



Bus Rapid Transit: MD 355 Central

(P502005)

Category	Transportation	Date Last Modified	03/01/22
SubCategory	Mass Transit (MCG)	Administering Agency	Transportation
Planning Area	Countywide	Status	Preliminary Design Stage

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY21	Est FY22	Total 6 Years	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	51,370	2,111	9,389	39,870	10,700	8,200	6,130	7,190	5,140	2,510	-
Land	77,800	-	-	77,800	-	-	17,500	42,800	17,500	-	-
Site Improvements and Utilities	27,100	-	-	27,100	-	-	8,100	17,000	2,000	-	-
Construction	137,100	-	-	137,100	-	-	18,500	50,100	50,000	18,500	-
Other	21,000	-	-	21,000	-	-	-	-	10,000	11,000	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	314,370	2,111	9,389	302,870	10,700	8,200	50,230	117,090	84,640	32,010	-

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Funding Source	Total	Thru FY21	Est FY22	Total 6 Years	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	Beyond 6 Years
Current Revenue: Mass Transit	2,550	-	750	1,800	-	-	-	-	-	1,800	-
Federal Aid	158,863	-	-	158,863	-	-	28,129	65,570	47,398	17,766	-
Impact Tax	3,064	925	2,139	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Op Lanes Maryland Transit Funding	131,507	-	-	131,507	-	8,200	22,101	51,520	37,242	12,444	-
Recordation Tax Premium (MCG)	12,386	1,186	3,000	8,200	8,200	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Aid	6,000	-	3,500	2,500	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-
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APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 23 Approp. Request	7,200	Year First Appropriation	FY20
Appropriation FY 24 Approp. Request	8,200	Last FY's Cost Estimate	24,000
Cumulative Appropriation	15,000		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	4,667		
Unencumbered Balance	10,333		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will design and construct a new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line on MD 355 between Rockville and Germantown from Montgomery College - Rockville to Montgomery College - Germantown. The project includes dedicated BRT lanes, new BRT stations with level boarding and off-board payment, Transit Signal Priority (TSP), purchase of new zero-emission BRT buses, and other associated pedestrian and bicycle improvements along the corridor. Planning conducted by the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) resulted in several alternatives retained for detailed study in 2017

for BRT along MD 355 from Bethesda to Clarksburg. In 2019, MCDOT completed the planning phase. MCDOT has been working on preliminary engineering and project phasing since 2020. Preliminary engineering of the full corridor from Bethesda to Clarksburg is being completed and then final design and construction for the Central segment will occur. Final design and construction of the North and South segments will occur as a separate project.

LOCATION

The MD 355 BRT corridor spans Clarksburg to Bethesda. The Central phase of this project will include the master plan areas of Shady Grove and Germantown, as well as the cities of Rockville and Gaithersburg. A subsequent phase will provide service to the master plan areas of Bethesda, North Bethesda, Garrett Park, White Flint and Clarksburg.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Project planning was completed in FY19. Preliminary engineering began in FY20 and will be completed in FY23. Final design will immediately follow and will be completed in FY25. Construction activities, including right of way acquisition, will begin in FY25. Construction will be completed in FY28.

COST CHANGE

Increased funding to complete final design of the Central phase from Rockville to Germantown, acquire right of way, relocate utilities, complete construction, and purchase buses.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

MD 355 FLASH will transform mobility options with the implementation of a 22-mile, premium, branded, limited-stop BRT service along MD 355 between Clarksburg and Bethesda. This new service will improve transit travel time and increase opportunity for a broad range of users along a highly congested corridor. MD 355 FLASH will improve passenger transit mobility by connecting riders to high density housing and employment centers. MD 355 FLASH is being phased to accelerate delivery. This phase will implement BRT between Rockville and Germantown. Extensions to Bethesda and Clarksburg will follow.

FISCAL NOTE

Programming of funds through final design and construction improves the project's eligibility for earlier entry into the Federal Transit Administration's Capital Investment Grant program. This project will utilize Op Lanes Maryland revenue proceeds, which have been pledged by the Maryland Department of Transportation to fund high priority public transit projects in Montgomery County.

DISCLOSURES

A pedestrian impact analysis will be performed during design or is in progress. The County Executive asserts that this project conforms to the requirement of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.

COORDINATION

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Maryland DOT State Highway Administration & Maryland Transit Administration, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Permitting Services, Washington Gas, Pepco, Verizon, Comcast, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Federal Transit Administration, City of Gaithersburg, City of

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