School Bus Automated Enforcement Program

KNOW WHEN TO STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS



TWO LANES

Vehicles traveling in both directions must stop.



MULTI-LANES WITH CENTER TURN LANE

Vehicles traveling in both directions must stop including those vehicles in the turn lane.



MULTI-LANES

Vehicles traveling in both directions must stop.



DIVIDED HIGHWAY

Vehicles traveling in the same direction as the bus must stop.

Vehicles traveling in the opposite direction may proceed with caution.

BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Drivers stopped by a police officer for failing to stop at least 20 feet from the front or rear of a

stopped school bus or illegally pass a stopped school bus with activated flashing

red lights are subject to a fine of up to \$570 and three points on their license.

Both nationally and locally data shows that motorists are ignoring important safety considerations regarding stopped school buses. According to the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services, each year motorists pass stopped school buses an estimated 43.5 million times. Locally, Police Chief McCullough stated that last year this problem occurred 387 times in our county.

So, the Police Department, County Public Schools and a private firm, AngleTrax will partner to install automated school bus enforcement cameras on all of the County's school buses. Motorists who illegally pass a stopped school bus with activated flashing red lights will be subject to a \$250 fine. Each citation will be verified by AngelTrax and reviewed and verified by a member of the Police Department. The citation will be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle, and this citation does not carry any points.

To acclimate drivers to this new citation, warning notices will be sent to motorists for at least a 30-day break-in period. When approaching a stopped school bus with flashing red lights, Maryland law requires that drivers traveling in both directions stop at least 20 feet from a school bus.

The Public School's press release on this topic, unfortunately, did not convey any information about the private contract with AngelTrax. We know from their website that AngelTrax has approximately 125,000 contracts to provide monitoring services in the United States, and their customer base includes school systems, mass transit systems, and waste management providers around the country.