



Delegate Melissa Wells, Chair  
Government, Labor, and Elections Committee  
250 Taylor House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins, Chair  
Ways and Means Committee  
130 Taylor House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

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**RE: HB 394 – FAVORABLE – Counties – Construction of Sidewalks and Crosswalks – Safe Alternative Routes to Public Schools**

Dear Chair Wells, Chair Wilkins and Members of the Committees:

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.

HB 394 requires counties to identify and construct safe alternative routes—such as sidewalks, crosswalks, and shared-use paths—for students who are ineligible for school transportation based on distance. By coordinating planning between school boards and local governments, the bill encourages proactive investment in roadway infrastructure that improves safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike.

MTBMA supports HB 394 because it strengthens local roads and crossings and reduces conflict points around schools, thus promoting safer and more predictable travel for students and parents commuting to school. HB 394 also provides clarity and consistency for counties when planning and delivering sidewalk and crosswalk projects, helping ensure infrastructure investments are well-designed, durable, and aligned with long-term transportation and maintenance needs. We urge a favorable report from the Committee on House Bill 394. .

Thank you,

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