



White's Ferry

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Category	Transportation	Date Last Modified	04/10/25
SubCategory	Roads	Administering Agency	Transportation
Planning Area	Poolesville and Vicinity	Status	Planning Stage

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
Other	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	-	-

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
Current Revenue: General	1,500	-	-	1,500	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	-
State Aid	1,500	-	-	1,500	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	-	-

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 26 Approp. Request	-	Year First Appropriation	
Cumulative Appropriation	-	Last FY's Cost Estimate	-
Expenditure / Encumbrances	-		
Unencumbered Balance	-		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project provides for a public incentive to the owners of Potomac Crossing LLC and Rockland Farm LLC to restore the operation of White's Ferry to provide ferry service between Montgomery County, MD and Loudoun County, VA. The project includes planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, acquisition of property rights and capital equipping to restore ferry service.

LOCATION

White's Ferry Potomac River crossing in Dickerson, MD

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Agreement between the property owners is required by July 1, 2026. Resumption of the ferry service is dependent on permitting, land use approvals and an operating agreement between the parties.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Ferry service across the Potomac River is recognized as an important part of the region's transportation network. White's Ferry ceased operations on December 28, 2020, following a Circuit Court opinion in a private lawsuit over the use of private land for the ferry landing in Virginia. Prior to closing, White's Ferry transported approximately 600 to 800 vehicles per day across the river and connected bicyclists and pedestrians between Montgomery County, Maryland, and Loudoun County, Virginia.

FISCAL NOTE

State Aid in FY26 reflects a State grant for capital projects in Montgomery County programmed during the 2025 Maryland General Assembly session.

DISCLOSURES

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 Department of Transportation, Loudoun County, Virginia Department of Transportation