



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**HB 517 / SB 460
Support**

**House Environment & Transportation
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Pedestrian Safety Fund Act of 2019

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The City of Takoma Park supports and urges favorable consideration of HB 517/SB 460 Pedestrian Safety Fund Act of 2019.

This bill would establish a Pedestrian Safety Fund, creating a dedicated revenue source consisting of fines from violations associated with transportation violations, as well as money appropriated from the State budget, interest earnings from the fund, and potentially other money sources.

Pedestrian safety is of utmost importance in Takoma Park and should be throughout the state. This bill would provide some additional funding for enhancing the safety and quality of pedestrian and bicycle transportation, helping to protect the most vulnerable road users. The bill also creates stricter penalties for drivers who violate laws regarding stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks.

This bill would be a useful supplement to the State's Toward Zero Deaths initiative, as well as local efforts to eliminate pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries.

In sum, the City of Takoma Park supports HB 517/SB 460 and encourages a favorable vote.