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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

TO: Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee (TIEE)
THRU: Kenny Battle
Committee Director
FROM: Alex Hirtle *MA*
Legislative Budget and Policy Analyst
RE: Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement
CR-037-2026 Stop Sign Monitoring Systems - Town of Bladensburg

CR-037-2026 (*proposed by:* Councilmember Adams-Stafford)

Referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee (TIEE)

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEMS – (TOWN OF BLADENSBURG), for the purpose of providing County Council approval of locations for stop sign monitoring systems in the Town of Bladensburg and generally regarding stop sign monitoring systems.

Fiscal Summary

Direct Impact:

Expenditures: Negligible administrative costs will likely be incurred in approving and processing this Resolution.

Revenues: No foreseen revenue impact.

Indirect Impact:

Potentially favorable.

Legislative Summary:

CR-037-2026 was introduced on May 12, 2026, and was referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee (TIEE). The Resolution provides for the County Council approval of locations for stop sign monitoring systems in the Town of Bladensburg. Stop sign monitoring systems are authorized on roads and highways located in a school zone maintained by a local jurisdiction if authorized by the governing body of the local jurisdiction.

The Town has requested approval for 48 locations where Stop Sign Monitoring Systems may be placed. The Town has conducted multiple monitoring pilot programs at intersections throughout the municipality. The Town provided the following data highlighting the frequency of violations:

- **57th Avenue/58th Avenue** (Southbound on 57th Avenue)
Daily vehicles: 2,465
Daily violations: 2,236
- **57th Avenue/Emerson St** (Southbound on 57th Avenue)
Daily vehicles: 1640
Daily violations: 1305
- **Tilden Road/53rd Place** (Eastbound on Tilden Rd)
Daily vehicles: 1331
Daily violations: 1283

In summary, the three intersections studied had a total of 5,436 daily vehicles passing through, with a total of 4,824 violations captured. This is a **violation rate of approximately 89%**.¹

Current Law/Background:

Pursuant to the Md. Transportation Article, Sec 21-707.1(c)(2)(i) provides that an agency may use stop sign monitoring systems on highways located in a school zone maintained by a local jurisdiction, if authorized by the governing body of the local jurisdiction: Attachment 1- Town of Bladensburg Request Letter, including proposed Monitoring System locations; Attachment 2 – Town of Bladensburg Ordinance 13-2025; Attachment 3- Minutes from April 14, 2025 Town Council meeting with Ordinance on the Agenda; Attachment 4 – Minutes from the May 12, 2025 Town Council approving the Ordinance for the Stop Sign Monitoring Program; Maryland Transportation Article, Sec. 21-707.1(c)(2)(ii) provides that a stop sign monitoring system may only be used at a location approved by the Prince George’s County Council; and Prince George’s County Code, Sec. 26-120.02(c)(2)(B) provides that stop sign monitoring systems may only be

¹ CR-037-2026, Attachment 1.

used at a location approved by the Prince George's County Council and Sec. 26-120.02(c)(2)(C) provides that Council approval of the location of stop sign monitoring systems used by municipalities shall be made by Council resolution upon receipt of CR-037-2026.

Resource Personnel:

Kathy Canning, Legislative Attorney

Taylor N. Ware, Chief of Staff, Council District 5

Discussion/Policy Analysis:

The traffic data provided by the Town of Bladensburg indicates a high rate of stop sign violations are occurring in the municipality. A pilot monitoring program indicated that three intersections studied had a total of 5,436 daily vehicles passing through, with a total of 4,824 violations captured. This is a violation rate of approximately 89%. The intersections study underscores the safety concerns of residents and pedestrians in the Town of Bladensburg.

Automating the monitoring of stop sign intersections also frees up police officer hours for other duties. Automated enforcement would allow the Town's police officers more time to focus on other critical issues, like violent crime and neighborhood burglaries. The stop sign monitoring systems also operate 24/7, all day and all night, thus possibly reducing overtime in officer's hours that otherwise would be used in monitoring certain dangerous intersections. As these systems provide continual deterrence to improve public safety for the Town, it would be hopeful that they would also change the behavior of drivers and provide for a reduction in violations throughout the County.

Fiscal Impact:

- *Direct Impact*

Adoption of CR-037-2026 will likely have a negligible adverse fiscal impact on the County in terms of administrative costs. Based on Maryland law², revenue from any violation occurring in a municipality would be retained by that municipality, unless either the violation was contested in court (in which case the State would retain any sustained violation), or State law clearly indicated the revenue to be directed otherwise. Additionally, given this stop sign monitoring program has been initiated by the Town, it is rational to conclude that all costs associated with purchasing, installing, monitoring, and any associated maintenance costs would be solely borne on the Town and not the County.

² §21-707.1 (k) (1) (COMAR)

- *Indirect Impact*

Adoption of CR-037-2026 could have a favorable indirect impact on the County, to the extent that as drivers receive violations for not engaging in a full stop at any of the Town's monitored intersections, this would change their behavior to become safer drivers. Assuming the violator drives their vehicle in other parts of the County, this would conceivably produce increased public safety throughout the County, especially for pedestrians.

- *Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget*

No.

Policy Implementation Resource/Project Timeline:

Legislative Initiative

Milestone 1 (5/28/26) – TIEE Committee

- Passes the Resolution
- Sends to full Council

Milestone 2 (Mid-June 2026) – County Council

- Public hearing
- Vote favorably

Milestone 3 (Early-mid July 2026) – Third reading

- Vote favorably

Milestone 4 (July 2026) - Administrative

- Committee Director & Council Clerk coordinate approved Resolution sent to the Town

Milestone 5 (undetermined)- Implementation

- Town of Bladensburg initiates procurement process for a stop sign enforcement camera vendor, evaluate associated implementation costs, and proceeds with approving vendor and having monitoring systems installed within their municipality.

Disclaimer - Relative timeline based on County Agency and OMB input at a point in time.

Effective Date of Proposed Legislation:

This Resolution goes into effect on the date of its adoption.

If you require additional information, or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please reach me via phone or email.