

March 2024 Public Comment Opportunity
Draft Regionally Significant for Air Quality Project Details

Randolph Road New BRT: from US 29 to Rockville Pike (MD 355)

CE3662

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Title	**** Randolph Road Corridor Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project ****
Project ID	CE3662
Lead Agency	Montgomery County



PROJECT INFORMATION

Route/Facility Name	Randolph
From	MD355
To	US29
Primary Project Type	Bus/BRT - Capital/Expansion
County	Montgomery
Municipality	
Accommodations	Included
Complete Street Advance	Advances Goals
Primary Contact	Joana Conklin
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Project Information URL	https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/transporta
Project Description	<p>This project provides for the detailed studies and construction related to a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line on Randolph Road from the North Bethesda Metro Station on MD 355 to at Tech Road at US 29. Randolph Road is a commuter corridor with traffic and congestion in the westbound direction in the morning and the eastbound direction in the evening. Major activity centers include White Flint, Glenmont, and the emerging mixed-use center at White Oak. Randolph Road provides important linkages to other BRT corridors and is important for the integrity of the BRT network. A mixed traffic transitway is recommended for this corridor. 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 10 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, Veirs Mill Road and Corridor Cities Transitway.</p>

SCHEDULE AND FUNDING INFORMATION

Estimated Project Completion Date	2040
Current Implementation Status	Environmental Document/Pre-Design Phase (PA)

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Total Project Cost \$0.00

CONFORMITY INFORMATION

Con Id	Improvement Type	Location Type	Facility	From	To	Projected Complete
964	Implement	On Road		US 29	MD 355	2040

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW INFORMATION

Environmental Document Type Finding of No Significant Impact

Environmental Review Status Under preparation

- This project has been identified for the following potential environmental mitigation activities.

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REGIONAL POLICY QUESTION RESPONSES

32a. This project promotes non-auto travel or can be expected to reduce VMT in the region.

32b. Please identify all travel mode options that this project promotes, enhances, or supports.

- BRT
- Bicycling
- Local Bus
- Metrobus
- Metrorail
- Walking

33. This project improves accessibility for historically transportation-disadvantaged individuals (i.e., persons with disabilities, low-incomes, and/or limited English proficiency)

34a. This project is physically located in an Equity Emphasis Area (EEA)

34b. Please provide additional written information that describes how this project further supports or advances equity as described by the TPB July 2020 resolution.

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- 35a. This project begins or ends in an Activity Center.
- 35b. This project connects two or more Activity Centers.
- 35c. This project promotes non-auto travel within one or more Activity Centers.
- 35d. This project connects an Equity Emphasis Area to an Activity Center.
36. This project contributes to enhanced system maintenance or preservation.
37. This project is primarily designed to reduce travel time on highways and/or transit without building new capacity (e.g., ITS, bus priority treatments, etc.).
38. This project expected to significantly reduce fatalities or injuries among motorists, transit users, pedestrians, and/or bicyclists.
39. This project is expected to contribute to reductions in emissions of criteria pollutants, specifically, to attainment of ozone levels consistent with the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).
- 40a. This project is expected to contribute to reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases by 50% below 2005 levels by 2030.
- 40b. If the answer to question 40a. regarding contributing to greenhouse gas emission reductions was yes, then how is this project anticipated to reduce emissions?
41. This project enhances, supports, or promotes the following freight carrier modes.
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42. This project enhances, supports, or promotes the following passenger carrier modes.
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43. Please check each strategy that is implemented by this project.

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- **Apply best practices to maintain the transportation system.**
- **Apply effective technologies that advance the TPB's goals.**
- **Apply the endorsed safety strategies to design and operate safer infrastructure and encourage safer behavior.**
- **Bring jobs and housing closer together by focusing growth and adding housing units in Activity Centers and near High-Capacity Transit stations.**
- **Convert vehicles to clean fuels.**
- **Improve Walk and Bike Access to Transit.**
- **Increase frequency and capacity of transit by expanding Bus Rapid Transit and Transitways.**
- **Reduce travel times on all public transportation bus services.**

44a. Please provide additional written information that describes how this project further supports or advances the TPB Strategies.

44b. Please provide additional written information that describes how this project further supports or advances other regional goals or needs.

45. Federal Planning Factors: This project supports the following planning factors (select all that apply)

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