



Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair
Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

March 4, 2026

RE: SB 868 – Letter of Inquiry – State Highway Administration – Maryland Route 410 (East-West Highway) Pedestrian Safety Action Plan – Expansion

Dear Chair Guzzone 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 250 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.

This bill would require the State Highway Administration to expand the scope of a specific infrastructure project—namely, the Maryland Route 410 (East-West Highway) Pedestrian Safety Action Plan—to include additional public rights-of-way in Prince George’s County.

MTBMA supports the overall goal this legislation is aimed to address. We are simply asking why this cannot be managed through the established processes of the Maryland Department of Transportation and the State Highway Administration.

Legislating individual project scopes circumvents those processes and creates precedent for piecemeal mandates that could undermine statewide planning, accountability, and efficient use of resources. The existing MDOT/SHA project vetting, design, and prioritization framework is the proper venue for determining scope changes to highway safety plans and improvements.

Again, we appreciate the sponsor bringing this legislation to expand pedestrian safety action plans.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Sakata", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Michael Sakata
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Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association