

Better Living through Transit: Legislating & Leading

Delegate Robbyn Lewis, District 46

Transit Choices Meeting

12 December 2023



Introduction

Delegate Lewis represents the 46th District in Baltimore City. She serves on the Health and Government Operation Committee, is Chair of the Transportation Subcommittee of the Baltimore City House Delegation, and House Chair of the Joint Subcommittee on Program Open Space and Land Preservation. She's the only car-free legislator in Maryland.

Before becoming a state elected official, Delegate Lewis spent two decades in the field of international public health. She served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Niger. After graduate training, she lived and worked in over a dozen countries in Asia, Africa and the Caribbean. She has managed clinical trials in vaccine development for West Nile Virus and HIV-microbicides and helped improve global standards to prevent cervical cancer.

She holds a Master's in Public Health from Columbia University. and a Bachelor's in Anthropology from the University of Chicago.



Dedicated Bus lanes

- In 2022, passed a local bill [HB53](#) that enabled Baltimore City DOT to enforce Dedicated Bus Lanes (DBL). The bill:
 - Gave BCDOT authority to use "a bus lane monitoring system" to collect "an enforcement image of a driver of a motor vehicle committing a violation" in a DBL
 - Capped civil penalties at \$75 per violation
- Since the bill took effect in May 2022, BCDOT has been working on procuring a vendor using Minority & Women Business Enterprise (MBE) preferences. BCDOT is also working with MTA to identify optimal locations for future 'wayside' camera placements using the agency's Automatic Traffic Violation System (ATEVES)



Livable Streets Coalition

The Livable Streets Coalition is a network of people and organizations working to make the Fayette and Orleans Street corridor healthy, safe, beautiful and accessible for all residents.

Established by Delegate Robbyn Lewis in 2019, the Coalition has held brainstorming talks, walking audits, and training in Design Thinking. We also designed a traffic calming project for the William Paca Elementary School, planned for completion in 2024!

Please join us - either in person or virtually – on Saturday 16 December. The Baltimore City Department of Transportation will present the results of their long-awaited Orleans St. Traffic Study.

Register: <https://forms.office.com/r/uswUPkViRU>



Join the Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/livablestreetsbaltimore/>

Complete Streets Funding

- Sponsored HB73 in 2022
- Requires City to direct camera enforcement revenues toward Complete Streets program
- Only source of dedicated funding
- Challenge: City Finance Dept. fought to maintain flexibility for "public safety"
- Effective Oct 2022, first report due Dec 2023



2024 Transit Legislation

- **Better Bus Service Act of 2024**
Reintroduction 2023 bill [HB 1027](#) makes my 2022 Baltimore City bill on enabling camera enforcement of DBLs statewide
- **Pedestrian Fatality Prevention Act** Imposes fee/tax on purchases of personal vehicles weighing more than about 5,000 lbs. and more than 40" high at grille. Will also direct these revenues to a transportation/transit fund to be determined





2024 Transit Legislation, continued...

- **E-bike Rebate Program**

Reintroduction 2023 [HB 1008](#) incentivizes mode shifting to bikes and strengthens equity. Subsidizes mid/low-income households to purchase e-bikes

- **One Less Car Tax**

Reintroduction 2023 bill [HB 1283](#) incentivizes for mode shifting out of cars. Provides tax credit to households that get rid of a car

These bills need your support – submit written or in-person testimony – email my office!

City for All Forum – Envisioning Baltimore's Transportation Future

Delegate Lewis and the Baltimore City House Delegation's Transportation Subcommittee are hosting the City for All Forum on January 27, 2024.

Let's envision a transportation future that is healthy, accessible, reliable, sustainable and equitable for all!

DATE: Saturday 27 January 2024

TIME: 11am – 2pm

VENUE: Morgan State University, Earl G. Graves School of Business Auditorium, Rm. 104

ADDRESS: 4100 Hillen Road, Baltimore, MD 21218



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- Email me to join my mailing list and receive updates during Session 2024
- Register for the City for All Forum in January :

<https://forms.office.com/r/0dhZ7EQGCz>

How to get involved