



Bus Rapid Transit: MD 355 Lakeforest Transit Center

(P502708)

Category	Transportation	Date Last Modified	01/06/26
SubCategory	Mass Transit (MCG)	Administering Agency	Transportation
Planning Area	Gaithersburg and Vicinity	Status	Planning Stage

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY25	Est FY26	Total 6 Years	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	FY 32	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	2,000	-	-	2,000	1,500	250	250	-	-	-	-
Land	5,300	-	-	5,300	5,300	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	12,900	-	-	12,900	-	7,750	5,150	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	20,200	-	-	20,200	6,800	8,000	5,400	-	-	-	-

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Funding Source	Total	Thru FY25	Est FY26	Total 6 Years	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	FY 32	Beyond 6 Years
Federal Aid	11,900	-	-	11,900	-	6,500	5,400	-	-	-	-
Impact Tax	2,500	-	-	2,500	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Bus Rapid Transit Fund	5,800	-	-	5,800	4,300	1,500	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	20,200	-	-	20,200	6,800	8,000	5,400	-	-	-	-

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 27 Request	6,800	Year First Appropriation	
Appropriation FY 28 Request	1,500	Last FY's Cost Estimate	-
Cumulative Appropriation	-		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	-		
Unencumbered Balance	-		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project provides for the design and construction of the Lakeforest Transit Center, including bus bays, stations and shelters, bus circulation areas, and staff support spaces. The project will also include a shared-use path on Russell Avenue along the site's frontage.

LOCATION

The new facility will be located within the future Lakeforest Redevelopment, adjacent to the former Lakeforest Mall on Russell Avenue, between the future Streets Two and Three of the Lakeforest Redevelopment.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Planning and preliminary design were completed in FY26 as part of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT): MD355 Central project. The site acquisition and the final design will be completed in FY27. Construction will start in FY28 and be completed in FY29. The BRT shelters and markers will be installed as part of the MD 355 BRT project.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The existing Transit Center site, located at the intersection of Lost Knife Road and Odenhal Avenue in Gaithersburg, Maryland, is owned by the Lakeforest developer and will be integrated into the new mixed-use residential and commercial redevelopment. The proposed Lakeforest Transit Center facility will replace this transit center and will serve local Ride On and future MD355 BRT services.

FISCAL NOTE

The site acquisition deposit to be paid in FY26 (\$600,000), and planning and preliminary design (\$1.4 million), are funded in the BRT: MD 355 Central project (P502005). This project includes the remaining funds necessary to acquire the site, complete the design, and construct the facility. The County will apply for a Federal FY2026 BUILD grant of \$11.9 million. The grant program requires a minimum local match of 20 percent; \$2 million for planning, design, and supervision and \$1 million for construction funds, totaling \$3 million programmed in this project, will serve as the local match.

DISCLOSURES

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

City of Gaithersburg, Washington Gas, Pepco, Verizon, Comcast, Federal Transit Administration, Commission on People with Disabilities, Neighborhood and Civic Associations, MD 355 BRT Corridor Advisory Committee, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

