

SENATE BILL 868

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By: **Senator A. Washington**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2026

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Highway Administration – Maryland Route 410 (East–West Highway)**
3 **Pedestrian Safety Action Plan – Expansion**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Highway Administration to expand the scope of the
5 Maryland Route 410 (East–West Highway) Pedestrian Safety Action Plan project to
6 include a certain additional segment of Maryland Route 410 (East–West Highway);
7 and generally relating to expansion of the Maryland Route 410 (East–West Highway)
8 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan.

9 Preamble

10 WHEREAS, The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway
11 Administration initiated the Maryland Route 410 (East–West Highway) Pedestrian Safety
12 Action Plan project (project ID PGA445176) to address documented safety needs within a
13 segment of the East–West Highway corridor in Prince George’s County; and

14 WHEREAS, The existing scope of the Maryland Route 410 (East–West Highway)
15 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan project extends from Maryland Route 212 (Riggs Road) to
16 Maryland Route 500 (Queens Chapel Road), but does not include the segment of East–West
17 Highway east of Queens Chapel Road toward U.S. Route 1 (Baltimore Avenue); and

18 WHEREAS, East–West Highway functions as a major arterial corridor connecting
19 residential communities, commercial centers, transit facilities, and educational institutions
20 and carries significant pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and vehicular traffic along the corridor;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Segments of East–West Highway east of Queens Chapel Road toward
23 Baltimore Avenue have experienced serious pedestrian and vehicular safety challenges,
24 including severe and fatal crashes, and currently lack continuous, modern, and accessible
25 pedestrian and multimodal safety infrastructure; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, The effectiveness of corridor-based safety improvements is
2 substantially diminished when projects terminate mid-corridor, leaving interruptions in
3 sidewalks, crossings, lighting, and traffic calming that expose road users to inconsistent
4 and unsafe conditions; and

5 WHEREAS, State and local transportation safety policies, including the State
6 Highway Administration's Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and Vision Zero principles,
7 emphasize continuous, context-driven corridor improvements to reduce serious injuries
8 and fatalities and to ensure equitable access for pedestrians, bicyclists, people with
9 disabilities, and transit users; now, therefore,

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
11 That the State Highway Administration shall expand the scope of the existing Maryland
12 Route 410 (East-West Highway) Pedestrian Safety Action Plan project to include the public
13 rights-of-way along East-West Highway from the intersection of Maryland Route 500
14 (Queens Chapel Road) east to U.S. Route 1 (Baltimore Avenue).

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
16 1, 2026.