

Bus Stop Improvements -- No. 507658

Category **Transportation**
 Agency **Public Works & Transportation**
 Planning Area **Countywide**
 Relocation Impact **None**

Date Last Modified
 Required Adequate Public Facility

May 19, 2006
 NO

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY05	Est. FY06	Total 6 Years	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	1,422	0	22	1,400	220	220	240	240	240	240	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	9,924	0	324	9,600	780	780	1,760	1,760	2,260	2,260	0
Other	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	11,356	0	356	11,000	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,500	2,500	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

G. O. Bonds	10,256	0	356	9,900	900	900	1,800	1,800	2,250	2,250	0
Mass Transit Fund	1,100	0	0	1,100	100	100	200	200	250	250	0
State Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

DESCRIPTION

This project provides for the installation and improvement of capital amenities at bus stops in Montgomery County to make them safer, more accessible, and attractive to users and to improve pedestrian safety for County transit passengers. These enhancements can include items such as sidewalk connections, improved pedestrian access, pedestrian refuge islands and other crossing safety measures, area lighting, paved passenger standing areas, and other safety upgrades. In prior years, this project included funding for the installation and replacement of bus shelters and benches along Ride-On and County Metrobus routes; benches and shelters are now handled under the operating budget.

JUSTIFICATION

Many of the County's bus stops have safety, security, or right-of-way deficiencies since they are located on roads which were not originally built to accommodate pedestrians. Problems include: lack of drainage around the site, sidewalk connections, passenger standing areas or pads, lighting or pedestrian access, and unsafe street crossings to get to the bus stop. This project addresses significant bus stop safety issues to ease access to transit service. Correction of these deficiencies will result in fewer pedestrian accidents related to bus riders, improved accessibility of the system, increased attractiveness of transit as a means of transportation, and greater ridership. Making transit a more viable option than the automobile requires enhanced facilities as well as increased frequency and level of service. Getting riders to the bus and providing an adequate and safe facility to wait for the bus will help to achieve the goal. The County has approximately 5,400 bus stops. The recently completed inventory and assessment of each bus stop has determined what is needed at each location to render the stop safe and accessible to all transit passengers.

Plans and Studies

In FY05, a contractor developed a GIS-referenced bus stop inventory and condition assessment for all bus stops in the County, criteria to determine which bus stops need improvements, and a prioritized listing of bus stop relocations, improvements, and passenger amenities. The survey and review of bus stop data have been completed. Pedestrian safety will be considered during design.

Cost Change

Increase is due to completion of the study and assessment that identifies deficiencies at bus stops.

STATUS

Ongoing.

OTHER

Any required purchase of land for right-of-way will be funded initially out of the Advance Land Acquisition Revolving Fund (ALARF), then reimbursed by a future appropriation from this project. The total cost of this project may increase when land expenditures are programmed.

FISCAL NOTE

Funding for this project is general obligation bonds dedicated to Mass Transit with debt service financed from the Mass Transit Facilities Fund.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA

Date First Appropriation	FY76	(\$000)
Initial Cost Estimate		241
First Cost Estimate		
Current Scope	FY07	11,356
Last FY's Cost Estimate		1,253
Present Cost Estimate		11,356
Appropriation Request	FY07	999
Appropriation Request Est.	FY08	1,000
Supplemental Appropriation Request	FY06	0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		357
Expenditures/		
Encumbrances		155
Unencumbered Balance		202
Partial Closeout Thru	FY04	1,985
New Partial Closeout	FY05	296
Total Partial Closeout		2,281

COORDINATION

Civic Associations
 Municipalities
 Maryland State Highway Administration
 Maryland Transit Administration
 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
 Commission on Aging
 Commission on People with Disabilities
 Montgomery County Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee
 Citizen Advisory Boards

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