

# North Bethesda Metro Station Northern Entrance

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Category
SubCategory
Planning Area

Transportation

Mass Transit (MCG)

North Bethesda-Garrett Park

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Administering Agency

Status

01/04/23

Transportation

Preliminary Design Stage

#### **EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)**

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY22	Rem FY22	Total 6 Years	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	5,220	-	-	5,220	-	2,000	3,108	112	-	-	-
Construction	7,395	-	-	7,134	-	-	-	-	3,219	3,915	261
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	12,615	-	-	12,354	-	2,000	3,108	112	3,219	3,915	261

#### FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Funding Source	Total	Thru FY22	Rem FY22	Total 6 Years	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	Beyond 6 Years
G.O. Bonds	8,115	-	-	7,854	-	-	608	112	3,219	3,915	261
State Aid	4,500	-	-	4,500	-	2,000	2,500	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	12,615	-	-	12,354	-	2,000	3,108	112	3,219	3,915	261

#### OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000s)

Impact Type	Total 6 Years	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28
Maintenance	5	-	-	-	-	-	5
Energy	5	-	-	-	-	-	5
NET IMPACT	10	-	-	_	_	-	10

#### APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 24 Request	5,220	Year First Appropriation	
Cumulative Appropriation	-	Last FY's Cost Estimate	12,615
Expenditure / Encumbrances	-		
Unencumbered Balance	-		

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project provides for planning and preliminary engineering of access improvements to the North Bethesda Metro Station (formerly known as the White Flint Metro Station). Access is currently limited to the southern end of the platform. Metro has conducted a feasibility study of providing additional access at the northern end of the platform, including potential pedestrian underpass connections of MD 355 (Rockville Pike). Construction of northern access to the station will reduce walk times to the Metro Platform.

If included, the pedestrian underpasses will reduce conflicts with motor vehicle traffic at the intersection of Old Georgetown Road and MD 355.

### **LOCATION**

MD355 (Rockville Pike) at Old Georgetown Road/North Bethesda Metro Station.

#### ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Fully funded design will start in FY24. Construction will begin in FY27. The schedule is adjusted to allow time to explore a partnership with a private partner consistent with WMATA's redevelopment plan schedule.

#### PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

This project is needed to improve the mobility, and safety for all facility users within the project area by reducing walking distances and times to the Metro station platforms. The project may also reduce existing conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles. Currently, transit users, pedestrians, and bicyclists cross MD 355 Rockville Pike) and Old Georgetown Road to access the Metro Station. If the underpasses are included, this project reduces the need for at-grade pedestrian crossings. Traffic volumes and speeds on MD 355 can be high and pedestrians must cross over seven lanes of traffic.

#### FISCAL NOTE

Total cost is expected to be approximately \$34.8 million. The remaining funds will be solicited from WMATA, MDOT, and developer contributions. Local share adjusted due to affordability. State aid in FY24-25 reflects State grants for capital projects in Montgomery County preauthorized during the 2022 State General Assembly Session.

## **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 & Planning Commission, Maryland State Highway Administration, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority