

Observation Drive Extended (P501507)

Category Transportation
 Sub Category Roads
 Administering Agency Transportation (AAGE30)
 Planning Area Clarksburg

Date Last Modified 1/6/14
 Required Adequate Public Facility No
 Relocation Impact None
 Status Preliminary Design Stage

Total	Thru FY13	Est FY14	Total 6 Years	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	Beyond 6 Yrs
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EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Planning, Design and Supervision	2,460	0	0	2,460	0	0	0	0	1,265	1,195	0
Land	13,840	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,840
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	16,300	0	0	2,460	0	0	0	0	1,265	1,195	13,840

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

G.O. Bonds	16,300	0	0	2,460	0	0	0	0	1,265	1,195	13,840
Total	16,300	0	0	2,460	0	0	0	0	1,265	1,195	13,840

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (000s)

Appropriation Request	FY 15	0
Appropriation Request Est.	FY 16	0
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		0
Expenditure / Encumbrances		0
Unencumbered Balance		0

Date First Appropriation	
First Cost Estimate	
Current Scope	FY 15 16,300
Last FY's Cost Estimate	0

Description

The project provides for the design of a 2.2 mile long, four-lane divided roadway (two lanes in each direction) within a minimum 150-foot right-of-way. An eight-foot wide shared use path on the west side and a five-foot wide sidewalk on the east side with landscape panels will be provided. A bike path will be provided on the east side from existing Observation Drive near Waters Discovery Lane to Little Seneca Parkway to provide greenway connectivity. Traffic signals will be provided at the Shawnee Lane, Little Seneca Parkway, and West Old Baltimore Road intersections. A bridge approximately 550 feet in length will be constructed near Waters Discovery Lane, ending at West Old Baltimore Road near the future MTA Comsat Station. This project provides funding for design and land acquisition only, from Waters Discovery Lane to West Old Baltimore Road.

Location

Clarksburg and Germantown

Estimated Schedule

Final design is projected to begin in Summer 2019 and will be completed in Summer 2021. Land acquisitions will start in Summer 2021 and continue through Summer 2023. Construction is not currently scheduled.

Justification

This project is needed to provide a north-south corridor that links existing Observation Drive to Stringtown Road, providing multi-modal access to a rapidly developing residential and business area between the I-270 and MD 355 corridors. The project improves mobility and safety for local travel, improves pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular access to residential, employment, commercial and recreational areas. It also provides a facility for implementation by Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) for the Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT) including two stations. The transitway will be Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and will be located in the median area of Observation Drive.

Other

Land costs are based on preliminary design.

Fiscal Note

The estimated future cost of construction is in the range of \$80 to \$120 million.

Coordination

Maryland Transit Administration, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Verizon, Pepco, Washington Gas, Department of Permitting Services, Department of Environmental Protection

