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March 3, 2026

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.  
Chair, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

***RE: Letter of Information – Senate Bill 743 – Workgroup to Study State Laws on Electric Bicycles – Establishment***

Dear Chair Smith and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) takes no position on Senate Bill 743 and offers the following information for the Committee’s consideration.

SB 743 proposes to establish a working group to study electric bicycles, known as e-bikes. The working group would review current State laws on e-bikes and make recommendations to improve public safety, review safety concerns for e-bike riders and other roadway users, and consider other micromobility devices with respect to public safety.

MDOT concurs that safety is paramount for all roadway users, including e-bike riders. As e-bikes become increasingly popular, MDOT is working to enhance safety by developing and distributing resources on e-micromobility, defined as electric-powered, small, low-speed devices, including e-bikes and e-scooters. Guided by MDOT’s 2050 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, MDOT recently released a regulatory overview of e-micromobility, describing Maryland’s requirements, where to ride, and the importance of properly maintaining vehicles for safety.

MDOT is leading a Micromobility Safety Group through the MVA’s Highway Safety Office Pedestrian and Bicycle Emphasis Area Team. Through monthly meetings in 2026, the group will advise a multidisciplinary approach to safety education, including targeted resource distribution to law enforcement, local jurisdictions, advocates, schools, at-risk populations, and retailers. The group aims to improve micromobility safety by analyzing crash data and adapting safety materials for use in Maryland, making our roads safer for all users, meeting the intent of SB 743.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee consider this information during its deliberation of Senate Bill 743.

Respectfully submitted,

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