



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

March 5, 2026

**RE: HB 1421 – FAVORABLE – Task Force to Study Pedestrian and Bicyclist Injuries and Fatalities**

Dear Chair Korman 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.

House Bill 1421 establishes the Task Force to Study Pedestrian and Bicyclist Injuries and Fatalities. The Task Force would examine the causes and trends related to pedestrian and bicyclist injuries and fatalities in the State, including visibility challenges and environmental conditions. The Task Force is also charged with evaluating actions pedestrians and bicyclists can take to reduce risk, as well as identifying priorities and needs for improving roadway safety.

MTBMA supports HB 1421 because improving roadway safety aligns directly with our industry’s commitment to building and maintaining transportation infrastructure that protects all users. A data-driven review of pedestrian and bicyclist safety will help inform thoughtful policy decisions, infrastructure investments, and best practices to reduce injuries and fatalities. Understanding both behavioral and structural factors that contribute to crashes will allow the State to prioritize effective safety improvements and enhance Maryland’s multimodal transportation system. For these reasons, MTBMA respectfully requests a favorable report on HB 1421.

Thank you,

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