



Ride On Bus Route Restructuring Study

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SubCategory	Mass Transit (MCG)	Administering Agency	Transportation
Planning Area	Countywide	Status	Planning Stage

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY20	Rem FY20	Total 6 Years	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	Beyond 6 Years
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Funding Source	Total	Thru FY20	Rem FY20	Total 6 Years	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	Beyond 6 Years
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 22 Approp. Request	-	Year First Appropriation	
Cumulative Appropriation	-	Last FY's Cost Estimate	1,500
Expenditure / Encumbrances	-		
Unencumbered Balance	-		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This route restructuring study will examine the entire Ride On transit system's route network, looking at changes to the County population, demographics, employment centers, and residential networks to determine enhanced optimization of current and proposed transit services and provide recommended changes for a more equitable, efficient, effective, and environmentally sustainable service delivery of transit services to meet the evolving needs of the community. A variety of route features and models will be examined including route structure, connectivity, route span and frequency of service, plus the introduction of electric buses to the fleet.

COST CHANGE

This project scope is being consolidated into the Reimagining Ride On Transit System study which will be funded out of the FY22 operating budget.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Transit is facing a period of industry disruption that requires thoughtful study and a strategic response. Bus ridership has declined nationally, and Ride On has experienced similar challenges. The current route structure has grown over the past four decades and will

benefit from a comprehensive reevaluation to maximize service delivery. This study aims to develop a plan for service provision that includes evaluation and recommendations for route structures, service levels, and vehicle fleets to meet anticipated transportation needs. In order to provide the best possible service, it is critical that the Montgomery County Department of Transportation develop a plan to address emerging priorities, such as equity of service provision; population aging trends; and shifting residential growth, employment, and commuter patterns. Future planning must also consider opportunities and challenges associated with technological advancements, such as matching routes with electric vehicle capabilities and infrastructure, automated vehicles, and costs and benefits of emerging safety technologies.

FISCAL NOTE

\$750,000 in Current Revenue savings will be funded in the operating budget instead,

COORDINATION

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Maryland Transit Administration