



March 11th, 2025

Delegate Marc Korman, Chair
Environment and Transportation Committee
250 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 1173 – FAVORABLE – Montgomery County – Speed Monitoring Systems – High-Risk Highways (MC 17-25)

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the Committees:

The Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association (“MTBMA”) has been and continues to serve as the voice for Maryland’s construction transportation industry since 1932. Our association is comprised of 200 members. MTBMA encourages, develops, and protects the prestige of the transportation construction and materials industry in Maryland by establishing and maintaining respected relationships with federal, state, and local public officials. We proactively work with regulatory agencies and governing bodies to represent the interests of the transportation industry and advocate for adequate state and federal funding for Maryland’s multimodal transportation system.

House Bill 1173 authorizes the placement and use of speed monitoring systems on highways in Montgomery County that are high risk. Any revenues received shall be used to fund the study, design, and construction of safety-related projects in Montgomery County that have been identified in the Strategic Highway Safety Plan or Vision Zero Plan as roadways or intersections that are at high risk for motor vehicle crashes.

MTBMA overwhelmingly supports this legislation and appreciates the sponsor for its introduction. This bill directly aligns with the Administration’s introduction and the General Assembly’s passage of the Road Worker Protection Act last year which aimed to protect the most vulnerable on Maryland’s roads—our road workers. HB 1173 aims to create safer roads for Montgomery County residents by using the revenue from speed monitoring systems on the County’s most dangerous highways to improve them. Ultimately, this technology acts as a powerful deterrent, encouraging responsible driving and saving lives. By prioritizing safety through technology and reinvesting in our roads, we demonstrate a commitment to protecting our communities and making Maryland’s highways safer.

For the reasons stated, we respectfully ask for a **FAVORABLE** vote on HB 1173.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Sakata", is written over a white background.

Michael Sakata
President and CEO
Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association