

Bethesda Metro Station South Entrance -- No. 500929

Category
Subcategory
Administering Agency
Planning Area

Transportation
Mass Transit
Transportation
Bethesda-Chevy Chase

Date Last Modified
Required Adequate Public Facility
Relocation Impact
Status

January 07, 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	5,815	142	5,393	240	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	53,620	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53,620
Other	565	565	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	60,000	707	5,393	240	40	40	40	40	40	40	53,660

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

G.O. Bonds	54,594	301	393	240	40	40	40	40	40	40	53,660
PAYGO	406	406	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds: Liquor Fund	5,000	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	60,000	707	5,393	240	40	40	40	40	40	40	53,660

DESCRIPTION

This project provides access from Elm Street west of Wisconsin Avenue to the southern end of the Bethesda Metrorail Station. The Metrorail Red Line runs below Wisconsin Avenue through Bethesda more than 120 feet below the surface, considerably deeper than the Purple Line right-of-way. The Bethesda Metrorail station has one entrance, near East West Highway. The Metrorail station was built with accommodations for a future southern entrance.

The Bethesda light rail transit (LRT) station would have platforms located just west of Wisconsin Avenue on the Georgetown Branch right-of-way. This platform allows a direct connection between LRT and Metrorail, making transfers as convenient as possible. Up to six station elevators would be located in the Elm Street right-of-way, which would require narrowing the street and extending the sidewalk.

The station would include a new south entrance to the Metrorail station, including a new mezzanine above the Metrorail platform, similar to the existing mezzanine at the present station's north end. The mezzanine would use the existing knock-out panel in the arch of the station and the passageway that was partially excavated when the station was built in anticipation of the future construction of a south entrance.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Design: Fall FY10 through FY18.

Construction: To take 24 months but must be coordinated and implemented as part of the State Purple Line project that is dependent upon State and Federal funding.

Project schedule has been delayed as implementation plan is subject to the construction of the Purple Line.

OTHER

Part of Elm Street west of Wisconsin Avenue will be closed for a period during construction.

FISCAL NOTE

The funds for this project were initially programmed in the State Transportation Participation project. Appropriation of \$5 million for design was transferred from the State Transportation Participation project in FY09.

The Maryland Transit Authority (MTA) publicly announced in October 2011 that the cost estimate has increased to \$80m based upon a construction mid-point in FY18. The construction date for the project remains uncertain and is directly linked to the Purple Line construction at the Bethesda Station.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA

Date First Appropriation	FY09	(\$000)
First Cost Estimate	FY09	60,000
Current Scope		
Last FY's Cost Estimate		60,000
Appropriation Request	FY13	-9,960
Appropriation Request Est.	FY14	40
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		16,100
Expenditures / Encumbrances		707
Unencumbered Balance		15,393
Partial Closeout Thru	FY10	0
New Partial Closeout	FY11	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

COORDINATION

Maryland Transit Administration
WMATA
M-NCPPC
Bethesda Lot 31 Parking Garage project
Department of Transportation
Department of General Services

Special Capital Projects Legislation [Bill No. 19-08] was adopted by Council June 10, 2008.

