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Dear Public Safety Committee,

Here is my testimony. It is imperative that we get rid of use of "Forever Chemicals" PAHS and PHAS in products, and where they are found in our air, soil, and water. It is time that Baltimore becomes a "Good Steward."

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Testimony December 7th, 2022

Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHS) are toxic chemicals - carcinogens that are mainly used as sealants and binders, especially to make tires, and make roadways. It is conclusive that they are in our drinking water.

Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances (PFAS) are chemicals used for non-stick surfaces, any rubbery clothing, like scubagear and raincoats, microwave popcorn bags and more. PFAS are found usually coupled when PAHs are present.

PAHs and PFAs are what are known as, THE FOREVER CHEMICALS. Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons are considered even more lethal, as they are linked to wildlife cancers all over the world.

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Subject: Dear Baltimore City Transportation Department - PAHS Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons

Dear Baltimore City Transportation Department,

PLEASE, PLEASE, Do not sign over any more Baltimore City Streets for MTA to paint red... BRT is failure. Our streets were not built for busses. Built for people and streetcars. Since we met in November: **it is conclusive** - Tire ingredients include Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs), which cause cancer in all creatures - human beings. PAHs are mainly used in binders. Stop PAHs: what I coin, "The Ultimate Carcinogens." <http://www.goserenade.org/baltimore/foreverchemicals.html> [After PFAS is PAHS.] Why we must drastically lessen usage of tires.

I Present Circle Loop Lines: <http://www.goserenade.org/baltimore/circlelooplines.html> [Under construction]

I truly want to help, and I hope that you feel my love and passion. My offer still stands to formulate with someone in your department (seek above - map is now more accurate) to work on drawing what can first be changed easily using current busses, and then one for streetcars and canals (addressing climate change, and the chance to be able to SAVE Baltimore) so that Baltimore City can reclaim having its on Transit System. Remember, there is a direct correlation between a city not having its own transit, and poverty (like Houston). Having State of Maryland MTA and MTDA dictating local transit has been disaster for 52 years, and controls where people can go, and where and when not. This is classist, segregationist, and racist. Seek Baltimore Future: <http://www.goserenade.org/baltimore/houseexteriors.html> Streetcar Versus Bus: <http://www.goserenade.org/baltimore/streetcarversusbus.html>

Transportation: <http://www.goserenade.org/baltimore/transport.html>

I am following up from sending you the information regarding Continuous Sidewalks and regarding using Sand instead of Salt, and the ramifications. I attended the November 9th, 2022 Transportation - Health Committee Hearing. I am following up with testifying for Public Safety Committee today regarding Baltimore City Fire Department, of which I hope you will reach out to, and glean that speed bumps/humps hinder, and lives are lost due to 10 seconds due to a single speed bump. Having just one fire truck having to go over 6 speed humps, and our streets are narrow already, - that is 60 seconds - one minute!!!! Why make it so hard? Cities in United States, Roswell, Georgia, Austin Texas, have banned speed bumps, humps, and speed cushions. Even Calvert County of Maryland passed a Resolution to only use speed hump as very last resort.

The Commons: <http://www.goserenade.org/baltimore/thecommons.html> **Ice, Ice,**

Baby: <http://www.goserenade.org/baltimore/snowandice.html>

Please Please change "salt" to "sand" for winter boxes. Sand has traction; for ability to walk. Salt only kills animals and goes into our waterways, along with PAHs and PFAs. Shaiyel Seltzer

"Many complain that they deliver a greater jolt than typical speed humps. At a Public Safety Commission hearing Monday, two advocates for the disabled said that the speed cushions

were extremely painful for those with musculoskeletal disorders.

