
March 12, 2026

The Honorable Marc Korman
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee
250 Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Letter of Information – House Bill 421 – Prince George’s County Point-to-Point Speed Monitoring Systems – Maryland Route 210

Dear Chair Korman and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) takes no position on House Bill 421 and offers the following letter of information for the Committee’s consideration.

HB 421 authorizes the placement and use of point-to-point speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George’s County, subject to certain requirements.

Point-to-point (P2P) speed monitoring systems, also known as average speed cameras, use multiple cameras over a roadway segment to calculate a vehicle's average speed, rather than its speed at one location. P2P cameras record license plates and timestamps at entry and exit points so citations can be issued to motorists for sustained speeding. This improves safety by encouraging drivers to maintain a consistent speed throughout an entire road segment, instead of just at one point.

The SHA continues to work with state and local elected officials, local law enforcement agencies, community leaders, and Prince George’s County to address safety concerns and reduce crashes on MD 210, which has a history of high travel speeds and significant crashes resulting in serious injuries or fatalities. There are now six state-of-the-art speed cameras operating along MD 210. Fines for violations are now graduated based on speed, penalizing the worst offenders with higher fines due to the passage of legislation in the 2025 legislative session.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) considers speed cameras, including point-to-point cameras, a proven safety measure. FHWA reports that fixed unit speed safety cameras can reduce crashes on urban principal arterials by up to 54 percent. Further, research has shown that the estimated economic benefits of reduced crashes substantially exceed the total fines paid by violators. The use of speed monitoring systems on Maryland roadways complements local law enforcement as an additional resource to reduce speeds, correct driver behavior, and create safer roadways for all.

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The SHA is working with the bill sponsor on amendment language to address how P2P automated speed enforcement will interact with existing ASE in the corridor. The Administration wants to ensure new cameras do not inadvertently place restraints on SHA's current automated enforcement programs or cause conformity issues with relevant statutes.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee consider this information during their deliberations of House Bill 421.

Respectfully submitted,

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