

CB57-2022

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Greetings,

I am strongly in favor of CB 57-2022, which would provide data to help create systematic, fact-based improvements in the county's road infrastructure.

Prior to Covid, the leading cause of death in the U.S. at every age between 1 and 55 was cars. A fifth of those deaths were pedestrians and cyclists. Because traffic fatalities are (thankfully) relatively rare in Howard County, I respectfully suggest that the bill be amended to also require at least data collection, if not a detailed infrastructure review, of crashes that result in serious injuries to pedestrians, cyclists, and other vulnerable road users. Incidents of this severity occur much more frequently (50-300X more frequently, depending on the source cited), and would enable the development of a much more comprehensive understanding of dangerous locations and common factors associated with these incidents. The data would address types of crashes that don't often cause fatalities, but often result in life-changing injuries to vulnerable road users, such as sideswipes, doorings, and pedestrian knockdowns at crossings.

If the reporting threshold were set to "ambulance requested," the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services would be a good source for this data, and the office of Transportation could be the receiving entity, and use the data to support recommended projects, Complete Streets criteria, and potential code changes.

I appreciate your time!

Regards,

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**From:** Sasha Nader <sasha.nader@gmail.com>  
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I encourage the County Council to support Council Bill 57-2022.

Since moving into our neighborhood off Guilford Road in 2020, we've witnessed 3 terrible car crashes, at [least one of which was fatal](#). While speeding is usually a factor, it's **the poor design of these roadways that allows for high speeds**.

Poor road design is often a major cause of car crashes, especially those that are fatal. With an increasing number of road fatalities over the past 3 years, ([35 fatalities in 2021, 25 in 2020](#)), Howard County needs to take direct action to prevent these crashes and protect the lives of its residents.

Finally, please continue to approve and expedite Complete Streets improvements, many of these accidents could have been much worse if pedestrians or cyclists were also in the roadway (which they have to be because there are no sidewalks or protected bike lanes on our stretch of Guilford Road!)

Thank you,  
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