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Joint Board Matter with Chairman McKay and Supervisor Bierman to Address Pedestrian Safety and Utilize Expanded Speed Camera Authority

Members of the Board,

For several years, we have worked with residents, Fairfax County agencies, Fairfax County Public Schools, and the Virginia Department of Transportation to improve safety along Blake Lane and other high-crash corridors. That work has produced important improvements, including enhanced crossings and signage, narrower travel lanes, and a school-zone speed camera near Oakton High School.

But this has been a deadly year on our streets. According to preliminary Virginia DMV data reported on November 16, at least 44 people have died in traffic crashes across Fairfax County in 2026, with several recent deaths not yet reflected in that count. Each of these deaths represents a family, a neighborhood and a community forever changed. We must continue to act to prevent these tragedies and make our streets safer for everyone who uses them.

This year, the General Assembly gave localities additional tools to improve roadway safety. Localities can now use speed cameras in qualifying safety red zones, and separately, new law allows localities, by ordinance, to extend school crossing zone operating periods to up to 60 minutes before and after regular school hours. Together, these measures provide new opportunities to strengthen engineering, education, and enforcement efforts on Blake Lane and other roads across Fairfax County.

Following discussions with the Police Department, we should ensure our ordinance allows the County to use the full authority provided by state law, while maintaining its safeguards and focusing deployment on preventing serious injuries and deaths.

Therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors direct the County Executive to:

- Prepare amendments to County Code § 82-2-9 and any related provisions necessary to authorize photo speed enforcement to the full extent permitted by Virginia Code § 46.2-882.1, expressly including safety red zones and qualifying high-risk intersection segments, consistent with all applicable requirements and effective dates.

- Review Fairfax County Code § 82-1-6, which incorporates Virginia's school-crossing-zone law, and prepare any necessary amendment to Chapter 82 to authorize school crossing zones to operate for up to 60 minutes before and after regular school hours, consistent with Virginia Code § 46.2-873(C).

- And continually review other authorities Fairfax County has not yet utilized that would result in improved pedestrian safety.