

In Support of the SHA Amendment to SB 152

Point-to-Point Speed Monitoring on MD 210

Position: SUPPORT

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee,

I am Ron Weiss, a founding member of the MD 210 Traffic Safety Committee and a board member of SafeRoadsMD.

I support the State Highway Administration amendment to SB 152. The amendment appropriately authorizes Prince George's County to **test new technologies for detecting and recording violations of this subtitle**, including point-to-point (average-speed) enforcement on Maryland Route 210.

Why the SHA Amendment Is Appropriate

The SHA amendment aligns SB 152 with existing Maryland law governing work zones under the **Road Worker Protection Act**, which already authorizes SHA to test new technologies for detecting and recording violations. The amendment uses the same statutory structure and guardrails, providing **consistency, clarity, and precedent**.

Importantly, this authority is **about testing detection technology**, not expanding offenses or penalties. Any citation issued must still comply with existing automated enforcement law, due-process protections, signage requirements, and judicial review.

Why This Matters for MD 210

MD 210 has experienced persistent severe crashes and dangerous speeding for years. Engineering solutions are necessary, but they take time and funding. Unlike single-point speed cameras, point-to-point technology measures driving behavior over distance, which reduces sudden braking at camera locations and promotes sustained, safer speeds along the entire corridor. Point-to-point enforcement is a **near-term, behavior-changing safety tool** that complements engineering and education, not replaces them.

Conclusion

The SHA amendment does not expand authority beyond existing law. It does not create new violations. It does not weaken privacy or due process. It **aligns with established Maryland precedent, and enables careful, accountable testing of life-saving technology** on one of the state's most dangerous corridors.

I respectfully urge a favorable report on the SHA amendment and SB 152 as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Weiss