

Pedestrian Safety Program -- No. 500333

Category
Subcategory
Administering Agency
Planning Area

Transportation
Traffic Improvements
Transportation
Countywide

Date Last Modified
Required Adequate Public Facility
Relocation Impact
Status

May 14, 2011
No
None.
On-going

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY10	Rem. FY10	Total 6 Years	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design, and Supervision	2,176	1,576	0	600	100	100	100	100	100	100	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	2,315	604	211	1,500	250	250	250	250	250	250	0
Construction	8,373	209	1,289	6,875	825	1,050	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	0
Other	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	12,875	2,400	1,500	8,975	1,175	1,400	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	*

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

Current Revenue: General	6,125	1,165	485	4,475	425	650	850	850	850	850	0
G.O. Bonds	6,066	551	1,015	4,500	750	750	750	750	750	750	0
PAYGO	584	584	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Aid	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	12,875	2,400	1,500	8,975	1,175	1,400	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	0

DESCRIPTION

This project provides for the review and analysis of existing physical structures and traffic controls in order to make modifications aimed at improving safety and the walking environment for pedestrians. This project provides for the construction of physical structures and/or installation of traffic control devices which include, but are not limited to: new crosswalks; pedestrian refuge islands; sidewalks; bus pull-off areas; fencing to channel pedestrians to safer crossing locations; relocating, adding, or eliminating bus stops; accessible pedestrian signals (countdown) or warning beacons; improving signage, etc. The improvements will be made in compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This project supports the construction of improvements at and around schools identified in the Safe Routes to School program. The project also includes performing pedestrian safety audits at High Incidence Areas, and implementing identified physical improvements, education and outreach.

COST CHANGE

Reduce project scope and current revenue by \$200,000 in FY12 for fiscal capacity.

JUSTIFICATION

The County Executive's Blue Ribbon Panel on Pedestrian Safety identified the need to improve the walkability along Montgomery County roadways and, in particular, in the Central Business Districts (CBD) where there is high pedestrian concentration and mass transit ridership. The improvements proposed under this project will enhance and/or add to the County's existing infrastructure to increase the safety and comfort level for pedestrians, which in turn will encourage increased pedestrian activity and safer access to schools and mass transit. The issue of pedestrian safety has been an elevated concern for pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, and public officials. To address this issue the County Executive's Pedestrian Safety Initiative has developed strategies and goals to make our streets walkable and pedestrian friendly. This project is intended to support the strategies for enhancing pedestrian safety by piloting new and innovative techniques for improving traffic control device compliance by pedestrians, motorists, and cyclists.

Various studies for improvements will be done under this project with emphasis on pedestrian safety and traffic circulation. A study of over 200 Montgomery County schools (Safe Route to Schools program) was completed in FY05. This study identified needs and prioritized schools based on need for signing, pavement markings, circulation, and pedestrian accessibility.

OTHER

This project is intended to address the Engineering aspect of the "Three E's" concept (Engineering, Education, and Enforcement), which is one of the recommendations included in the final Blue Ribbon Panel on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Report. Additional efforts to improve pedestrian walkability by creating a safer walking environment, utilizing selected technologies, and ensuring ADA compliance will be addressed under the following projects: Annual Sidewalk Program; Bus Stop Improvements; Intersection and Spot Improvements; Neighborhood Traffic Calming; Transportation Improvements for Schools; ADA Compliance; Transportation; Resurfacing; Primary/Arterial; Sidewalk and Infrastructure Revitalization; Streetlighting; Traffic Signals; and Advanced Transportation Management System.

OTHER DISCLOSURES

- A pedestrian impact analysis will be performed during design or is in progress.
- The Executive asserts that this project conforms to the requirements of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.
- * Expenditures will continue indefinitely.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA

Date First Appropriation	FY03	(\$000)
First Cost Estimate	FY12	12,875
Current Scope		
Last FY's Cost Estimate		13,075
Appropriation Request	FY12	1,400
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		5,075
Expenditures / Encumbrances		2,968
Unencumbered Balance		2,107
Partial Closeout Thru	FY09	0
New Partial Closeout	FY10	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

COORDINATION

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
Mass Transit Administration
Maryland State Highway Administration
Wheaton Central Business District
Wheaton Regional Services Center
Commission on Aging
Commission on People with Disabilities
Montgomery County Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee
Citizen's Advisory Boards
Various CIP Projects

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