



Support SB395

MDOT Prioritization

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Senate Budget & Committee
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

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RE: SUPPORT SB395 To reduce congestion, protect the environment and lower costs

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am a resident of District 30, president of Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis and Anne Arundel County ("BikeAAA"), Chair of the Anne Arundel County Bicycle Advisory Commission, Member of the 2017 Maryland Bicycle Safety Task Force and avid Maryland cyclist for over 20 years. On behalf of BikeAAA and it's more than 1,000 members, we support SB395.

This bill is about much more than climate. It will

- Reduce traffic congestion
- Lower the cost of travel
- Promote health
- Provide safe, affordable and equitable transportation choices
- Make Maryland a more attractive and affordable place to live, work and visit
- Align with Maryland's commitment to Complete Streets, Vision Zero and multimodal transportation

To achieve both Maryland's climate and transportation goals, there is a need to create a safe transportation system which allows all people to get to their destinations safely on foot or wheels. The Transportation and Climate Act would create resources to design Complete Streets that are safe for all forms of transportation. Mitigation projects would build trails, sidewalks, and safe intersections across the state enabling people to get to jobs, school, shopping, and recreation using non-motorized transportation, which reduces vehicle miles travelled and greenhouse gas emissions. This bill helps Maryland achieve bold goals for multi-modal transportation, public health, and environmental restoration.

Please support SB395 to reduce traffic congestion and GHG while improving safety, especially for people who travel without cars.

Sincerely,

Jon Korin
President, Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis & Anne Arundel County

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