



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 Asphalt Association (MAA) represents approximately 110+ members, including 20 material producers, contractors, engineering firms, and associate members, supporting a 7,000-person workforce. MAA actively collaborates with regulatory agencies to advocate for the asphalt industry, ensuring fair regulations at both the state and federal levels. Additionally, we support adequate 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.

MAA 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, MAA respectfully requests a favorable report on HB 1421.

Sincerely,

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