

SB 450
HB 58

SLOWING SPEEDING

IN BALTIMORE COUNTY RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS

Speed Monitoring System

As defined in Maryland law, “speed monitoring systems” are devices that record images of vehicles traveling over speeds “at least 12 miles per hour above the posted speed limit”.

The Issue: Giving Back Local Control to Handle Speeding

Currently, most Maryland Counties **do not have the permissions to allow speed monitoring systems in their residential neighborhoods**. Unless these systems are placed near a ½ mile radius of a school zone, the General Assembly has to approve every new system that our constituents may want in their neighborhoods. This delays the deployment of valuable safety equipment to our constituents.



What can Baltimore County do about speeding?

Baltimore County should follow the example of other Counties and take back local control over implementing speed monitoring systems. This bill will do just that— instead of the General Assembly approving new systems in residential areas, the local government will be given this power. **Local governments can and should be allowed to manage the local needs and safety of our constituents.**



Montgomery County

In 2005, Montgomery County State Delegates and Senators passed the authorization they needed to allow speed safety cameras in their residential areas.



Prince George's County

In 2021, Prince George's County State Delegates and Senators passed the authorization they needed to allow speed safety cameras in their residential areas.



Anne Arundel County

In 2023, Anne Arundel County State Delegates and Senators passed the authorizations they needed to allow speed safety cameras in their residential areas.

Equity and Safety

This bill prioritizes the safety of our constituents. There is significant evidence to show that speed monitoring systems reduces speed which not only **protects drivers but also pedestrians in residential neighborhoods**.

Native and Black Americans are the two highest at-risk groups for pedestrian fatalities in the US at 5.82 and 2.94 deaths per 100k of population, respectively. While Whites were only 1.5 deaths.

Speed Monitoring Systems Keep Our Roads Safe

From a study collected over a 7.5 year period in Montgomery County, Maryland in which speed monitoring systems were moved periodically along corridors:

62%

Reduction in the likelihood that a vehicle was traveling 10 mph above the speed limit

19%

Reduction in the likelihood a car crash resulted in an incapacitating or fatal injury

10%

Reduction in the mean speeds after the program was implemented over 7 years