



North Bethesda Metro Station Access Improvements

(P502106)

Category	Transportation	Date Last Modified	01/06/26
SubCategory	Mass Transit (MCG)	Administering Agency	Transportation
Planning Area	North Bethesda-Garrett Park	Status	Under Construction

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	1,680	1,194	63	423	423	-	-	-	-	-	-
Land	15	10	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	4,375	373	2	4,000	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,070	1,577	70	4,423	4,423	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	3,210	1,276	11	1,923	1,923	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Aid	2,860	301	59	2,500	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	6,070	1,577	70	4,423	4,423	-	-	-	-	-	-

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000s)

Impact Type		Total 6 Years	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	FY 32
Maintenance		25	-	5	5	5	5	5
Energy		5	-	1	1	1	1	1
NET IMPACT		30	-	6	6	6	6	6

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 27 Request	2,500	Year First Appropriation	FY21
Appropriation FY 28 Request	-	Last FY's Cost Estimate	3,570
Cumulative Appropriation	3,570		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	1,864		
Unencumbered Balance	1,706		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project provides the final design and construction 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. Planned improvements funded for

design and construction include modification of the intersection of Old Georgetown Road and Rockville Pike as well as sidewalk and streetscape improvements on the frontage of roads connecting the North Bethesda Metro Station entrance to surrounding areas. Metro has conducted a feasibility study of providing 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.

LOCATION

MD 355 (Rockville Pike) at Old Georgetown Road/North Bethesda Metro Station

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Construction of the sidewalk and streetscape improvements along MD 355 (Rockville Pike) was completed in FY22. The construction of intersection improvements at Old Georgetown Road and MD 355 are projected to be completed in FY27 in conjunction with the North Bethesda Metro Station Northern Entrance project.

COST CHANGE

Cost change is due to inflation in construction costs.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

This project is needed to improve the mobility and safety for all facility users within the project area by improving the walking routes 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. Traffic volumes and speeds on MD 355 can be high, and pedestrians must cross over seven lanes of traffic.

FISCAL NOTE

A State grant provided \$360,000 in FY23 for pedestrian improvements in the White Flint area. \$2.5 million of State Aid was shifted in FY27 from the North Bethesda Area Redevelopment Infrastructure (CIP 0502315) to support the additional funding needed for construction of the intersection improvements. This \$2.5 million is part of a \$6 million state grant awarded during the 2023 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-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Maryland State Highway Administration, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

