



Bus Rapid Transit: System Development

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Category	Transportation	Date Last Modified	01/06/26
SubCategory	Mass Transit (MCG)	Administering Agency	Transportation
Planning Area	Countywide	Status	Planning Stage

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	32,084	23,894	5,190	3,000	500	500	500	500	500	500	-
Land	49	49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Site Improvements and Utilities	1,474	1,474	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	267	267	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	33,874	25,684	5,190	3,000	500	500	500	500	500	500	-

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
Current Revenue: Mass Transit	13,375	8,888	1,487	3,000	500	500	500	500	500	500	-
Federal Aid	500	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G.O. Bonds	6,321	6,321	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impact Tax	2,500	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recordation Tax Premium (MCG)	2,000	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revenue Bonds: Liquor Fund	3,179	3,179	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Aid	5,999	2,296	3,703	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	33,874	25,684	5,190	3,000	500	500	500	500	500	500	-

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 27 Request	500	Year First Appropriation	FY13
Appropriation FY 28 Request	500	Last FY's Cost Estimate	32,874
Cumulative Appropriation	30,874		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	27,693		
Unencumbered Balance	3,181		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project provides for the initial steps and supporting studies for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridors in the County, supplementing the Metrorail Red Line and MTA Purple Line currently under construction. The County Council approved the Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan, an amendment to the Master Plan of Highways and Transportation, on November 26, 2013. The amendment authorizes the Department of Transportation to study enhanced transit options and Bus Rapid Transit for ten transit corridors, including: Georgia Avenue North, Georgia Avenue South, MD 355 North, MD 355 South, New Hampshire Avenue, North

Bethesda Transitway, Randolph Road, University Boulevard, U.S. 29, and Veirs Mill Road. The project also funds programmatic efforts needed to advance the BRT system.

COST CHANGE

Cost increase due to addition of level of effort funding in FY31 and FY32.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The proposed BRT aims to mitigate congestion on County and State roadways, provide improved transit options, increase transit ridership, and improve air quality. The BRT will enhance the County's ability to meet transportation demands for existing and future land uses. Plans and Studies: MCDOT Countywide Bus Rapid Transit Study, Final Report (July 2011); County Executive's Transit Task Force (May 2012); and Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan (November 2013); MCDOT U.S. 29 Bus Rapid Transit Project Description Report (March 2017); Maryland Transit Administration, MD 355 Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Planning Study (April 2017); Maryland Transit Administration, U.S. 29 Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Planning Study (April 2017); MDOT MD 586 (Veirs Mill Road) Draft Corridor Study Report (September 2016); MD 355 Phase 2 Corridor Study Report (June 2019).

FISCAL NOTE

Expenditures will continue as necessary to advance bus rapid transit implementation on master planned transit corridors.

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, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, City of Rockville, City of Gaithersburg, Prince George's County