



December 2, 2023

MC 10-24

TO: Montgomery County Delegation
FROM: Maryland Sierra Club, Montgomery County Group
RE: MC 10-24 “Montgomery County – Highways – Maximum Speed Limits”
POSITION: Support

This testimony is on behalf of the Maryland Sierra Club’s Montgomery County Group. Part of creating a more sustainable planet is a transportation system that prioritizes people over private vehicles. Thus, we support MC 10-24, which would authorize Montgomery County and its municipalities to decrease the maximum speed limit on a highway without performing an engineering and traffic investigation. These investigations are not needed because functional master plans provide their equivalent.

Speed reduction is the number one step we can take to reduce the rate of fatalities and severe injuries on our roads. A small reduction in speed can be the difference between a loved one surviving a crash or not. We cannot create a low-carbon transportation system if people are unsafe moving outside of a private vehicle, and Montgomery County should be given the authority to more easily create safer and more welcoming roadways.

For these reasons, we urge the Delegation to introduce MC 10-24 in the 2024 session.

Respectfully,

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