. We believe that a comprehensive approach is vital for effective transit and cyclist safety.

Terps For Bike Lanes urges the committee to provide a favorable report on HB 107 and calls for a

positive vote on the House floor. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this legislation and look forward to seeing positive changes in transit infrastructure and cyclist safety in our community.

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