

Baltimore County Residential Truck Traffic Work Group

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The Year's Work



To serve our constituents



To be good partners



To make good policy



How Did We Get Here?

- With similar issues arising in Baltimore City, the Maryland General Assembly passed enabling legislation in 2012 that allowed the city to implement the Commercial Vehicle Height Monitoring System and to install height monitoring cameras.
- County Executive Olszewski made the passage of similar enabling legislation for Baltimore County.
- Following negotiations with trucking industry representatives, the new legislation included the establishment of a work group to make recommendations to the Baltimore County Council.



Work Group Timeline

Meeting Dates

- 9/29/20 – First work group meeting
- Late October – Second work group meeting
- Early December – Third work group meeting
- Future meeting schedule TBD

Reports

- 3/31/21 – Preliminary work group report due
- 8/31/21 – Final work group report used to craft the legislation that will go before the Baltimore County Council



The Map

Before the installation of any vehicle height monitoring systems in Baltimore County, a workgroup established under §24–111.3(l) of the Transportation Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, shall examine and make recommendations to the Baltimore County Council on:

- 1) **Developing a map of height–restricted roads** in the local jurisdiction and providing the map to operators using the best available technology;
- 2) Developing and implementing a process for a vehicle owner to easily contest an erroneously issued citation without the necessity of a court hearing;
- 3) Developing a process for the owner of a vehicle to identify and transfer liability to the operator of a vehicle responsible for incurring a citation; and
- 4) Exempting certain types of vehicles from enforcement by a vehicle height monitoring system.



Height Monitoring

- 1) Senate bill 41 – Section 1
- 2) Before the installation of any vehicle height monitoring systems, the governing body of the local jurisdiction shall:
 - I. Establish a workgroup including commercial transportation industry representatives to assist the local government in:
 1. Evaluating existing truck routes;
 2. **Identifying areas for vehicle height monitoring enforcement;** and
 3. Evaluating existing signage and identifying locations where signage could be improved; and
 - II. **Adopt a local law limiting the overall number of vehicle height monitoring systems that may be placed in the local jurisdiction.**
- 3) The governing body of the local jurisdiction may adopt a local law **exempting certain vehicles from the enforcement of height restrictions by a vehicle height monitoring system** in the local jurisdiction.



Exemptions

Before the installation of any vehicle height monitoring systems in Baltimore County, the workgroup shall make recommendations on:

- 1) Developing a map of height–restricted roads in the local jurisdiction and providing the map to operators using the best available technology;
- 2) Developing and implementing a process for a vehicle owner to easily contest an erroneously issued citation without the necessity of a court hearing;
- 3) Developing a process for the owner of a vehicle to identify and transfer liability to the operator of a vehicle responsible for incurring a citation; and
- 4) **Exempting certain types of vehicles from enforcement by a vehicle height monitoring system.**



Working toward a solution:

- Comprehensively **review the existing truck routes**
- **Identify the main areas of concern** and their relation to existing truck routes
- **Identify the types of streets** that should be considered as primary routes, local trucking routes, and restricted routes
- **Create a route map** that can be used by vehicle operators in real time
- Develop a plan to **evaluate existing signage** and make necessary adjustments
- Recommend certain types of **vehicles that should be exempt** from enforcement by a vehicle height monitoring system



Deliverables

Cameras

- limit on the number of cameras
- camera locations

County Citation Process

- A citation process
- Dispute resolution process so operators can easily contest an erroneously issued citation
- A “pre-clearance” application for companies to be exempt from citations
- A process to transfer liability to operators of leased or rented vehicles