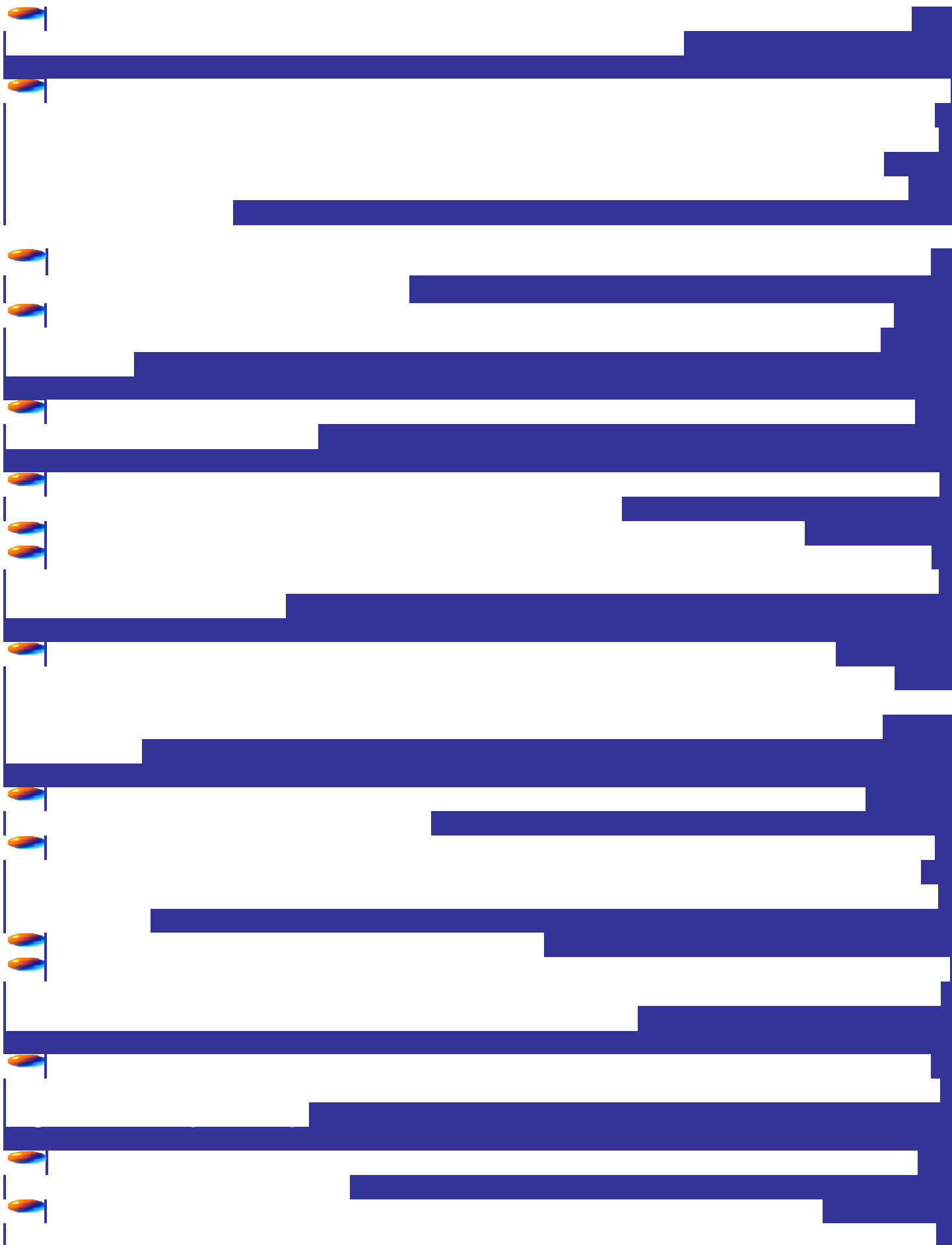
Karen Sironi, who has serious spinal issues due to a car crash a decade ago, told the commission that Transportation Director Robert Spillar stated that he didn't care if they {speed cushions} hurt people, a claim that an ATD spokeswoman vociferously rejected."

- Austin's New 'Speed Cushions' Spark Outcry - Austin Monitor (2018)

SPEED BUMPS/HUMPS VERSUS TRAFFIC CALMING

Why Continuous Sidewalks are Best Solution





SOLUTIONS

1. No more road works
2. No more potholes
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14. CONTINUOUS SIDEWALKS - THE BEST WAY TO CURB DRIVER BEHAVIOUR - FORCED SLOWING.

THE ENVIROMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

Method to Quantify Road Dust Particulate Matter Emissions (PM10 and/or PM2.5) from Vehicular Travel on Paved & Unpaved Roads

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"This method was submitted by the Center for the Study of Open Source Emissions (CSOSE) and Desert Research Institute (DRI) to EPA's Office of Air Quality, Planning and Standards - Air Quality Assessment Division - Measurement Technology Group (MTG) for inclusion into the Other Test Method (OTM) category on EPA's Emission Monitoring Center (EMC)."

"5. SAFETY

5.2. Speed Bumps, Road Debris, and Other Hazards

A specific test vehicle may have undergone some modifications to enable mobile measurement of road dust emissions. These may include the installation of a sampling line behind a tire, the deployment of equipment on a trailer, or the placement of equipment on a platform mounted on the front or rear of the test vehicle. It is important to remember that when designing vehicle clearances, the manufacturer generally does not account for these types of modifications. For example, a sampling line behind a tire may not clear a speed bump or a large piece of road debris, resulting in a potentially hazardous situation. As another example, a piece of equipment mounted on a trailer may come loose during operation and fall off and cause a potential hazard to other vehicles. It is important that the operator be aware of the conditions that can result in a safety hazard for the specific configuration of the test vehicle being used."

Sincerely,
Shaiyel

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