

Rapid Transit System (P501318)

Category Transportation
 Sub Category Mass Transit
 Administering Agency Transportation (AAGE30)
 Planning Area Countywide

Date Last Modified 11/17/14
 Required Adequate Public Facility No
 Relocation Impact None
 Status Planning Stage

	Total	Thru FY15	Est FY16	Total 6 Years	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	Beyond 6 Yrs
EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)											
Planning, Design and Supervision	5,721	978	2,143	2,600	1,600	1,000	0	0	0	0	0
Land	4	4	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5,725	982	2,143	2,600	1,600	1,000	0	0	0	0	0

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FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)											
Mass Transit Fund	1,625	625	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds: Liquor Fund	3,600	0	2,000	1,600	1,600	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Aid	500	357	143	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5,725	982	2,143	2,600	1,600	1,000	0	0	0	0	0

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (000s)

Appropriation Request	FY 17	1,600
Appropriation Request Est.	FY 18	1,000
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		3,125
Expenditure / Encumbrances		1,063
Unencumbered Balance		2,062

Date First Appropriation	FY 13
First Cost Estimate	
Current Scope	FY 17 5,725
Last FY's Cost Estimate	3,125

Description

This project provides for the initial steps and detailed studies related to a bus rapid transit system in the County, supplementing the Metrorail Red Line and master-planned Purple Line and Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT). The County Council approved the Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan, an amendment to the Master Plan of Highways and Transportation, on November 26, 2013. The amendment authorizes the Department of Transportation to study enhanced transit options and Bus Rapid Transit for 10 transit corridors, including: Georgia Avenue North, Georgia Avenue South, MD 355 North, MD 355 South, New Hampshire Avenue, North Bethesda Transitway, Randolph Road, University Boulevard, US 29, Veirs Mill Road and Corridor Cities Transitway.

Estimated Schedule

Facility planning for the MD 355 and US 29 corridors began in FY15 and will continue through at least FY17.

Cost Change

\$2 million in FY17 and FY18 for County oversight, studies, and consultant support; \$600,000 in FY17 to share cost with the Maryland Department of Transportation to complete facility planning for MD 355 and US 29 corridors.

Justification

The proposed RTS will reduce congestion on County and State roadways, increase transit ridership, and improve air quality. The RTS will enhance the County's ability to meet transportation demands for existing and future land uses. Plans & Studies: MCDOT Countywide Bus Rapid Transit Study, Final Report (July 2011); County Executive's Transit Task Force (May 2012); and, Countywide Transit corridors Functional Master Plan (November 2013).

Other

The County has programmed funds for the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to conduct preliminary engineering for A master-planned RTS line on Veirs Mill Road between the Rockville and Wheaton Metro Stations (\$6 million). This study is funded in the State Transportation Participation project, PDF #500722. The Georgia Avenue study was terminated in FY15.

Fiscal Note

The Maryland Department of Transportation draft Consolidated Transportation Program for 2014-2019 provides \$10M for County Rapid Transit System planning; \$4.2M in FY15 and \$5.8M in FY16. The Department is using these funds to begin facility planning for the MD 355 and US 29 corridors; FY17 includes \$1,600,000 in Liquor Bonds reallocated from the State Transportation Participation project. The project also includes \$1M in Liquor Bonds for facility planning on the New Hampshire Avenue corridor.

The Executive asserts that this project conforms to the requirements of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.

Coordination

Maryland Department of Transportation, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, City of Rockville, City of Gaithersburg, Montgomery County Rapid Transit Steering Committee, State Transportation Participation project (#500722)