



Bus Rapid Transit: Veirs Mill Road

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Category	Transportation	Date Last Modified	05/29/18
SubCategory	Mass Transit (MCG)	Administering Agency	Transportation
Planning Area	Kensington-Wheaton	Status	Planning Stage

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY18	Rem FY18	Total 6 Years	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	7,000	-	-	4,000	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	3,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,000	-	-	4,000	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	3,000

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Funding Source	Total	Thru FY18	Rem FY18	Total 6 Years	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	Beyond 6 Years
Current Revenue: Mass Transit	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	-	-	-	2,000	1,000	-
G.O. Bonds	4,000	-	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	3,000
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	7,000	-	-	4,000	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	3,000

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 20 Request	-	Year First Appropriation	
Cumulative Appropriation	-	Last FY's Cost Estimate	7,000
Expenditure / Encumbrances	-		
Unencumbered Balance	-		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will design and construct a new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line on Veirs Mill Road (MD 586) between the Wheaton and Rockville Metrorail Stations. Planning conducted by the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) resulted in a Recommended Alternative in late 2017. The recommended alternative includes queue jumps for use by BRT and other buses at congested intersections along the corridor, new BRT stations with level boarding and off-board payment, Transit Signal Priority, purchase of new 60-foot articulated vehicles, and other associated pedestrian and bicycle improvements along the corridor. The study retains curbside dedicated lanes as the long-term BRT alternative for Veirs Mill Road.

LOCATION

Veirs Mill Road

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Project planning was completed in FY18. Design will begin in FY23 and is anticipated to be complete in FY25.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The project will transform mobility options with the implementation of a 7-mile, premium, branded, limited-stop BRT service along Veirs Mill Road. This new service will improve transit travel time and increase opportunity for a broad range of users, including a significant number of minority and low-income riders living along a highly congested corridor. The project will improve passenger transit mobility by connecting riders to high density housing and employment centers.

Plans & Studies: MCDOT Countywide Bus Rapid Transit Study, Final Report (July 2011); County Executive's Transit Task Force (May 2012); Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan (November 2013); Maryland Department of Transportation/Maryland State Highway Administration MD 586/Veirs Mill Road Draft Corridor Planning Study (September 2016).

OTHER

The County programmed funds for the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to conduct planning for the Veirs Mill Road BRT in the State Transportation Participation project, PDF #500722.

DISCLOSURES

A pedestrian impact analysis will be performed during design or is in progress.

COORDINATION

Maryland Department of Transportation, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, City of Rockville