



Support SB198 MDOT Prioritization

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Senate Budget & Committee
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

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RE: SUPPORT SB198 To prioritize safe active transportation - biking, walking, micromobility

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 SB198.

We support a new Transportation Prioritization process that reflects and incorporates the commitment of MDOT to Complete Streets and Vision Zero in a safe, equitable comprehensive transportation network. To achieve this, we recommend that projects that incorporate/accommodate active transportation and micro-mobility be prioritized in the evaluation and scoring process. Doing so 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

Please support SB198 to reduce traffic congestion while improving safety, especially for people who travel without cars.

Sincerely,

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President, Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis & Anne Arundel County