



January 16, 2026

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: SUPPORT SB155 Vehicle Laws - Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles - Crosswalks

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

The Baltimore Bicycling Club (BBC) asks for your **support** of SB155: Vehicle Laws - Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles - Crosswalks

The Baltimore Bicycling Club (BBC) was established in 1968 and has a membership of over 1000 riders. The mission of our not-for-profit recreational organization is to promote and sponsor bicycling activities in Baltimore City and neighboring counties. The BBC also promotes, defends, and protects the rights of bicyclists for a safe road riding environment in our communities through advocacy and education.

In addition to being a bicyclist, I am a resident of Howard County, Chair of Advocacy of the Baltimore Bicycling Club, a member of the Board of Directors of Bike Maryland, and an At-Large member of the Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (MBPAC) where I chair the Legislative Subcommittee.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 54% of bicycling injuries occur in intersections and therefore represent a dangerous place for people riding bicycles. More jurisdictions are utilizing leading pedestrian intervals (LPI) to provide a head start to vulnerable road users before vehicular traffic has a green light to proceed through the intersection. Bicyclists are vulnerable road users, and by allowing them to proceed on an LPI would greatly improve their safety at intersections by similarly providing them with the opportunity to proceed through the intersection before vehicular traffic is given the green light to proceed. This would reduce the risk of crashes by making them more visible to drivers.

On behalf of the members of the Baltimore Bicycling Club, I encourage your support of SB155.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nigel Samaroo", written over a horizontal line.

Nigel Samaroo, MPH  
Chair, Advocacy Committee  
Baltimore Bicycling Club