

Long Branch Pedestrian Linkages -- No. 760600

Category
Subcategory
Administering Agency
Planning Area

Community Development and Housing
Community Development
Housing & Community Affairs
Silver Spring

Date Last Modified
Required Adequate Public Facility
Relocation Impact
Status

May 24, 2010
No
None.
On-going

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY09	Est. FY10	Total 6 Years	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design, and Supervision	1,291	1,051	120	120	120	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	2,740	86	899	1,755	1,755	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4,031	1,137	1,019	1,875	1,875	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

Community Development Block Grant	2,828	982	976	870	870	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Aid	1,203	155	43	1,005	1,005	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4,031	1,137	1,019	1,875	1,875	0	0	0	0	0	0

DESCRIPTION

This project will provide for a series of linkages in the Long Branch community that will connect the high-density residential areas with the Village Center and other key activity/service centers such as the Long Branch Library, playground, and Long Branch Community Center through signage and enhanced streetscaping. The objective is to support the vitality of the businesses in the commercial area and create new opportunities for private investment; to improve visual appearance of the main streets, Piney Branch Road between University Boulevard West and Flower Avenue, and Flower Avenue between Piney Branch Road and Arliss Street; to improve vehicular, bike, and pedestrian accessibility and circulation between the existing public facilities; to establish a more pedestrian-friendly environment throughout the Village core; and to stabilize, protect, and enhance existing streamside areas and nature paths in the Village Center. This project will be closely coordinated with all activities undertaken in connection with the recommendation of the Urban Land Institute's Technical Assistance Panel Report titled "The Long Branch Community", dated February, 2005. The scope has been refined and funding for implementation of this project is identified.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Two elements of this project are currently in progress. The Long Branch Bridge and Trail will be advertised for construction bids in late spring 2010 and will be constructed in FY11 with a public art component. The Arliss streetscape improvements will be completed in FY11.

COST CHANGE

Increase is due to redesign of the Long Branch Bridge and Trail to meet ADA standards as required by the State Highway Administration, and the addition of construction costs for the bridge and trail.

JUSTIFICATION

This is one of the oldest, most densely populated, and most diverse areas of Montgomery County and it suffers from higher than average poverty, older housing stock, changing population and increased youth and pedestrian injury issues. Based on the assessment of the Long Branch Task Force, improvements in this area are a critical part of the overall action plan to upgrade the quality of life in the Long Branch area.

Additional plans and studies: Long Branch Village Center: Urban Design Concept, prepared by Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Baltimore; East Silver Spring Master Plan; Urban Land Institute's Technical Assistance Panel Report titled "The Long Branch Community", dated February, 2005.

OTHER

The Department is working closely with DEP on clean-up (removing trash and invasive species) in the Long Branch Stream Valley from Piney Branch Road north for approximately 200 linear feet. Also, in coordination with DEP and the Parks Department of M-NCPPC, the Department will try to correct some of the erosion and re-plant the area with native species.

The design and planning stages, as well as final completion of the project, will comply with the Department of Transportation (DOT), Maryland State Highway Administration (MSHA), Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), American Association of State Transportation and Highway Officials (AASTHO), and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Pedestrian safety will be considered during design.

FISCAL NOTE

This project includes approximately \$2.4 million for design and construction of the Long Branch Bridge and Trail, \$750,000 for Arliss streetscape improvements from Flower Avenue to Garland Avenue, \$611,000 for staff costs from FY06-11, \$240,000 for contingency, and \$30,000 for a Long Branch Pedestrian Linkage Concept.

Federal aid includes Federal Economic Development Initiative (EDI) funding of \$461,000, and a Federal Surface Transportation Projects grant of \$742,000

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which is administered by the State Highway Administration. Funds from the Federal Surface Transportation Projects grant must not be expended until the County and the State Highway Administration sign a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the use of the grant funds.

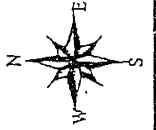
OTHER DISCLOSURES

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

LONG BRANCH AREA



— Long Branch Area



SOURCE: DIST-GIST AND MC PARK AND PLANNING

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