



MC 6-24 – Montgomery County – School Bus Monitoring Cameras – Distribution  
of Fines

Washington Area Bicyclist Association – FAVORABLE

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Chairs Kramer and Palakovich Carr and Members of the Montgomery County Delegation,

The Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA), an advocacy organization with 1,200 Maryland members, supports bill MC 6-24.

MC 6-24 would require that the balance of fines collected by Montgomery County as a result of violations enforced on State highways by school bus monitoring cameras be applied only to enhance pedestrian safety at locations where the violations occurred.

Montgomery Planning reports, “Most serious injuries and fatalities are located along the county’s arterials, such as Georgia Avenue, Old Georgetown Road, and Veirs Mill Road.” These examples are state roads, as are the vast majority of Montgomery County’s most dangerous roads.

The aim of school-bus monitoring cameras is to deter bad driver behavior, driving that is illegal and endangers school kids. Enforcement via monitoring cameras is a safety measure. It is entirely appropriate and sensible that the balance of fines be applied to enhance pedestrian safety at the location of the violation.

WABA therefore recommends you advance MC 6-24 and work in Annapolis in the coming months to enact this legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this legislation.

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