

**MC 4-25**  
**Montgomery County – School Zone Stop Sign Monitoring Systems**

Unsignalized intersections are the most common and most deadly type of intersection in the United States and Maryland. Nationally, over 6,500 fatalities—including almost 1,000 pedestrian fatalities and nearly 200 bicyclist fatalities—occur at unsignalized intersections each year.<sup>1</sup> Even more injuries from crashes occur at these intersections. Stop sign monitoring systems are one way to help make roads safer for all users, but especially for pedestrians and bicyclists, and will help move us closer to Maryland’s Vision Zero goal.

By authorizing stop sign monitoring systems in school zone areas, we are increasing safety for some of our most vulnerable pedestrians and bicyclists. Valuable information will be learned about the benefits of stop sign cameras, which could lead to their adoption in other areas. As one of the first county governments in the country to develop a Vision Zero plan, Montgomery County should continue to lead in pedestrian safety by implementing stop sign cameras in school zones.

**This bill will:**

- ✓ Authorize Montgomery County to install stop sign monitoring systems in school zones.
  
- ✓ Outline the implementation process for installing a stop sign monitoring program, including:
  - requiring the responsible law enforcement agency to post notice on its website before a new camera begins use,
  - requiring clearly visible signs to notify drivers of the presence of the cameras, and
  - creating due process for stop sign violations.

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<sup>1</sup> *About Intersection Safety*. U.S. Department of Transportation- Federal Highway Administration. <https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/about/>