

Rapid Transit System (P501318)

Category Transportation
Sub Category Mass Transit
Administering Agency Transportation (AAGE30)
Planning Area Countywide

Date Last Modified 5/3/13
Required Adequate Public Facility No
Relocation Impact None
Status Planning Stage

	Total	Thru FY12	Rem FY12	Total 6 Years	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	Beyond 6 Yrs
EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)											
Planning, Design and Supervision	625	0	0	625	475	150	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	625	0	0	625	475	150	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)											
Mass Transit Fund	625	0	0	625	475	150	0	0	0	0	0
Total	625	0	0	625	475	150	0	0	0	0	0

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (000s)

Appropriation Request	FY 14	125
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		500
Expenditure / Encumbrances		0
Unencumbered Balance		500

Date First Appropriation	FY 14
First Cost Estimate	
Current Scope	FY 14
Last FY's Cost Estimate	0

Description

This project provides for the initial steps and detailed studies related to a bus rapid transit system in the County, supplementing the Metrorail Red Line and master-planned Purple Line and Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT). The ultimate extent of this Rapid Transit System (RTS) will be determined once the County Council approves an amendment to the Master Plan of Highways and Transportation, anticipated in late 2013.

Justification

The proposed RTS will reduce congestion on County and State roadways, increase transit ridership, and improve air quality. The RTS will enhance the County's ability to meet transportation demands for existing and future land uses. Plans & Studies: MCDOT Countywide Bus Rapid Transit Study, Final Report (July 2011); Report and Recommendations of the County Executive's Transit Task Force (May 2012).

Other

The County has programmed funds for the Maryland Department of Transportation to conduct preliminary engineering for master-planned RTS lines on Veirs Mill Road between the Rockville and Wheaton Metro Stations (\$6 million) and for Georgia Avenue between Olney and the Glenmont Metro Station (\$5 million). These two studies are funded in the State Transportation Participation project, PDF #500722 and are underway. The FY13 appropriation provides funds for studies of service planning and integration and of transit signal priority for the Purple Line, CCT, and the two master-planned RTS lines, plus the following potential master-planned RTS lines: MD 355 between Montgomery Village Avenue and the Bethesda Metro Station; US 29 between Burtonsville and the Silver Spring Metro Station; Randolph Road between Rockville Pike and FDA Boulevard, and an extension of the master-planned Georgia Avenue line from Glenmont to the Wheaton Metro Station. The FY13 appropriation also includes funds to staff these two studies. The additional FY14 appropriation would continue staffing through FY14. No funding is included at this time for preliminary engineering for these latter four routes, nor for the final design, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, construction, or operation of the RTS routes.

Coordination

Maryland Department of Transportation, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, M-NCPPC, City of Rockville, City of Gaithersburg, County Executive's Transit Task Force, State Transportation Participation project (#500722).