

Rapid Transit System (P501318)

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

Date Last Modified 5/23/17
 Required Adequate Public Facility No
 Relocation Impact None
 Status Planning Stage

	Total	Thru FY16	Rem FY16	Total 6 Years	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	Beyond 6 Yrs
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EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Planning, Design and Supervision	18,371	1,714	1,407	15,250	4,250	7,500	3,000	500	0	0	0
Land	2,004	4	0	2,000	0	0	2,000	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	3,000	0	0	3,000	0	0	2,000	1,000	0	0	0
Construction	11,000	0	0	11,000	0	0	7,000	4,000	0	0	0
Other	14,000	0	0	14,000	0	0	14,000	0	0	0	0
Total	48,375	1,718	1,407	45,250	4,250	7,500	28,000	5,500	0	0	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Contributions	2,000	0	0	2,000	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Aid	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	500	9,500	0	0	0	0
G.O. Bonds	10,400	0	0	10,400	400	2,500	2,000	5,500	0	0	0
Impact Tax	2,000	0	0	2,000	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0	0
Mass Transit Fund	19,875	625	0	19,250	250	2,500	16,500	0	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds: Liquor Fund	3,600	593	1,407	1,600	1,600	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Aid	500	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	48,375	1,718	1,407	45,250	4,250	7,500	28,000	5,500	0	0	0

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (000s)

Appropriation Request	FY 18	7,500
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		7,375
Expenditure / Encumbrances		1,787
Unencumbered Balance		5,588

Date First Appropriation	FY 13	
First Cost Estimate		
Current Scope	FY 18	48,375
Last FY's Cost Estimate		16,875

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 County Council approved the Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan, an amendment to the Master Plan of Highways and Transportation, on November 26, 2013. The amendment authorizes the Department of Transportation to study enhanced transit options and Bus Rapid Transit for 10 transit corridors, including: Georgia Avenue North, Georgia Avenue South, MD 355 North, MD 355 South, New Hampshire Avenue, North Bethesda Transitway, Randolph Road, University Boulevard, US 29, Veirs Mill Road and Corridor Cities Transitway.

Estimated Schedule

Phase 1 (Alternatives Retained for Design Study) facility planning for the MD 355 and US 29 corridors occurred in FY15 and FY16. Phase 2 (Recommended Alternative) facility planning for MD 355 will occur in FY17-19. Planning and design for US 29 will occur in FY17 and FY18. Construction may begin as early as FY18 contingent on status of design efforts and any necessary right-of-way acquisition for stations.

Cost Change

Increase due to the addition of vehicles, stations (including right-of-way), Transit Signal Priority, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and project management for the US 29 BRT project. Also reflects \$10 million in Federal TIGER grant funding for the US 29 BRT project.

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); County Executive's Transit Task Force (May 2012); and Countywide Transit corridors Functional Master Plan (November 2013).

Other

The County has programmed funds for the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to conduct preliminary engineering for a master-planned RTS line on Veirs Mill Road between the Rockville and Wheaton Metro Stations (\$6 million). This study is funded in the State Transportation Participation project, PDF #500722. The Georgia Avenue study was terminated in FY15.

Fiscal Note

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The Maryland Department of Transportation draft Consolidated Transportation Program for 2014-2019 provides \$10 million for County Rapid Transit System planning; \$4.2 million in FY15 and \$5.8 million in FY16. The Department is using these funds to begin facility planning for the MD 355 and US 29 corridors; FY17 includes \$1.6 million in Liquor Bonds reallocated from the State Transportation Participation project. The project originally included \$1 million in Liquor Bonds for facility planning on the New Hampshire Avenue corridor. Those funds have been reallocated to US 29 planning and design. Assumes \$2 million in Impact Taxes from the cities of Rockville and Gaithersburg toward MD 355 facility planning. Assumes \$2 million in private contributions for US 29 planning and design. Reflects reallocation of \$1.3M in GO Bonds from the ADA Compliance Transportation project (#509325) to cover ADA sidewalk upgrades. The FY18 appropriation is for the following: US 29 BRT design, US 29 oversight and grant administration MD 355 BRT planning, BRT outreach, and Overall BRT program support.

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.

Coordination

Maryland Department of Transportation, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, City of Rockville, City of Gaithersburg, Montgomery County Rapid Transit Steering Committee, State Transportation Participation project (#500722)