

Resolution No:	<u>20-1100</u>
Introduced:	<u>April 14, 2026</u>
Adopted:	<u>May 5, 2026</u>

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

**SUBJECT:** Supplemental Appropriation #26-67 to the FY26 Capital Budget Montgomery County Government – Department of Transportation North Bethesda Metro Station Northern Entrance (No. 501914), \$275,000

**Background**

- Section 307 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that any supplemental appropriation shall be recommended by the County Executive who shall specify the source of funds to finance it. The Council shall hold a public hearing on each proposed supplemental appropriation after at least one week’s notice. A supplemental appropriation that would comply with, avail the County of, or put into effect a grant or a Federal, State or County law or regulation, or one that is approved after January 1 of any fiscal year, requires an affirmative vote of six Councilmembers. A supplemental appropriation for any other purpose that is approved before January 1 of any fiscal year requires an affirmative vote of seven Councilmembers. The Council may, in a single action, approve more than one supplemental appropriation. The Executive may disapprove or reduce a supplemental appropriation, and the Council may reapprove the appropriation, as if it were an item in the annual budget.
- The County Executive recommends the following capital project appropriation increases:

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Cost Element</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
North Bethesda Metro Station Northern Entrance	501914	Planning, Design & Supervision	\$250,000	State Aid
			\$25,000	Recordation Tax Premium
TOTAL			\$275,000	

- This increase is needed to provide a non-competitive grant to WMATA’s chosen contractor, Hines Acquisition LLC, with grant funds from the Maryland Department of Transportation’s (MDOT) Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Capital and Revolving Loan Fund program to support Project Connect: Accelerating Life Science at the North Bethesda Transit Oriented

Development for Initial Community Engagement and Conceptual Land Planning activities, of which the North Bethesda Metro Station Northern Entrance is an essential infrastructure element.

- 4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$275,000 for North Bethesda Metro Station Northern Entrance (No. 501914) and specifies that the source of funds will be State Aid (\$250,000) and Recordation Tax Premium (MCG) (\$25,000).
- 5. Notice of public hearing was given and a public hearing was held.

**Action**

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following resolution:

A supplemental appropriation to the FY26 Capital Budget is approved as follows:

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This is a correct copy of Council action.



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Sara R. Tenenbaum  
Clerk of the Council



# North Bethesda Metro Station Northern Entrance (P501914)

Category	Transportation	Date Last Modified	12/23/24
SubCategory	Mass Transit (MCG)	Administering Agency	Transportation
Planning Area	North Bethesda-Garrett Park	Status	Preliminary Design Stage

Total	Thru FY24	Rem FY24	Total 6 Years	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	Beyond 6 Years
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### EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Planning, Design and Supervision	275	-	-	275	-	84	191	-	-	-	-
Construction	13,090	-	-	13,090	-	-	-	5,000	7,854	236	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>13,365</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,365</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>7,854</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>-</b>

### FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Federal Aid	5,000	-	-	5,000	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	-
G.O. Bonds	8,090	-	-	8,090	-	-	-	-	7,854	236	-
Recordation Tax Premium (MCG)	25	-	-	25	-	-	25	-	-	-	-
State Aid	250	-	-	250	-	84	166	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES</b>	<b>13,365</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,365</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>7,854</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>-</b>

### APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 26 Request	-	Year First Appropriation	
Supplemental Appropriation Request	275	Last FY's Cost Estimate	8,115
Cumulative Appropriation	-		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	-		
Unencumbered Balance	-		

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project proposes a comprehensive suite of investments that facilitate safer, more direct access to Metrorail and other local destinations. The keystone of this project is a new entrance to the North Bethesda Metro Station, which will improve travel time and safety for station users. A new transit plaza will safely and directly connect the station to two future Bus Rapid Transit ("BRT") lines. This project provides for the County's contribution to the north entrance to the North Bethesda Metro Station. Access is currently limited to the southern end of the platform. Metro conducted a feasibility study of providing additional access at the northern end of the platform in 2019 and has further advanced that concept. Construction of northern access to the station will reduce walk times to the Metro Platform. The scope, schedule, and budget will be revised once WMATA selects a development partner in FY25.

### LOCATION

MD355 (Rockville Pike) at Old Georgetown Road/North Bethesda Metro Station.

### ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Planning, Design and Supervision are scheduled to begin in FY26. Construction will be ready to commence in FY28.

### COST CHANGE

Cost increase reflects new State Aid awarded to this project and the associated match requirement.

### PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

This project is needed to improve mobility and safety for all facility users within the project area by reducing walking distances and times to the Metro station platforms.

### FISCAL NOTE

WMATA revised the cost estimate in 2024 and projects an estimated \$46.8M. The County contribution will be revised as WMATA continues to update its cost estimate. The remaining funds will be solicited from WMATA, Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), and developer contributions. State aid of \$5.6 million dollars was awarded to WMATA during the 2023 and 2024 Maryland General Assembly sessions (\$2.6 million in 2023 for FY24 and \$3 million in 2024 for FY25). It is assumed that this State funding will be used to advance the project beginning in FY24. A \$5 million federal earmark was included in the 2024 Federal Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriation bill. Matching funds of 20 percent (GO Bonds) are required for this \$5 million federal grant. An FY26 supplemental in Recordation Tax Premium (MCG) (\$25,000) and State Aid (\$250,000) appropriates an FY25 MDOT Transit Oriented Development grant awarded to the County and the required 10 percent match, which will fund a non-competitive grant to WMATA's chosen contractor, Hines Acquisition, LLC to support initial community engagement and conceptual land planning activities. FY26 supplemental in Recordation Tax Premium (MCG) for the amount of \$25,000, State Aid for the amount of \$250,000.

DISCLOSURES

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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

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Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Maryland State Highway Administration, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and utility companies.