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[SB 045](#)

SB 045: Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems - Residential
Senate Judiciary Proceedings Committee
Bike Maryland and Washington Area Bicyclist Association – FAVORABLE

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Chair Smith and Committee Members,

Roadway safety is a paramount transportation concern, especially for vulnerable road users. SB 045, Speed Monitoring Systems - Residential, would make Maryland's roadways safer for all who walk, bike, roll and drive. Bike Maryland is a statewide biking advocacy organization with over 200 paying members and thousands of other advocate contacts. The Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) is an advocacy organization with 1,200 Maryland members and thousands of other supporters in the State. Bike Maryland and WABA support the bill.

Automated Traffic Enforcement, or ATE, is an effective tool for changing behavior and reducing crashes which can result in fatalities and serious injuries to all road users.. The Federal Highway Administration recognizes Speed Safety Cameras as a Proven Safety Countermeasure. Fixed cameras can reduce injury crashes on urban arterials by up to 47%.

This is especially important for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists, the elderly, people with disabilities and schoolchildren who may cross or travel along our roads to access schools, parks, shopping areas and other destinations. Local jurisdictions are most aware of the use and context of local roads and should have the authority to place automated enforcement cameras to increase safety.

By enacting SB 045, the legislature can give all local jurisdictions an additional tool to help achieve the State's goal of zero crash fatalities and serious injuries by 2030. The bill extends the local authority to implement speed monitoring on certain streets statewide from the current statute that applies only to Anne Arundel, Prince George's and Montgomery Counties.

Bike Maryland and WABA and the other advocacy groups listed below urge a favorable SB 045 committee report and Senate floor vote.

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