



Ride On Bus Fleet

(P500821)

Category	Transportation	Date Last Modified	02/28/25
SubCategory	Mass Transit (MCG)	Administering Agency	Transportation
Planning Area	Countywide	Status	Ongoing

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY24	Rem FY24	Total 6 Years	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	600	-	-	600	100	100	100	100	100	100	-
Other	501,320	192,069	77,014	232,237	15,075	16,870	64,935	45,198	28,611	61,548	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	501,920	192,069	77,014	232,837	15,175	16,970	65,035	45,298	28,711	61,648	-

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Funding Source	Total	Thru FY24	Rem FY24	Total 6 Years	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	Beyond 6 Years
Contributions	820	430	390	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current Revenue: Mass Transit	262,591	47,982	58,834	155,775	13,175	14,970	31,557	34,466	26,711	34,896	-
Fed Stimulus (State Allocation)	6,550	6,550	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Federal Aid	58,280	42,200	6,480	9,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	-
G.O. Bonds	956	956	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impact Tax	2,350	2,350	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Short-Term Financing	149,578	81,261	3,255	65,062	-	-	31,478	8,832	-	24,752	-
State Aid	20,795	10,340	8,055	2,400	400	400	400	400	400	400	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	501,920	192,069	77,014	232,837	15,175	16,970	65,035	45,298	28,711	61,648	-

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 26 Approp. Request	(4,630)	Year First Appropriation	FY09
Cumulative Appropriation	305,858	Last FY's Cost Estimate	515,155
Expenditure / Encumbrances	267,666		
Unencumbered Balance	38,192		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project provides for the purchase of replacement and additional buses in the Ride On fleet in accordance with the Division of Transit Services' bus replacement plan and the Federal Transportation Administration's service guidelines.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

The funding schedule provides for the replacement of 182 heavy transit buses in FY25-30. All buses will be replaced with

zero-emissions models with the goal of transitioning to a 100% zero-emission fleet.

COST CHANGE

Cost decrease reflects the elimination of farebox replacement costs.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The full-size transit buses have an expected useful life of twelve years. Smaller buses have an expected useful life of ten years. Microtransit buses have an expected life of four years.

OTHER

MCDOT will continue to apply for grants to cover the cost of additional zero emission buses and associated infrastructure. By deploying zero emission buses in lieu of clean diesel and natural gas buses, Ride On will reduce harmful emissions of greenhouse gases associated with its fleet. Ride On, through its commitment to have all future purchases zero-emission buses, is exceeding standards compared to most other transit agencies. For example, California, considered a leader in zero bus emissions implementation, enacted a regulation that will require all large transit agencies to include at least 25 percent zero emission buses in their new bus purchases beginning in 2023. In 2026, the California regulation requires that 50 percent of the total number of new buses purchased by large transit agencies must buy zero-emission buses.

Planned bus procurements assume that complimentary and required maintenance and charging/fueling infrastructure projects will be in place as needed. Planning for the development and further implementation of these projects will be funded primarily through this CIP.

Due to infrastructure constraints, 61 small diesel buses are being refurbished to extend their service lives and delay replacement until zero-emission charging/fueling infrastructure plans are developed for all depots.

FISCAL NOTE

FY24 supplemental in Current Revenue: Mass Transit for the amount of \$42,024,000, Federal aid for the amount of \$3,200,000, State aid for the amount of \$800,000.

DISCLOSURES

Expenditures will continue indefinitely. 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

Department of General Services, Maryland Transit Administration