



February 4, 2025

Senator William Smith, Chair
Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 402 – FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS – Baltimore City – Speed Monitoring Systems – Maximum Penalty Increase

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Committee:

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.

Senate Bill 402 would increase the penalty associated with civil citations issued from speed monitoring systems in Baltimore City from \$40 to \$60.

MTBMA supports this legislation and all legislation that seeks to increase penalty fees associated with speed monitoring camera systems. Maryland penalty fees are the lowest in the country, especially compared to our neighboring jurisdictions. We simply ask that this bill align with SB 520 in terms of requiring that the revenue generated be used for highway safety and SHA system preservation, after covering the costs of implementing and administering the program.

The current speed monitoring program requires local jurisdictions to spend revenues on public safety, but otherwise is not prescriptive in the types of public safety measures it is to be used on. We have found that sometimes the money is directed to programs that don’t go directly back into creating safer roads—such as vehicles and salaries. We have always advocated that should speed monitoring systems be deployed in Maryland, that the revenue, which we see only as a secondary benefit to changing driver behavior be put right back into road safety.

We appreciate you taking the time to consider our amendment request on Senate Bill 402.

Thank you,

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