



## **CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

### **HB 1374 Support with Amendment**

#### **Environment and Transportation Committee**

#### **State Highway Administration Neighbor Notification Act**

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The City of Takoma Park is very supportive of HB 1374, which would require the State Highway Administration to send notice to nearby property owners at least two weeks in advance of planned construction on a State highway with information about the work to be done, and to send another notice to nearby if planned construction is postponed, among other things. However, we would like to see the bill amended to require that notification also be given to the local government jurisdiction in which the work is being conducted.

Too often, SHA conducts work without adequate notification to those impacted. Their work causes traffic disruptions, both minor and major, for vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians. In addition to being an annoyance, it can also create public safety issues. Advanced notification with information about the work to be done and its potential impacts would help mitigate many of these issues, or at least help manage expectations and permit alternative travel planning for those impacted.

For these reasons, the City of Takoma Park supports HB 1374 with an amendment to also require SHA to provide notification to the local government jurisdiction where work is to be performed.

We urge you to pass the bill with the proposed amendment.