

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-071-2025

Draft No.: 2

Committee: Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment

Date: 10/9/2025

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as Amended, 5-0 (In Favor: Council Members Olson, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, and Fisher)

The Committee convened on October 9, 2025, to discuss CB-71-2025, which amends Subtitle 26 (Vehicles and Traffic), Division 12 (Bicycles and Play Vehicles) to prohibit motorized vehicles from operating in bike lanes and bikeways, with specific exceptions.

According to CB-71's provisions, no person is permitted to stop, park, stand, or drive any motorized vehicle in these designated areas. Electric bicycles and scooters are not classified as motorized vehicles. The bill provides exemptions for authorized emergency vehicles responding to an emergency, school buses, transit vehicles, vehicles picking up or discharging individuals with disabilities, and vehicles that have become unintentionally disabled. Bikeable shoulders are also exempt unless they are explicitly striped as bike lanes. CB-71 also proposes increasing the fine from \$10 to \$50.

The sponsor offered a proposed Draft 2, which reorganizes the bill to amend:

Sec. 26-101 (Definitions):

- to establish definitions for bike lanes and bikeways, and remove references to Sidewalks and Trails

Div 8 (Parking Regulations), Sec 26-127.04 (Stopping, standing, or parking prohibited in specified places):

- adds bike lanes and bikeways to the list of prohibited scenarios, and adds the exemptions mentioned earlier
- also removes the increased fine

The County Executive and the Department of Public Works & Transportation expressed support for the bill as amended. The Office of Law indicated the bill is in proper form. Several community members, as well as the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, submitted comments in support of the legislation.

After discussion, the Committee voted favorably on CB-71-2025 as amended by a vote of 5-0.