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HB0254 - Bikemore Support

Bikemore is writing in support of HB0254 State Highway Administration - Pedestrian and Bicyclist Fatalities - Infrastructure Review (Vision Zero Implementation Act of 2022).

Every crash is preventable. Investigating the factors that lead to a fatality on state roadways and addressing them with specific interventions will prevent future injury and fatal crashes from occurring in the future. There is no better use of transportation dollars than preventing injury and death on our roadways. It should be our number one priority.

In addition to the incalculable cost of lives lost on our roadways, the majority of traffic in the Baltimore region is non-recurring, meaning it is related to preventable crashes on our roadways. Seeking ways to prevent future crashes at intersections where they occur will reduce congestion in the region, improving commute times and more than paying for the cost of implementation of legislation like this in increased time for worker productivity and for leisure activities that bring dollars into our state coffers.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a letter of support on HB0254, and we encourage the Environment and Transportation Committee to issue a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jed Weeks', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jed Weeks
Interim Executive Director