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**Delegate Dana Stein Testimony in Support of HB 978 – Baltimore County –  
Speed Monitoring Systems – Interstate 695 and Interstate 83**

Several years ago, the General Assembly authorized speed cameras along the Jones Fall Expressway in Baltimore City. Those cameras have been very successful, causing drivers to slow down, and as a result, the JFX is now a much safer road to drive.

This bill would similarly authorize speed cameras around the Baltimore Beltway in Baltimore County and along Interstate 83 between the Beltway and the Pennsylvania Line. The cameras would be at locations identified by SHA as being at high risk for motor vehicle crashes that result in serious bodily injury or death. As can be seen in the attached graphic (MDOT's graphic showing speed related crashes), there are several areas on both highways where speeding has become hazardous.

Fines would be issued to drivers exceeding 12 mph above the posted speed limit. SHA can use camera revenue to recover its program administration costs, as well as for roadway and safety improvements on 695 and 83. Cameras may not be placed within five miles of each other in the same direction.

To give notice to drivers, the bill requires signs that a speed camera is present, and it also requires digital signs showing travel speeds.

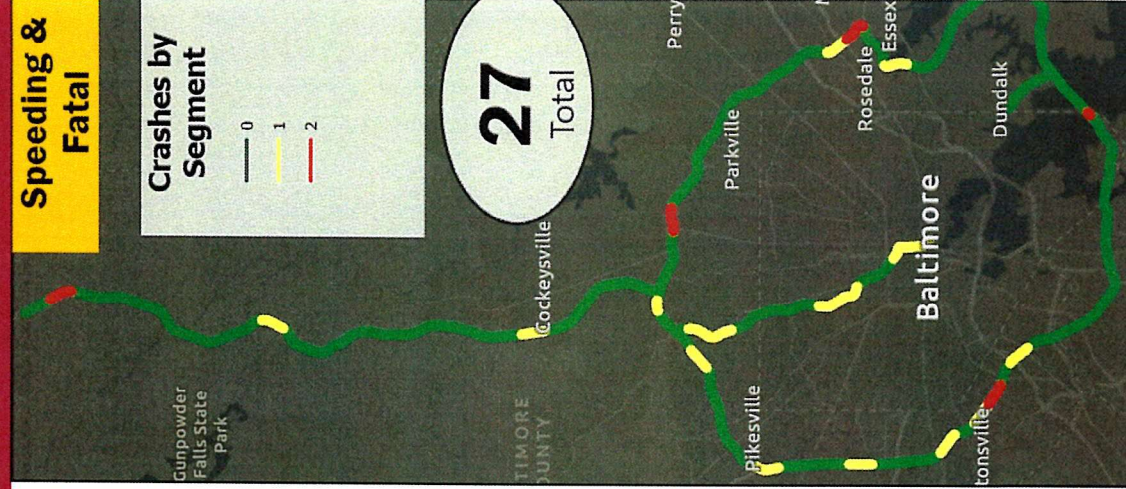
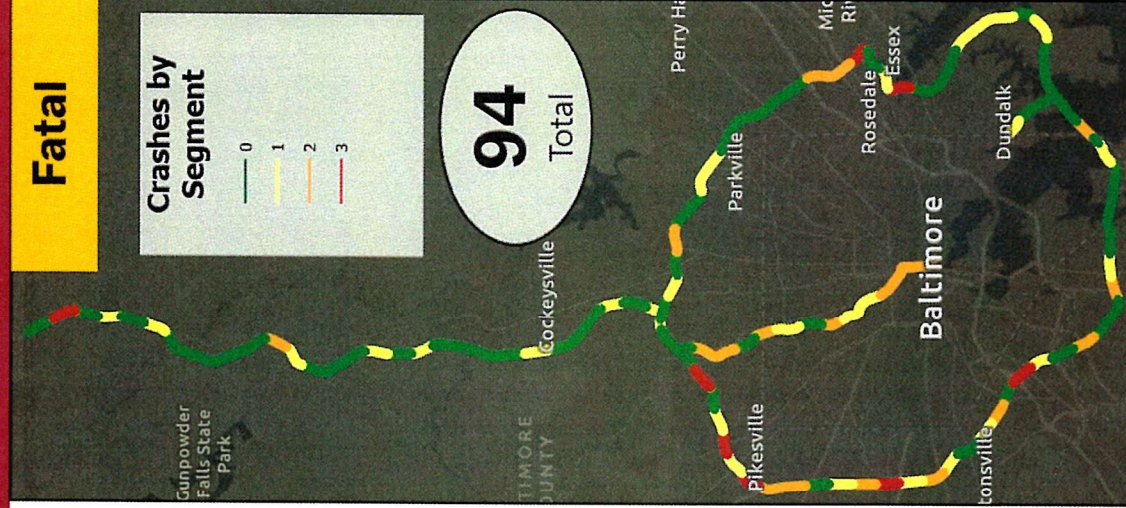
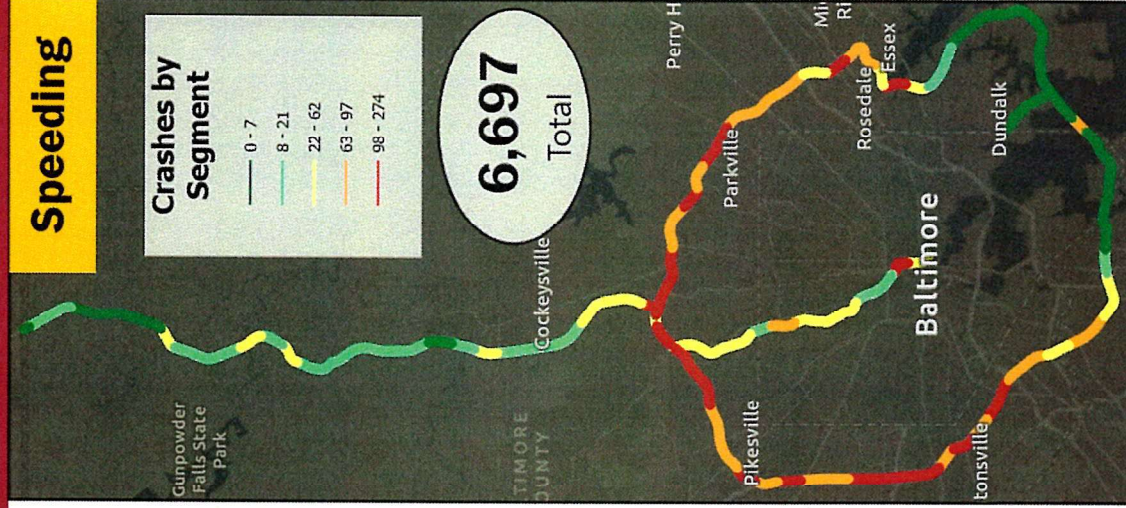
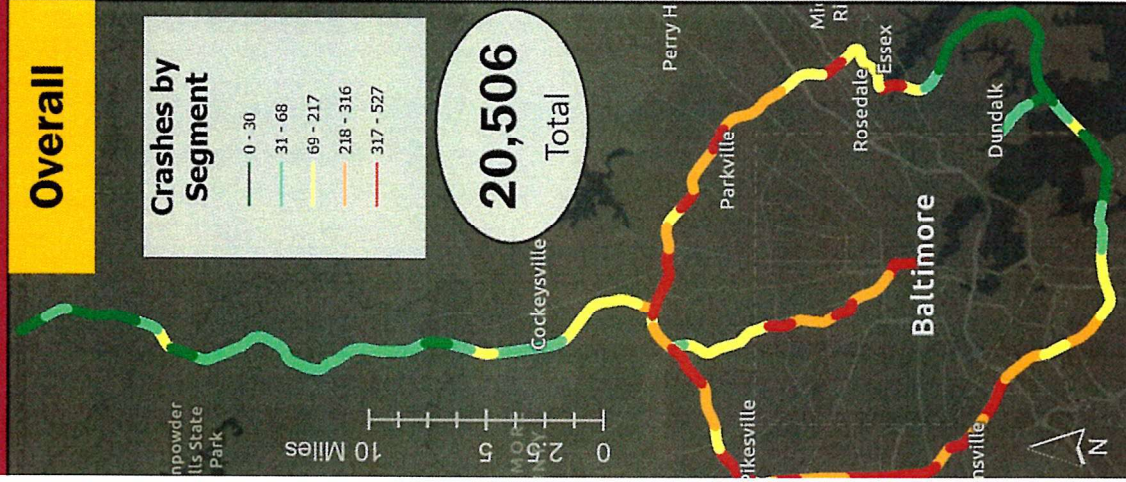
Up to four cameras can be placed on the Beltway in each direction; up to three cameras can be placed on I-83 in each direction.

As approved by the County delegation, there is no longer a requirement that cameras be operated by speed monitoring system operators.

The bill sunsets at the end of June 2030.

Driving on any highway, including the Beltway and I-83, has become unsafe: aggressive driving, speeding, distracted driving—especially cell phone use—have all made getting to and from work, running errands, and visiting family and friends a dangerous undertaking. As has been demonstrated by the JFX cameras, speed cameras work – they reduce speeding and the risk to all of us.

# I-695 & I-83 Crash Reports (2018-2024)



Point Query: "ID\_PREFIX = 'IS' AND ID\_RTE\_NO = 695) OR (ID\_RTE\_NO = 83))"

Point Query: Points selected if within 100ft of selected road

SOURCE: State Highway Administration, MDSP Tableau, Washington College GIP, ESRI

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