

**3/8/2022**

**HEARING DATE: 3/10/2022**

**BILL:** HB073  
**TITLE:** Complete Streets Funding bill  
**POSITION:** SUPPORT  
**COMMITTEE:** Economic Matters & Environment and Transportation  
**SPONSOR:** Delegate Robbyn Lewis

Elders Climate Action Maryland urges you to support the Complete Streets Funding bill sponsored by Delegate Robbyn Lewis and advance this bill favorably from committee.

Transportation is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Maryland and is a major contributor to climate change. It is also one of our largest sources of air pollution, which contributes to Maryland's high rate of asthma and other health problems.

There are many things we need to do to make transportation in Maryland more sustainable and equitable. One key area that is often overlooked is making walking and bicycling safer and more appealing to residents as a way of getting to work and school and taking care of other daily tasks. That not only has environmental and climate benefits. It also improves health, saves money, and strengthens communities.

Complete streets can do a lot to achieve those important goals, but there is a need for funding. This bill would dedicate the net revenue from Baltimore's automated camera monitoring systems to support the city's work to make streets safer and to increase walking and biking.

Thank you for considering our testimony, and I urge your support for HB 73.

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