

# Metropolitan Branch Trail (P501110)

Category	Transportation	Date Last Modified	4/21/14
Sub Category	Pedestrian Facilities/Bikeways	Required Adequate Public Facility	No
Administering Agency	Transportation (AAGE30)	Relocation Impact	None
Planning Area	Silver Spring	Status	Final Design Stage

	Total	Thru FY13	Est FY14	Total 6 Years	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	Beyond 6 Yrs
<b>EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)</b>											
Planning, Design and Supervision	2,481	776	1,044	661	0	200	100	361	0	0	0
Land	2,990	8	22	2,960	1,740	1,220	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	381	0	0	381	0	50	0	331	0	0	0
Construction	6,295	0	0	6,295	0	1,000	500	4,795	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,147</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>10,297</b>	<b>1,740</b>	<b>2,470</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>5,487</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)</b>											
G.O. Bonds	12,147	784	1,066	10,297	1,740	2,470	600	5,487	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,147</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>10,297</b>	<b>1,740</b>	<b>2,470</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>5,487</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000s)</b>											
Energy				2	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Maintenance				2	0	0	0	0	1	1	
<b>Net Impact</b>				<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	

### APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (000s)

Appropriation Request	FY 15	1,430
Appropriation Request Est.	FY 16	1,694
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		2,936
Expenditure / Encumbrances		1,623
Unencumbered Balance		1,313

Date First Appropriation	FY 11
First Cost Estimate	
Current Scope	FY 13
Last FY's Cost Estimate	12,147

### Description

This project provides for completing preliminary engineering and final engineering necessary to obtain CSX and WMATA approvals for the 0.62 mile segment of this trail in Montgomery County between the end of the existing trail in Takoma Park and the Silver Spring Transit Center. The trail will be designed to be 8 feet to 10 feet in width. This project also includes the land acquisition, site improvements, utility relocations, and construction of the project from the Silver Spring Transit Center to the east side of Georgia Avenue, including a new or expanded bridge over Georgia Avenue, as well as the segment along Fenton Street, from King Street to the north end of the existing trail. The construction will be performed in two phases; the second phase will construct the trail across the historic rail station property and will include the crossing over Georgia Avenue. The design will also include a grade-separated crossing of Burlington Avenue, the narrowing of Selim Road, the trail segment on King Street, and the construction of new retaining walls and reconstruction of existing retaining walls.

### Estimated Schedule

Final design will be completed in FY14. Land acquisition will be completed in FY16. Utility relocations will be completed in FY18. Construction will begin in FY16 and will be completed in FY18.

### Justification

The Metropolitan Branch Trail is to be part of a larger system of trails to enable non-motorized travel around the Washington region. The overall goal for these trails is to create a bicycle beltway that links Union Station and the Mall in Washington, D.C. to Takoma Park, Silver Spring, and Bethesda in Maryland. The trail will serve pedestrians, bicyclists, joggers, and skaters, and will be Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) accessible. Plans & Studies: Silver Spring Central Business District Sector Plan.

### Other

The County is currently negotiating with the Maryland Historical Trust regarding right-of-way impacts and the final alignment of a pedestrian bridge crossing over Georgia Avenue. The initial design for this project was funded through Facility Planning: Transportation (CIP #509337). The expenditures reflects the previously approved FY13-18 alignment over Georgia Avenue, which provides a crossing that is safe, cost-effective, and has a more limited visual impact than other proposed alternatives.

### Fiscal Note

Federal Transportation Enhancement Funds will be pursued after property acquisition is complete.

### Disclosures

A pedestrian impact analysis has been completed for this project.

### Coordination

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, CSX-Transportation, Maryland State Highway Administration, Montgomery College, Maryland Historical Trust, Purple Line Project, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services