

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 16

Resolution No. 31-26

Councilmembers Marks & Mangione

By the County Council, September 8, 2026

A RESOLUTION of the Baltimore County Council requesting that the Departments of Planning and Public Works and Transportation: review the County’s policies and procedures regarding the installation and use of traffic calming devices and measures in rural areas; hold a public hearing, either in online or in-person, on rural traffic issues; review and evaluate best practices for rural traffic calming from other jurisdictions; consider alternative testing methods to improve rural road safety or the creation of a rural traffic pilot program; and submit to the County Council, by March 1, 2027, a report with specific recommendations for future legislation or adoption in the County’s capital improvement program.

WHEREAS, recently there have been numerous traffic accidents in the rural areas of Baltimore County that have led to serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, as regional traffic congestion worsens, rural roads increasingly experience cut-through traffic, aggressive driving, and speeding, all of which contribute to accidents; and

WHEREAS, while it is true that we cannot prevent all traffic accidents and that County agencies have attempted to address road safety, it is also true that the County’s traffic calming programs are geared towards suburban and urban neighborhoods and commercial corridors inside of the URDL; and

WHEREAS, there are many rural roads that don’t have shoulders which prevents Police

Officers from safely parking their cars when engaging in traffic enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the County's current speed camera program limits the placement of speed cameras to areas near school zones; and

WHEREAS, it is an appropriate time for the County to review its traffic calming efforts, evaluate best practices from other jurisdictions, and consider alternative testing methods to improve rural road safety or implementing a rural traffic pilot program; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Council requests that the Departments of Planning and Public Works and Transportation: review the County's policies and procedures regarding the installation and use of traffic calming devices and measures in rural areas; hold a public hearing, either in online or in-person, on rural traffic issues; review and evaluate best practices for rural traffic calming from other jurisdictions; consider alternative testing methods to improve rural road safety or the creation of a rural traffic pilot program; and submit to the County Council by March 1, 2027, a report with specific recommendations for future legislation or adoption in the County's capital improvement program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the report and recommendations shall: (1) incorporate and expound on any recently-completed studies, reports, or other work that may be relevant; and (2) make specific recommendations for: the Cromwell Bridge Road area at Cub Hill Road and Satyr Hill Road; Glen Arm Road between Harford Road and Hartley Mill Road; Harford Road at Long Green Pike; Mount Vista Road, west of Belair Road; Manor Road; Cuba Road; and Hess Road; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Baltimore County Executive and the Directors of the Departments of Planning and Public Works and

Transportation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage by the County Council.



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