



Bethesda Metro Station South Entrance

(P500929)

Category	Transportation	Date Last Modified	04/18/22
SubCategory	Mass Transit (MCG)	Administering Agency	Transportation
Planning Area	Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Vicinity	Status	Under Construction

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY21	Est FY22	Total 6 Years	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	1,919	1,756	113	50	50	-	-	-	-	-	-
Land	29	-	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Site Improvements and Utilities	5,453	-	5,453	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	98,801	53,322	23,785	21,694	6,930	12,111	2,632	21	-	-	-
Other	12,000	-	6,000	6,000	6,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	118,202	55,078	35,380	27,744	12,980	12,111	2,632	21	-	-	-

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Funding Source	Total	Thru FY21	Est FY22	Total 6 Years	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	Beyond 6 Years
Federal Aid	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
G.O. Bonds	97,051	35,927	35,380	25,744	10,980	12,111	2,632	21	-	-	-
Impact Tax	6,159	6,159	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revenue Bonds: Liquor Fund	12,992	12,992	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	118,202	55,078	35,380	27,744	12,980	12,111	2,632	21	-	-	-

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 23 Approp. Request	1,334	Year First Appropriation	FY09
Appropriation FY 24 Approp. Request	12,111	Last FY's Cost Estimate	110,202
Cumulative Appropriation	102,104		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	63,870		
Unencumbered Balance	38,234		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project provides access from Elm Street west of Wisconsin Avenue to the southern end of the Bethesda Metrorail station and ultimately integrates the Metro system with the new light rail system, allowing the completion of the connection between the new Purple Line light rail system and the existing Metrorail Red Line. The Metrorail Red Line runs below Wisconsin Avenue through Bethesda more than 120 feet below the surface, considerably deeper than the Purple Line right-of-way. The Bethesda Metrorail station has one entrance, near East West Highway. The Metrorail station was built with accommodations for a future southern entrance. The Bethesda light rail transit (LRT) station would have platforms located just west of Wisconsin Avenue on the Georgetown Branch right-of-way. This platform allows a direct connection between LRT and Metrorail, making transfers as convenient as possible. Six station

elevators would be located in the Elm Street right-of-way, which would require narrowing the street and extending the sidewalk. The station would include a new south entrance to the Metrorail station, including a new mezzanine above the Metrorail platform, similar to the existing mezzanine at the present station's north end. The mezzanine would use the existing knock-out panel in the arch of the station and the passageway that was partially excavated when the station was built in anticipation of the future construction of a south entrance.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Construction started in FY18. Construction will be coordinated and implemented as part of the State Purple Line Project and will be completed when the Purple Line construction is complete. In FY21, the schedule was revised again based on actual progress and MTA's latest revised cash flow projection.

COST CHANGE

Cost increase due to a revised estimate for mezzanine construction net of a State grant to WMATA for mezzanine costs. See explanation in Fiscal Note.

OTHER

Part of Elm Street west of Wisconsin Avenue will be closed for a period during construction.

FISCAL NOTE

The funds for this project were initially programmed in the State Transportation Participation project. Appropriation of \$5 million for design was transferred from the State Transportation Participation project in FY09. In FY18, a funding switch was made to increase Revenue Bonds: Liquor Fund appropriation and decrease GO Bonds appropriation by \$7.992 million. In FY19, a shift in \$3.5 million in GO Bonds from FY21 to FY19 was done to reflect an updated MTA billing schedule. In FY21, \$29,374,000 was shifted from prior years and distributed across FY21-FY26 to further reflect actual progress, a new estimated billing schedule, and to account for delays associated with the Purple Line. In the FY23-FY28 CIP, \$8 million was added to fill a funding gap in the project to allow for the completion of the Bethesda South Metro Entrance mezzanine project element as planned. This consists of \$6 million in GO bonds and \$2 million in Federal Aid, reflecting a \$2 million earmark in the FY23 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. WMATA received an additional \$12M in state aid for this project during the 2022 State General Assembly Session. WMATA will pay for \$12M in mezzanine costs directly, and the remainder of the cost will be paid by the County.

COORDINATION

Maryland Transit Administration, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Bethesda Lot 31 Parking Garage project, Department of Transportation, Department of General Services, Special Capital Projects Legislation [Bill No. 31-14] was adopted by Council June 17, 2014.

