



Support Bill 78-18 Multimodal Transportation

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The Honorable Anne Arundel County Council
44 Calvert Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SUPPORT Bill 78-18 Multimodal Transportation

Dear Members of the County Council:

I am a resident of Severna Park, president of Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis and Anne Arundel County (“BikeAAA”) and Chair of the Anne Arundel County Bicycle Advisory Commission. On behalf of BikeAAA and its more than 700 members and thousands of followers, we request your support for County Council Bill 78-18.

This important bill assures that all modes of transportation including biking, walking, transit and motorized vehicles are considered when residential or commercial developments are planned and approved. Historically, only motorized traffic has been considered and facilities were added that either neglected the other modes or worse, created hazards. This bill helps assure that [Complete Streets Resolution 45-14](#) unanimously passed by the County Council in 2014 will be implemented. This legislation was initiated by the Anne Arundel County Bicycle Advisory Commission and then a working group comprised of reps from the Bike Commission, Maryland Building Industries Association, County Office of Transportation and County Office of Law developed this mutually agreed bill which was then vetted with county Planning & Zoning, Public Works and Inspections & Permits. It also has support from the County Transportation Commission. This is a vital step in the county’s effort to build a safe interconnected network of biking, walking and transit routes. It provides for bike/ped connections among neighborhoods, schools, employment, transit, shopping, recreation and other destinations.

An improved county network of pedestrian, bike and transit access reduces traffic, improves population health, preserves our environment and strengthens our economy. It is also a matter of equity for those that cannot afford or choose not to use an automobile. We request your support for this important bill.

Sincerely,

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