

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2018 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-19-2018

Draft No.: 2

Committee: TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Date: July 12, 2018

Action: FAV(A)

Committee Vote: Favorable with Amendments, 5-0 (In Favor: Council Members Turner, Franklin, Lehman, Taveras and Toles)

Staff provided an overview of CB-019-2018 indicating that it seeks to require a permittee, as defined by Section 23-102 of the Prince George's County Code, to maintain the continued operation of sidewalks, or an alternate route for pedestrian traffic, and hiker-biker trails, during periods of construction, in accordance with the proposed legislation.

The sponsor provided an amendment sheet with proposed changes. The amendments are reflected in Draft 2 adding language "Except as provided in this section" and "A sidewalk may be closed and no alternative route provided" in three (3) places in the Bill; and in one (1) place language added, "Except as provided in this section" and "A Hiker-Biker Trail may be closed and no alternative route provided." The purpose of the amendment is to provide an option for closure if it's not feasible to keep open.

The County Executive's office supports as amended.

The Office of Law finds it to be in proper legislative form and see no legal impediments to its enactment.

The Office of Audits and Investigations determined that enactment of CB-019-2018 should not have an adverse fiscal impact on the County.

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) representative provided public testimony indicating their willingness to adhere to the guidelines but citing cost as a concern.