



Judicial Proceedings Committee - April 3, 2026

**Bill:** HB 1381- Vehicle Laws - Stopping, Standing, or Parking in a Bike Lane or Bicycle Path - Prohibition

**Position:** FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Bike Maryland and the undersigned coalition of organizations from across Maryland, representing thousands of cyclists across the state, we express our support for an amended HB 1381. As amended, this legislation will improve safety for bicyclists and all road users in Maryland. There are local laws already in place prohibiting stopping, standing, and parking in bike lanes including Virginia, D.C. and Baltimore City.

In the current amended bill, the exception for delivery vehicles is subject to local law.

We request that the same local control be provided for the exception regarding construction vehicles in order to not undermine existing Baltimore City code while also allowing local control in other cities and counties. Specifically we urge this simple amendment:

On page 3, line 1 add:

(VI) **IF AUTHORIZED UNDER LOCAL LAW,** A VEHICLE ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES IN OR ADJACENT TO THE RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Bicycle safety is a pressing concern in Maryland. Many cyclists face significant risks due to inadequate infrastructure, lack of awareness among drivers, and insufficient enforcement of existing laws. HB 1381 as amended will:

1. Align with MD's commitment to Vision Zero and Complete Streets that increases the safety for all users. Keeping bike lanes clear avoids the need for bicyclists to dart/weave in and out of the travel lanes which is dangerous and increases congestion
2. Enhance Traffic Laws: Strengthening laws that protect bicyclists and ensuring they are enforced will encourage safer interactions between drivers and cyclists.
3. Reduce Bicycle-Related Injuries and Fatalities: By prioritizing safety measures, HB 1381 amended will help prevent tragic crash injuries and deaths of vulnerable road users and make cycling a safer option for Maryland residents.



Safer roads encourage more people to choose biking as a mode of transportation, leading to reduced traffic congestion and healthier lifestyles for Marylanders.

We urge the committee to support this legislation with the proposed amendment. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [chair@bikemd.org](mailto:chair@bikemd.org).

**Baltimore Bicycling Club (BBC)**

**Baltimoreans for People Oriented Places**

**Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis & Anne Arundel County (BikeAAA)**

**Bike Harford**

**Bike Maryland**

**Bikemore**

**Bike HoCo**

**Frederick Bicycle Coalition**

**Maryland Eastern Shore Trail Network**

**Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA)**