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House Bill 1024 (Delegate Forbes)
Environment and Transportation

Task Force on Traffic Patterns and Infrastructure on MD Route 45 (York Road)

This bill establishes the Task Force on Traffic Patterns and Infrastructure on MD Route 45 (York Road) to study and make recommendations on specified traffic, parking, usage, and signage issues on the road. The State Highway Administration (SHA) must provide staff for the task force. The task force must report its findings and recommendations to specified committees of the General Assembly by December 31, 2023. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2022, and terminates June 30, 2023.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: SHA can provide staff for the task force using existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: The bill does not directly affect local government operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal or none.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The task force must study and make recommendations on:

- the traffic patterns and infrastructure on York Road, from the intersection of York Road and Fairmount Avenue to the intersection of York Road and Stevenson Lane, including all streets intersecting this section of York Road;
- the effects and advisability of restricting or removing street parking along this section of York Road;

- the feasibility and advisability of creating a bike lane and expanding sidewalk width for increased walkability along this section of York Road; and
- the effectiveness of current signage in encouraging motorists to utilize the MD Route 45 Bypass (Bosley Avenue) and potential ways of increasing sign effectiveness.

Members of the task force may not receive compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses, as provided in the State budget.

Current Law: SHA is responsible for more than 5,200 miles or approximately 16,800 lane miles of road, 2,500 bridges, 3,500 small stream crossing structures, and 80 miles of sound/noise barriers in the State. It also has responsibility for planning, designing, constructing, and maintaining these roads and bridges to safety and performance standards while considering sociological, ecological, and economic concerns.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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