

Prohibiting the State Highway Administration from issuing a permit for work to be conducted on State highways between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. the following day unless a zoning official determines that issuing the permit is in the interest of public safety, health, or welfare; etc.

- This bill would dramatically increase construction costs , threaten worker safety, and worsen traffic delays throughout the state and in particular the DC region by banning construction during non-peak hours, which is the only practical time to do construction in many cases.
- For these reasons, current SHA district rules generally prohibit construction on major highways like the Beltway and I-270 during **DAYTIME** hours, so this bill would essentially prohibit any work, at any time, on these highly congested roads.
- This bill would pose a serious safety risk for laborers and other highway workers by requiring work to be done when traffic volumes are at their highest, raising the risk of serious injury and fatalities, as well as huge disruption to construction schedules and local traffic.
- The DC region already sees heavy congestion for 7 to 10 hours a day, on average, so limiting construction on state highways and interstates the State maintains to daytime hours in our region is not even possible. There simply aren't any times during the day when this work can be done.
- This is a major issue for I-495 and I-270 because both are already well beyond their 50-year structural design life and in need of extensive reconstruction, resurfacing and bridge repairs (within the next 2-5 years), regardless of any new capacity we also need to add to reduce congestion. This work cannot be done without closing lanes, which, if done during the day, would create massive gridlock for millions of area residents.