



HB422 – Vehicle Laws – Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles - Crosswalks

House Environment & Transportation Committee

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Position: Favorable

Greetings Chair and Members of the Committee

Our mission is to promote bicycling, increase safety, improve conditions, and provide a voice for bicyclists in Maryland. We partner with advocacy organizations to promote vulnerable road user safety legislation on the state and county level and work with government agencies, including police departments, to develop policy and awareness campaigns that protect the rights and well-being of bicyclists and pedestrians in Maryland.

I will keep this testimony, even in written form, extremely brief. This bill truly makes common sense and is very much in line with many of the bills this chamber has passed over the last several years. Allowing cyclists to move forward at the same time as pedestrians when there is a leading pedestrian interval (LPI) allows cyclists to cross through the intersection in a way that minimizes interactions and interference with motorized vehicles. That is something that I presume we can all agree is in the best interest of everyone involved.

In case there was any doubt, the New York City Department of Transportation did an observational study on a pilot program allowing cyclists to move forward on an LPI showed a decrease in injuries at intersections that had allowed cyclists to go at the LPI as well as showing no conflicts or near misses at these same intersections.

With that, Bike Maryland strongly recommends a favorable report.

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