



Falls Road East Side Hiker/ Biker Path (P500905)

Category	Transportation	Date Last Modified	05/18/18
SubCategory	Pedestrian Facilities/Bikeways	Administering Agency	Transportation
Planning Area	Potomac-Cabin John and Vicinity	Status	Preliminary Design Stage

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY18	Rem FY18	Total 6 Years	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	1,786	-	-	410	-	-	410	-	-	-	1,376
Land	2,700	-	-	2,700	-	-	-	990	990	720	-
Site Improvements and Utilities	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	-
Construction	17,344	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,344
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	24,830	-	-	6,110	-	-	410	990	990	3,720	18,720

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Funding Source	Total	Thru FY18	Rem FY18	Total 6 Years	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	Beyond 6 Years
G.O. Bonds	24,830	-	-	6,110	-	-	410	990	990	3,720	18,720
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	24,830	-	-	6,110	-	-	410	990	990	3,720	18,720

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 20 Request	-	Year First Appropriation	FY16
Cumulative Appropriation	-	Last FY's Cost Estimate	24,830
Expenditure / Encumbrances	-		
Unencumbered Balance	-		

PROJECT 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).

LOCATION

Falls Road from River Road to Dunster Road

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Final design to start in FY21. Property acquisition to start in FY22 and take approximately three years to complete. Utility relocations will start in FY24, and construction will start in FY25 with completion in FY26.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

This path provides 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.

OTHER

Montgomery County Department of Transportation has completed Phase 2 facility planning, preliminary design, with funds from the annual bikeway program. This project also supports the County Executive's Vision Zero initiative which aims to reduce injuries and fatalities on all roads.

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. The project schedule is adjusted due to fiscal capacity.

DISCLOSURES

A pedestrian impact analysis has been completed for this project.

COORDINATION

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), State Highway Administration, Utility Companies, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Permitting Services, Washington Gas, Pepco, Verizon, Maryland Department of Natural Resources; Special Capital Projects Legislation will be proposed by the County Executive.

