

Bethesda Metro Station South Entrance (P500929)

Category Transportation
 Sub Category Mass Transit
 Administering Agency Transportation (AAGE30)
 Planning Area Bethesda-Chevy Chase

Date Last Modified 1/5/13
 Required Adequate Public Facility No
 Relocation Impact None
 Status Preliminary Design Stage

Total	Thru FY12	Rem FY12	Total 6 Years	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	Beyond 6 Yrs
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EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Planning, Design and Supervision	9,296	1,096	0	8,200	4,000	3,200	1,000	0	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	70,800	0	0	53,800	0	0	6,550	18,300	28,950	17,000	
Other	404	0	404	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	80,500	1,096	404	62,000	4,000	3,200	1,000	6,550	18,300	28,950	17,000

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

G.O. Bonds	74,705	301	4	57,400	0	2,600	1,000	6,550	18,300	28,950	17,000
PAYGO	795	795	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds: Liquor Fund	5,000	0	400	4,600	4,000	600	0	0	0	0	
Total	80,500	1,096	404	62,000	4,000	3,200	1,000	6,550	18,300	28,950	17,000

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (000s)

Appropriation Request	FY 14	0
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		16,100
Expenditure / Encumbrances		1,096
Unencumbered Balance		15,004

Date First Appropriation	FY 09	
First Cost Estimate		
Current Scope	FY 13	80,500
Last FY's Cost Estimate		80,500

Description

This project provides access from Elm Street west of Wisconsin Avenue to the southern end of the Bethesda Metrorail Station. The Metrorail Red Line runs below Wisconsin Avenue through Bethesda more than 120 feet below the surface, considerably deeper than the Purple Line right-of-way. The Bethesda Metrorail station has one entrance, near East West Highway. The Metrorail station was built with accommodations for a future southern entrance. The Bethesda light rail transit (LRT) station would have platforms located just west of Wisconsin Avenue on the Georgetown Branch right-of-way. This platform allows a direct connection between LRT and Metrorail, making transfers as convenient as possible. Six station elevators would be located in the Elm Street right-of-way, which would require narrowing the street and extending the sidewalk. The station would include a new south entrance to the Metrorail station, including a new mezzanine above the Metrorail platform, similar to the existing mezzanine at the present station's north end. The mezzanine would use the existing knock-out panel in the arch of the station and the passageway that was partially excavated when the station was built in anticipation of the future construction of a south entrance.

Estimated Schedule

Design: Fall FY10 through FY15. Construction: To take 30 months but must be coordinated and implemented as part of the State Purple Line project that is dependent upon State and Federal funding. Project schedule has been delayed as implementation plan is subject to the construction of the Purple Line.

Cost Change

Due to MTA's updated estimates for design and construction of the project.

Other

Part of Elm Street west of Wisconsin Avenue will be closed for a period during construction.

Fiscal Note

Reflects delay of six months for fiscal capacity; however, this funding shift is not likely to delay the project since the State has not yet identified construction funding.

The funds for this project were initially programmed in the State Transportation Participation project. Appropriation of \$5 million for design was transferred from the State Transportation Participation project in FY09. The Maryland Transit Authority (MTA) publicly announced in October 2011 that the original cost estimate has increased to \$80.5 million based upon a construction mid-point in FY18. The construction date for the project remains uncertain and is directly linked to the Purple Line construction at the Bethesda Station.

Coordination

Maryland Transit Administration, WMATA, M-NCPPC, Bethesda Lot 31 Parking Garage project, Department of Transportation, Department of General Services, , Special Capital Projects Legislation [Bill No. 19-08] was adopted by Council June 10, 2008.