

Platt Ridge Drive Extended (P501200)

Category	Transportation	Date Last Modified	11/17/14
Sub Category	Roads	Required Adequate Public Facility	No
Administering Agency	Transportation (AAGE30)	Relocation Impact	None
Planning Area	Bethesda-Chevy Chase	Status	Final Design Stage

	Total	Thru FY14	Rem FY14	Total 6 Years	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	Beyond 6 Yrs
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EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Planning, Design and Supervision	826	440	80	306	50	125	131	0	0	0	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	30	0	0	30	0	10	20	0	0	0	0
Construction	2,844	0	0	2,844	0	1,400	1,444	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3,700	440	80	3,180	50	1,535	1,595	0	0	0	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

G.O. Bonds	3,639	440	19	3,180	50	1,535	1,595	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental	61	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3,700	440	80	3,180	50	1,535	1,595	0	0	0	0

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000s)

Maintenance				4	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Net Impact				4	0	0	1	1	1	1	1

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (000s)

Appropriation Request	FY 16	0
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		3,700
Expenditure / Encumbrances		449
Unencumbered Balance		3,251

Date First Appropriation	FY 12	
First Cost Estimate		
Current Scope	FY 12	3,700
Last FY's Cost Estimate		3,700

Description

This project consists of a northerly extension of existing Platt Ridge Drive from its terminus at Jones Bridge Road, approximately 600 feet through North Chevy Chase Local Park to connect with Montrose Driveway, a street in the Chevy Chase Valley (also known as Spring Valley or Chevy Chase Section 9) subdivision. To minimize impact to the park environment, it is proposed that the road be of minimal complexity and width. The road would be a two-lane rolled curb section of tertiary width (20 feet) with guardrails and a minimum right-of-way width of 30 feet; sidewalks, streetlights, drainage ditches and similar features are not proposed in order to minimize impacts to the park. Pedestrian access will continue to be provided by the existing five-foot sidewalks on both sides of Spring Valley Road.

Estimated Schedule

Detailed planning and design activities began in FY12 and will be completed in FY16. Construction will start in FY16 and be completed in FY17. The project has been delayed due to lengthy resolution of park mitigation issues.

Justification

Vehicular ingress and egress anticipated from the Chevy Chase Valley community is currently difficult and will become even more difficult with the predicted increase in traffic from the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) relocation of Walter Reed Army Medical Center to Bethesda, especially with construction of a new southbound lane on Connecticut Avenue between I-495 and Jones Bridge Road now proposed by the Maryland State Highway Administration. As a result, an engineering traffic study seeking solutions to the congestion problem was commissioned by the Department of Transportation. The study entitled "Spring Valley Traffic Study" dated June 2010 was prepared by STV Incorporated and serves as the facility planning document for this project. Four alternative solutions to the traffic problem were studied. It was found that Alternative 2 (a new traffic signal at Jones Bridge Road and Spring Valley Road) would have a positive effect for a limited period of time. As a result, a temporary traffic signal was installed in FY11 with funding from the Traffic Signals project (CIP No. #507154). It was also found that Alternative 3 (the extension of Platt Ridge Drive to Montrose Driveway) would provide the most cost-effective approach to a permanent solution. All planning and design work will be done in close consultation and coordination with the M-NCPPC.

Other

The project is delayed by one year due to delays in resolving park mitigation issues. Right-of-way for this project will be dedicated to the public by the M-NCPPC or purchased through ALARF funding. The project will benefit the residents and visitors of the community of Chevy Chase Valley and the motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists using Jones Bridge Road from Platt Ridge Drive to Connecticut Avenue who are impacted by the BRAC relocation.

Fiscal Note

Intergovernmental funding represents the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's (WSSC) share of the water and sewer relocation costs.

Disclosures

A pedestrian impact analysis has been completed for this project.

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Coordination

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Maryland State Highway Administration, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Department of Transportation, Department of Permitting Services, Department of Environmental Protection