



HB437 – Transportation and Climate Act of 2026

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
March 23, 2026

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 who use bicycles for both transportation and recreation. We partner with advocacy organizations to promote vulnerable road user safety legislation and safe infrastructure on the state, county and municipal level.

To achieve both Maryland's climate and transportation goals, there is a need to create a safe transportation system which allows all people to get to their destinations safely walking, biking, or rolling. The Transportation and Climate Act would create resources to design Complete Streets that are safe for all forms of transportation. Mitigation projects would build trails, sidewalks, and safe intersections across the state enabling people to get to jobs, school, shopping, and recreation using non-motorized transportation, which reduces vehicle miles travelled and greenhouse gas emissions. As advocates representing Maryland bicyclists, we see this legislation as essential to achieving our state's climate, safety, and equity goals.

By creating safer, sustainable travel options, the bill also would help Maryland households save an estimated \$3,000 a year on vehicle costs and help the state achieve \$550 million in net savings by 2050.

Planners and policymakers in Colorado and Minnesota report that increased bike and pedestrian funding as a result of similar legislation will have a "game changing" effect on the safety and convenience of active transportation. Mitigation actions could fund shovel ready bike lanes and trail projects that are ready to be built but lack funding. Investments in non-motorized transportation will reduce traffic congestion, improve health through increased physical activity, and reverse the alarming growth in bike and pedestrian fatalities, toward Maryland's goal of VISION ZERO.

Please support HB437 to align Maryland's Transportation and Climate Goals.

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Baltimoreans for People Oriented Places

Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis & Anne Arundel County (BikeAAA)

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Maryland Eastern Shore Trail Network

Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA)