

MD 355 Crossing (BRAC) -- No. 501209

Category
Subcategory
Administering Agency
Planning Area

Transportation
Pedestrian Facilities/Bikeways
Transportation
Bethesda-Chevy Chase

Date Last Modified
Required Adequate Public Facility
Relocation Impact
Status

January 10, 2012
No
None.
Preliminary Design Stage

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY11	Est. FY12	Total 6 Years	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design, and Supervision	11,854	0	2,500	9,354	4,319	1,500	2,035	1,500	0	0	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	14,750	0	0	14,750	0	7,184	6,681	885	0	0	0
Construction	41,570	0	0	41,570	0	17,780	20,690	3,100	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	68,174	0	2,500	65,674	4,319	26,464	29,406	5,485	0	0	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

Federal Aid	68,174	0	2,500	65,674	4,319	26,464	29,406	5,485	0	0	0
Total	68,174	0	2,500	65,674	4,319	26,464	29,406	5,485	0	0	0

DESCRIPTION

This design-build project provides for right-of-way negotiations, utility relocations, and the design and construction of a multimodal grade separated connection between the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) and the Medical Center Metro Rail station. The project consists of two major elements: (1) a shallow pedestrian and bicycle underpass below MD 355/Rockville Pike just south of the South Wood Road/South Drive intersection; access to the underpass will be provided by elevators, escalators and stairs; and (2) a bank of three high speed elevators on the eastern side of MD 355 that will provide a direct connection from the WRNMMC to the existing Metro station mezzanine, about 120 feet below the elevation of MD 355. Canopies will cover the stairs and escalators. The project also includes extension of the southbound MD 355 left turn lane in the existing median to provide additional queuing for vehicles turning into the WRNMMC hospital entrance at South Wood Road; expansion of the curb radius at the northwestern corner of MD 355/South Drive to improve bus access to the Metrorail station; and stormwater management. The scope of the work is included in the NEPA document prepared by the County Department of Transportation (DOT) and approved by the Federal Highway Administration.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

This project is expected to start design FY12 and complete construction in FY16.

JUSTIFICATION

This project is needed to improve the mobility, traffic operations, and safety for all facility users within the project area by reducing existing conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles. Currently, transit users, pedestrians, and bicyclists crossing MD 355 between WRNMMC, the Medical Center Metrorail Station, and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) must compete for traffic signal time and space with very high traffic volumes along the 6 lanes of MD 355 and with the traffic turning to and from South Wood Road and from South Drive onto MD 355. With the implementation of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC), the existing conflicts will increase as the number of visitors to the Hospital is expected to double from the current 500,000 visitors per year to 1,000,000 visitors per year. It is also expected that a majority of visitors will rely on public transportation which requires them to cross MD 355 since parking availability at the site has been significantly reduced.

OTHER

This project is design-build where a single contractor will perform both design and construction of the project, resulting in cost and time savings.

FISCAL NOTE

This project is funded entirely with Federal Aid.

Preliminary design and environmental analysis (NEPA Study) funding was included in the State Transportation Participation project (500722) in the amount of \$880,000.

The additional FY13 appropriation in the amount of \$40 million is for a competitive Federal Grant under the U.S. Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA).

OTHER DISCLOSURES

- A pedestrian impact analysis has been completed for this project.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA			COORDINATION	MAP
Date First Appropriation	FY12	(\$000)	Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission	See Map on Next Page
First Cost Estimate			Maryland State Highway Administration	
Current Scope	FY12	68,174	Maryland Department of the Environment	
Last FY's Cost Estimate		0	Maryland Department of Planning/Maryland Historical Trust	
Appropriation Request	FY13	40,000	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority	
Appropriation Request Est.	FY14	0	Federal Highway Administration	
Supplemental Appropriation Request		28,174	Naval Support Activity Bethesda	
Transfer		0	National Institutes of Health	
Cumulative Appropriation		0		
Expenditures / Encumbrances		0		
Unencumbered Balance		0		
Partial Closeout Thru	FY10	0		
New Partial Closeout	FY11	0		
Total Partial Closeout		0		

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