

Long Branch Pedestrian Linkages -- No. 760600

Category
Agency
Planning Area
Relocation Impact

Housing and Community Development
Housing & Community Affairs
Silver Spring
None.

Date Last Modified
Required Adequate Public Facility

May 23, 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 | 1,029 | 0 | 399 | 630 | 240 | 150 | 120 | 120 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Land | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Site Improvements and Utilities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Construction | 1,950 | 0 | 100 | 1,850 | 350 | 500 | 400 | 600 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 2,979 | 0 | 499 | 2,480 | 590 | 650 | 520 | 720 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

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|-----------------------------------|-------|---|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|---|---|
| Community Development Block Grant | 2,780 | 0 | 300 | 2,480 | 590 | 650 | 520 | 720 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Aid | 199 | 0 | 199 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

DESCRIPTION

This project will provide for a series of linkages in the Long Branch community that will connect the high-density residential areas with the Village Center and other key activity/service centers such as the Long Branch Library, playground, and Long Branch Community Center through signage and enhanced streetscaping. The objective is to support the vitality of the businesses in the commercial area and create new opportunities for private investment; to improve visual appearance of the main streets, Piney Branch Road between University Boulevard West and Flower Avenue, and Flower Avenue between Piney Branch Road and Arliss Street; to improve vehicular, bike, and pedestrian accessibility and circulation between the existing public facilities; to establish a more pedestrian-friendly environment throughout the Village core; and to stabilize, protect, and enhance existing streamside areas and nature paths in the Village Center. This project will be closely coordinated with all activities undertaken in connection with the recommendation of the Urban Land Institute's Technical Assistance Panel Report titled "The Long Branch Community", dated February, 2005. The scope has been refined and funding for implementation of this project is identified.

Service Area

Silver Spring

JUSTIFICATION

This is one of the oldest, most densely populated, and most diverse areas of Montgomery County and it suffers from higher than average poverty, older housing stock, changing population and increased youth and pedestrian injury issues. Based on the assessment of the Long Branch Task Force, improvements in this area are a critical part of the overall action plan to upgrade the quality of life in the Long Branch area.

Plans and Studies

Long Branch Village Center: Urban Design Concept, prepared by Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Baltimore; East Silver Spring Master Plan. Pedestrian safety will be considered during design. Urban Land Institute's Technical Assistance Panel Report titled "The Long Branch Community", dated February, 2005. The Department is working closely with DEP on clean-up (removing trash and invasive species) in the Long Branch Stream Valley from Piney Branch Road north for approximately 200 linear feet. Also, in coordination with DEP and the Parks Department of M-NCPPC, the Department will try to correct some of the erosion gullies and re-plant the area with the native species.

Cost Change

Increase due to the addition of construction costs to this project.

STATUS

Facility planning and design.

OTHER

The design and planning stages, as well as final completion of the project will comply with the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT), Maryland State Highway Administration (MSHA), Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), American Association of State Highway Officials (AASTHO), and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

The Council requests the Department provide a briefing and written information once the design is completed for the first phase of the linkages project. The written information must include how public safety will be addressed on the path and bridge. This safety plan must be approved by the County Police and Park Police.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA

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|----------------------------|------|---------|
| Date First Appropriation | FY06 | (\$000) |
| Initial Cost Estimate | | 300 |
| First Cost Estimate | | |
| Current Scope | FY07 | 2,979 |
| Last FY's Cost Estimate | | 300 |
| Present Cost Estimate | | 2,979 |
| | | |
| Appropriation Request | FY07 | 0 |
| Appropriation Request Est. | FY08 | 0 |
| Supplemental | | |
| Appropriation Request | FY06 | 199 |
| Transfer | | 0 |
| | | |
| Cumulative Appropriation | | 300 |
| Expenditures/ | | |
| Encumbrances | | 8 |
| Unencumbered Balance | | 292 |
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| Partial Closeout Thru | FY04 | 0 |
| New Partial Closeout | FY05 | 0 |
| Total Partial Closeout | | 0 |

COORDINATION

Department of Public Works and Transportation
Department of Permitting Services
Department of Recreation
Department of Public Libraries
Utility Companies
M-NCPPC
Maryland State Highway Administration

FY07 - CDBG Appropriation: \$240,000
FY08 - CDBG Appropriation: \$650,000

MAP

