Expedited Bill No. 17-26
Concerning: Motor Vehicles and Traffic-Speed Monitoring Systems Authorized – Amendments
Revised: 10/20/2026 Draft No. 4
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COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Executive
Co-Sponsors: Councilmembers Luedtke and Jawando

AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

(1) authorize the use of speed monitoring systems within certain school zones;
(2) authorize the use of speed monitoring systems on certain highways in the County; and
(3) generally amend the law regarding motor vehicles and traffic control.

By amending
Montgomery County Code
Chapter 31, Motor Vehicles and Traffic
Section 31-9A

Boldface	*Heading or defined term.*
Underlining	*Added to existing law by original bill.*
[Single boldface brackets**]**	*Deleted from existing law by original bill.*
Double underlining	*Added by amendment.*
[[Double boldface brackets**]]**	*Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.*
* * *	*Existing law unaffected by bill.*

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

Sec. 1. Section 31-9A is amended, as follows:

31-9A. Speed [Monitoring Systems Authorized] monitoring systems authorized; safe routes to school infrastructure review.

(a) *Definitions*. In this Section, the following words have the meanings indicated:

School zone means an area within a half-mile radius of any school established by the State Highway Administration or the County pursuant to the Maryland Transportation Code § 21-803.1.

Speed monitoring system means a device with one or more motor vehicle sensors producing recorded images of motor vehicles traveling at speeds at least 12 miles per hour above the posted speed limit.

Walkshed means a boundary area designated for walking and biking to and from school, as specified by the Montgomery County Board of Education Student Transportation policy. A walkshed distance is dependent on the grade level of a student.

(b) The County Executive may authorize, by Executive Order, the use of a speed monitoring system in the County:

(1) on a highway in a residential district with a maximum posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour**[**, and**]** ;

(2) on a highway in a school zone with a posted speed limit of at least 20 miles per hour**[**.**]**;

(3) on a highway identified in a municipality, county, or state's most recent strategic highway safety plan or vision zero plan as a highway that is at high risk for motor vehicle crashes that result in serious bodily injury or death, except on a controlled access highway, an expressway, or an interstate highway in the **[[**county**]]** County, as such terms are used and defined under Section 21-101

of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

(4) as authorized under Section 21-809 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended.

(c) An unmanned stationary speed monitoring system must not be activated for the first time after October 1, 2009, until the Executive publishes notice of the location of the speed monitoring system on the County's website and in a newspaper of general circulation in the County.

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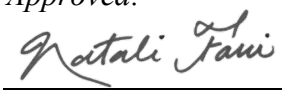
(g) The Department of Transportation must:

(1) complete the safe routes to school infrastructure review within **[**6**]** six months after notification by law enforcement or Montgomery County Public Schools when an injury or fatality has occurred on a County maintained roadway; and

(2) post the contents of the review on the County's website.

Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date. The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on the date on which it becomes law.

Approved:



October 20, 2026

Natali Fani-González, President, County Council — Date

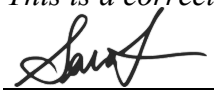
Approved:



November 2, 2026

Marc Elrich, County Executive — Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.



November 2, 2026

Sara R. Tenenbaum, Clerk of the Council — Date