



Bicycle-Pedestrian Priority Area Improvements - Wheaton CBD (P502002)

Category	Transportation	Date Last Modified	02/25/26
SubCategory	Pedestrian Facilities/Bikeways	Administering Agency	Transportation
Planning Area	Kensington-Wheaton	Status	Ongoing

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY25	Est FY26	Total 6 Years	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	FY 32	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	4,611	2,181	345	2,085	294	631	535	500	57	68	-
Land	783	6	742	35	-	-	-	35	-	-	-
Site Improvements and Utilities	71	21	-	50	-	-	-	-	50	-	-
Construction	8,896	91	2,689	6,116	3,007	2,159	-	-	450	500	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	14,361	2,299	3,776	8,286	3,301	2,790	535	535	557	568	-

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Funding Source	Total	Thru FY25	Est FY26	Total 6 Years	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	FY 32	Beyond 6 Years
G.O. Bonds	12,641	579	3,776	8,286	3,301	2,790	535	535	557	568	-
Impact Tax	1,720	1,720	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	14,361	2,299	3,776	8,286	3,301	2,790	535	535	557	568	-

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000s)

Impact Type	Total 6 Years	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	FY 32
Maintenance	90	5	10	15	20	20	20
Energy	18	1	2	3	4	4	4
NET IMPACT	108	6	12	18	24	24	24

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 27 Approp. Request	2,179	Year First Appropriation	FY20
Appropriation FY 28 Approp. Request	631	Last FY's Cost Estimate	11,551
Cumulative Appropriation	9,356		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	3,330		
Unencumbered Balance	6,026		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project funds the design and construction of bicycle and pedestrian capital infrastructure in the Wheaton Central Business District

(CBD) Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Area (BiPPA) and identified in the Wheaton Central Business District (CBD) and Vicinity Sector Plan. Recommended improvements will include new sidewalks, separated bikeways, shared-use paths, streetscape improvements, lighting, signal and accessibility upgrades, intersection safety improvements, bike parking, bicyclist and pedestrian wayfinding, and other treatments intended to improve safety and mobility for cyclists and pedestrians. Future projects include intersection safety improvements identified as high priority and near-term in the Wheaton BiPPA Study.

LOCATION

Wheaton CBD and Vicinity

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Amherst Avenue Bikeway, design completed in FY26 and construction in FY27 and FY28. McComas Ave Greenway (Phase 2), design in FY27 and construction in FY28. Blueridge Ave. bike lanes project design in FY26 and FY27 and construction in FY27 and FY28. Kensington Blvd. sidepath design in FY28 and construction in FY28 and FY29. Elkin Street sidepath design in FY29 and FY30 and construction in FY31 and FY32.

COST CHANGE

Cost increase is due to inflation and increase in design and construction costs. Funding added in FY31 and FY32 for this ongoing project.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

This project will enhance and promote accessibility, safety, mobility and comfort for people walking and biking in the Wheaton CBD. The primary purpose of this project is to build better and safer facilities. In urban areas, walking and bicycling are among the most affordable forms of transportation, providing safe and efficient access to transit. Providing safe, convenient and attractive bicycle and pedestrian access, along with modernizing aging infrastructure is essential to ensure equity for all and provide access to jobs, education, public services and the social network. The Wheaton CBD and Vicinity includes the Wheaton Metro Station and Bus Transfer Center, the Wheaton CBD, town square and adjacent public park and government office building, high-density housing, commercial and retail uses including small businesses and Westfield Wheaton (mall), employment areas, entertainment venues, Wheaton Regional Park, connections to the Sligo Creek Trail, Wheaton Library, Recreation and Community Center, fire and police stations, the Mid-County Regional Services Center, M-NCPPC and multiple County agencies, Proyecto Salud Clinic, the Gilchrist Immigration Resource Center, and the Adult Behavioral Health Program. This project supports the ongoing redevelopment of the Wheaton CBD, and will help meet master planned Non-Auto Driver Mode Share (NADMS) goals.

OTHER

Completed projects include: Upton Dr. Greenway in FY24, and McComas Ave. Greenway Phase 1 in FY26. Current and future projects include: Amherst Ave. Bikeway, McComas Ave. Greenway Phase 2 (Georgia Ave. to Amherst Ave.), Blueridge Ave. separated bike lanes (Grandview Ave. to Taber St.), Kensington Blvd. sidepath (Galt Ave. to Grandview Ave.), Elkin St. sidepath (Blueridge Rd to Bucknell Dr.).

FISCAL NOTE

FY25 actuals funding switch between GO Bonds and Impact Taxes.

DISCLOSURES

A pedestrian impact analysis has been completed for this project.

COORDINATION

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee, Maryland State Highway Administration, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), Department of Permitting Services and utilities.

