



Bus Rapid Transit: System Development (P501318)

Category	Transportation	Date Last Modified	10/24/22
SubCategory	Mass Transit (MCG)	Administering Agency	Transportation
Planning Area	Countywide	Status	Planning Stage

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY22	Rem FY22	Total 6 Years	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	32,913	19,684	3,229	10,000	4,500	3,500	500	500	500	500	-
Land	51	49	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Site Improvements and Utilities	334	334	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	77	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	33,375	20,144	3,231	10,000	4,500	3,500	500	500	500	500	-

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Funding Source	Total	Thru FY22	Rem FY22	Total 6 Years	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	Beyond 6 Years
Current Revenue: Mass Transit	11,375	5,644	3,231	2,500	-	500	500	500	500	500	-
Federal Aid	500	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G.O. Bonds	6,321	6,321	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impact Tax	2,500	2,000	-	500	500	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recordation Tax Premium (MCG)	2,000	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revenue Bonds: Liquor Fund	3,179	3,179	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Aid	7,500	500	-	7,000	4,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	33,375	20,144	3,231	10,000	4,500	3,500	500	500	500	500	-

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 24 Request	3,500	Year First Appropriation	FY13
Cumulative Appropriation	27,875	Last FY's Cost Estimate	33,375
Expenditure / Encumbrances	23,285		
Unencumbered Balance	4,590		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project provides for the initial steps and supporting studies for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridors in the County, supplementing the Metrorail Red Line and MTA Purple Line currently under construction. 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 ten 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, and Veirs Mill Road. The project also funds programmatic efforts needed to advance the BRT system.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Planning for the New Hampshire Avenue BRT corridor began in FY22 and will be completed in FY24. Planning for the North Bethesda Transitway began in FY22 and will be completed in FY23.

COST CHANGE

Added funding in FY27 and FY28 to continue to support programmatic efforts and staff in the BRT program.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The proposed BRT will reduce congestion on County and State roadways, increase transit ridership, and improve air quality. The BRT 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); MCDOT US 29 Bus Rapid Transit Project Description Report (March 2017); Maryland Transit Administration, MD 355 Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Planning Study (April 2017); Maryland Transit Administration, US 29 Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Planning Study (April 2017); MDOT MD 586 (Veirs Mill Road) Draft Corridor Study Report (September 2016); MD 355 Phase 2 Corridor Study Report (June 2019).

FISCAL NOTE

Expenditures will continue as necessary to advance bus rapid transit implementation on master planned transit corridors. State aid in FY23-24 includes State grants for capital projects in Montgomery County programmed or preauthorized during the 2022 State General Assembly Session.

DISCLOSURES

The County Executive asserts that this project conforms to the requirement 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, Prince George's County.