

**Relating To Publicly Demonstrating Greater Olney Civic Association Support For
Maryland General Assembly Legislation to Reduce Dangerous Motor Vehicle Speeding On The
MD 200 Intercounty Connector (ICC) In Montgomery County**

WHEREAS, Article III of the [Greater Olney Civic Association, Inc. \(GOCA\) By Laws](#) specifies that the “objectives of GOCA shall be to study, plan, coordinate, and promote the overall civic, economic, ecologic, and cultural welfare of the community within the Olney Master Plan Area, Montgomery County, Maryland as determined by its Members or their elected Representatives.”

WHEREAS, the US Department of Transportation National Highway Safety Administration recently [reported](#) “the largest six-month increase ever recorded in the Fatality Analysis Reporting System’s history. An estimated 20,160 people died in motor vehicle crashes in the first half of 2021, up 18.4% over 2020.”

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Transportation Zero Deaths program [reported](#) 463 fatalities in motor vehicle crashes in Maryland in 2021 as of November 9, 2021.

WHEREAS, in Montgomery County, there were 41 crash-related fatalities in 2020, the most in 10 years. ([Vision Zero presentation, slide 10](#))

WHEREAS, the MD 200 Intercounty Connector (ICC) highway in Montgomery County is the only major State highway crossing through the Olney master plan region, with access points at Georgia Avenue; with average annual daily traffic reaching a high of 58,700 vehicles in 2019 (pre-pandemic) between 370 and 97 (Georgia Avenue). The ICC is easily accessed by Olney homeowners, but is mostly used by statewide and national through traffic.

WHEREAS, Olney homeowners have complained about excessive speeding on the ICC over the past four years; including vehicles speeding as fast as 190 mph in a 60 mph limit zone; and understand that MDTA law enforcement policy prohibits chasing speeding vehicles except in the case of suspected felonies.

WHEREAS, Maryland State legislators representing District 19 and District 14, that include Olney and the ICC, will be introducing bill MC22-2, “An Act concerning Montgomery County Speed Monitoring Systems – Maryland Route 200 (Intercounty Connector),” which would call for the placement of speed monitoring systems between exit ramps on the ICC; and a penalty not to exceed \$40 for violating vehicles.

WHEREAS, speed or traffic cameras are a proven-effective method of speed enforcement that Montgomery County government public safety officials [endorse and increased in use](#) to promote road safety. The technology provides speed enforcement that does not require stopping violating motorists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Olney Civic Association Board hereby endorses Maryland speed monitoring legislation bill MC22-22, and will share the GOCA endorsement publicly on the GOCA website as well as with members of the State and local legislatures, member homeowner associations and the news media.