



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
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VALERIE ERVIN
COUNCILMEMBER
DISTRICT 5

Memorandum

July 3, 2013

To: Nancy Navarro, President, County Council

From: Valerie Ervin, Councilmember – District 5

Re: County Council Review of Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Programs

As the Council's representative on the Pedestrian, Bicycle and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, I have expressed our commitment to continuing to make our county safe and friendly for bicyclists. The Council has passed legislation to make it easier and faster to build sidewalks where communities want them, funded bike infrastructure, pedestrian safety and roadway projects and has incentivized the creation of bikeshare stations.

I am writing to request that the County Council receive the fourth annual review of the County's pedestrian safety programs this fall. Making our communities walkable and bikeable is important to all of us, and many of these issues cross over multiple Council committees. Even though the last three Council reviews of pedestrian safety programs have been joint sessions of the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy, and Environment (T&E) and Public Safety (PS) Committees, increasing bike racks at schools and Safe Routes to Schools touches on issues of concern for the Education Committee as well. I recently sent a letter to the Board of Education requesting more information on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure near schools.

Specifically, I would especially like to receive an update on:

- Programmatic outcomes of the Pedestrian Safety Initiative since its inception;
- Planned roadway, striping and signage and other infrastructure improvements to support the implementation of bikeshare and the growth of cycling as a means of transportation;
- Bicycle infrastructure at or near schools, including bike racks, paths and signage;
- Outreach efforts, including Safe Routes to Schools and pedestrian safety education at high schools;

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- Update on public rights-of-way access from agencies and public utilities, including blocking or closing sidewalks; and
- Coordination with the State Highway Administration (SHA) on projects along major roadways at high incidence areas.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact my office at 240-777-7960.

Attachments

c: Councilmembers
Christopher Barclay, President, Board of Education
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James Song, Director, Department of Facilities Management
Timothy Firestine, Chief Administrative Officer
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Jeff Dunckel, Pedestrian Safety Coordinator, Department of Transportation
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