

Falls Road East Side Hiker/ Biker Path (P500905)

Category	Transportation	Date Last Modified	11/17/14
Sub Category	Pedestrian Facilities/Bikeways	Required Adequate Public Facility	No
Administering Agency	Transportation (AAGE30)	Relocation Impact	None
Planning Area	Potomac-Travilah	Status	Preliminary Design Stage

	Total	Thru FY14	Rem FY14	Total 6 Years	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	Beyond 6 Yrs
EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)											
Planning, Design and Supervision	1,786	0	0	695	0	0	0	119	489	87	1,091
Land	2,700	0	0	2,700	0	0	0	0	1,622	1,078	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,000
Construction	17,344	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17,344
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	24,830	0	0	3,395	0	0	0	119	2,111	1,165	21,435

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)											
G.O. Bonds	18,536	0	0	3,395	0	0	0	119	2,111	1,165	15,141
Impact Tax	6,244	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,244
Intergovernmental	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Total	24,830	0	0	3,395	0	0	0	119	2,111	1,165	21,435

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (000s)

Appropriation Request	FY 16	0
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		0
Expenditure / Encumbrances		0
Unencumbered Balance		0

Date First Appropriation	FY 16
First Cost Estimate	
Current Scope	FY 15 24,830
Last FY's Cost Estimate	24,830

Description

This project provides funds to develop final design plans, acquire right-of-way, and construct approximately 4 miles of an 8-foot bituminous hiker/biker path along the east side of Falls Road from River Road to Dunster Road. Falls Road is classified as a major highway and has a number of side street connections along the project corridor. The path will provide pedestrians and cyclists safe access to communities along this project corridor, and will provide a connection to existing pedestrian facilities to the north (Rockville) and to the south (Potomac).

Estimated Schedule

Final design to start in FY18. Property acquisition will start in FY19 and take approximately 18 months to complete. Utility relocations and construction will start and be completed after FY20.

Justification

This path provides vital access to public transportation along Falls Road. The path will provide pedestrian access to the following destinations: bus stops along Falls Road, Bullis School, Ritchie Park Elementary School, Potomac Community Center, Potomac Library, Potomac Village Shopping Center, Potomac Promenade Shopping Center, Heritage Farm Park, Falls Road Golf Club, Falls Road Park, and a number of religious facilities along Falls Road. The 2002 Potomac Subregion Master Plan calls for a Class I (off-road) bike path along Falls Road from the Rockville City limit to MacArthur Boulevard. The path is a missing link between existing bicycle facilities within the City of Rockville and existing path along Falls Road south of River Road.

Fiscal Note

Intergovernmental revenue represents the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's (WSSC) portion of the water and sewer relocation costs. Federal Transportation Enhancement Funds will be pursued after property acquisition has been completed.

Disclosures

A pedestrian impact analysis has been completed for this project.

Coordination

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, State Highway Administration, Utility Companies, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Permitting Services, Washington Gas, Pepco, Verizon, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Bikeway Program - Minor Projects