

SB 45
HB 55

SLOWING SPEEDING

IN MARYLAND'S RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS

Speed Monitoring System

As defined in Maryland law, "speed monitoring systems" are devices that record images of vehicles traveling at speeds **"at least 12 miles per hour above the posted speed limit."**

The Issue: Giving Back Local Control to Handle Speeding

Currently, most Maryland counties **do not have permission to allow speed monitoring systems in their residential neighborhoods.** Unless these systems are placed in a ½ mile radius of a school zone, the General Assembly has to approve every new system that our constituents may want in their neighborhoods. This delays the deployment of valuable safety equipment to our constituents.



What can the General Assembly do about speeding?

The General Assembly should **authorize local control for implementing speed monitoring systems in all counties.** This bill will do just that— instead of the General Assembly approving new systems in residential areas, local governments will be given this authority. **Local governments can and should be allowed to manage the local needs and safety of our constituents.**



Montgomery County

In 2005, Montgomery County State Delegates and Senators passed the authorization they needed to allow speed safety cameras in their residential areas.



Prince George's County

In 2021, Prince George's County State Delegates and Senators passed the authorization they needed to allow speed safety cameras in their residential areas.



Anne Arundel County

In 2023, Anne Arundel County State Delegates and Senators passed the authorization they needed to allow speed safety cameras in their residential areas.

Equity and Safety

This bill prioritizes the safety of our constituents. There is significant evidence to show that speed monitoring systems reduce speed, **protecting drivers and pedestrians in residential neighborhoods.**

Native and Black Americans are the two highest at-risk groups for pedestrian fatalities in the US at 5.82 and 2.94 deaths per 100k of population, respectively. White Americans accounted for only 1.5 deaths.

Speed Monitoring Systems Keep Our Roads Safe

From a 7.5 year study in Montgomery County, Maryland, that analyzed changes in travel speeds before and after the placement of speed cameras:

62%

Reduction in the likelihood that a vehicle was traveling 10 mph above the speed limit

19%

Reduction in the likelihood a car crash resulted in an incapacitating or fatal injury

10%

Reduction in the mean speeds after the program was implemented over 7.5 years

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