



Bus Rapid Transit: US 29

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Category	Transportation	Date Last Modified	01/03/20
SubCategory	Mass Transit (MCG)	Administering Agency	Transportation
Planning Area	Kemp Mill-Four Corners and Vicinity	Status	Final Design Stage

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY19	Est FY20	Total 6 Years	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	1,335	7	778	550	550	-	-	-	-	-	-
Land	2,000	109	1,891	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Site Improvements and Utilities	3,215	-	3,215	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	11,000	4,206	6,794	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	14,000	-	14,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	31,550	4,322	26,678	550	550	-	-	-	-	-	-

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Funding Source	Total	Thru FY19	Est FY20	Total 6 Years	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	Beyond 6 Years
Federal Aid	9,500	4,322	5,178	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G.O. Bonds	5,500	-	5,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impact Tax	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	550	-	-	550	550	-	-	-	-	-	-
Short-Term Financing	14,000	-	14,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	31,550	4,322	26,678	550	550	-	-	-	-	-	-

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 21 Request	550	Year First Appropriation	FY19
Appropriation FY 22 Request	-	Last FY's Cost Estimate	31,000
Cumulative Appropriation	31,000		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	27,834		
Unencumbered Balance	3,166		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will construct a new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line on US 29 from Burtonsville Park-and-Ride lot to the Silver Spring Transit Center. The project will build 18 new BRT station platforms with level boarding and off-board fare payment, purchase 14 new 60-foot articulated vehicles, implement Transit Signal Priority at 15 intersections, and construct improved bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, including 10 new Capital Bikeshare stations. The new BRT service will use the existing bus-on-shoulder lanes on US 29 in the northern section of the corridor and operate in mixed traffic in the southern section of US 29 and along Lockwood Drive, Stewart Lane, Briggs Chaney Road, and Castle Boulevard.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Project planning was completed in FY18 in project #501318 and design was completed in early FY19. Construction commenced in FY19 and will be completed in FY20, with revenue service starting in FY20. WSSC water line work to continue into FY21.

COST CHANGE

\$550,000 has been added in FY21 to account for the portion of the water and sewer relocation cost that will be paid by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission under a 50% cost sharing arrangement with the County. The previous project cost estimate only accounted for the County-funded portion of water/sewer relocation cost.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The project will transform mobility options with the implementation of a 14-mile, premium, branded, limited-stop BRT service along US 29. This new service will improve transit travel time and increase opportunity for a broad range of users, including a significant number of minority and low-income riders living along a highly congested corridor. The project will improve passenger transit mobility by connecting riders to high density housing and employment centers. This project is vital to the success of significant new private development and employment in the adopted White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan. Plans & Studies: MCDOT Countywide Bus Rapid Transit Study, Final Report (July 2011); County Executive's Transit Task Force (May 2012); Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan (November 2013); MCDOT US 29 Bus Rapid Transit Project Description Report (March 2017); Maryland Department of Transportation/Maryland Transit Administration US 29 Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Planning Study (April 2017).

OTHER

Prior to FY19, \$6.5 million for Planning and Design and \$500,000 in grant management was included in PDF 501318: Rapid Transit System (renamed to Bus Rapid Transit System Development in FY19). Since Planning and Design were close to completion at the end of FY18, only funds for the construction phase of the project (FY19 and 20) have been moved to this new PDF.

FISCAL NOTE

The project is receiving \$10 million of Federal funds through the Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program. The Federal funds will be used towards station and pedestrian/bicycle infrastructure construction. The Maryland Department of Transportation Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) for 2014-2019 provided \$10 million for County Rapid Transit System planning, a portion of which was used to begin facility planning on the US 29 corridor. Reflects reallocation of \$1.3 million in GO Bonds from the ADA Compliance: Transportation project (#509325) to cover ADA sidewalk upgrades. In FY20, Funding switch of \$2 million from Contributions to GO Bonds.

DISCLOSURES

A pedestrian impact analysis will be performed during design or is in progress.

COORDINATION

Maryland Department of Transportation, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Special Projects Legislation (Expedited Bill No. 20-18) was adopted by Council June 19, 2018.