



DATE: February 2026
TO: City of Rockville Department of Community Planning and Development Services
FROM: Montgomery County Department of Transportation
RE: Veirs Mill Road Flash Bus Rapid Transit Project Narrative

The purpose of this narrative is to provide a description and scope of work summary for the Veirs Mill Road (MD 586) Bus Rapid Transit project as part of the City of Rockville’s site plan application.

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project proposes a new, 7.6-mile corridor-based Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service along MD 355 (Rockville Pike) and MD 586 from the Montgomery College – Rockville Campus (51 Mannakee St, Rockville, MD 20850) to the Wheaton Metrorail Station (11171 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902) in Montgomery County, including the City of Rockville, Maryland. The Project includes: new, high-frequency BRT service, 12 BRT stations, dedicated bus lanes, Transit Signal Priority at intersections, and upgraded pedestrian and bicycle mobility, safety, and access along the corridor and within Montgomery County’s Veirs Mill Road/Randolph Road Bicycle-Pedestrian Priority Area (BiPPA).

The proposed service includes limited-stop BRT buses that would operate in a combination of mixed traffic and dedicated curbside lanes in the existing shoulders or turn lanes. From the existing Ride-On Bus Stop at Montgomery College – Rockville Campus, BRT buses would travel along MD 355 southbound for approximately 1.6 miles, stopping along the route at the Rockville Metrorail southbound BRT station at Park Road. The buses would then continue onto eastbound Veirs Mill Road for approximately six miles, stopping sequentially at the following eastbound BRT stations: Edmonston Drive, Atlantic Avenue, Twinbrook Parkway, Aspen Hill Road, Robindale Drive, Randolph Road, MD 185/Connecticut Avenue, Norris Drive, MD 193/University Boulevard, and the Wheaton Metrorail Station. Exiting the Wheaton Metrorail BRT station onto westbound Veirs Mill Road, BRT buses would stop at the listed BRT stations in reverse order. BRT stations along the Project corridor are shown in **Figure 1**. Five of the 12 BRT stations are in the City of Rockville at Montgomery College, Rockville Metrorail Station, Edmonston Drive, Atlantic Avenue, and Twinbrook Parkway. The Montgomery College BRT station will operate at the existing Ride-On Bus Stop.

Figure 1: MD 586 BRT Corridor and Station Locations



Also included in the Project are new sidewalk, intersection, signal, signing, pavement marking, and lighting improvements. These improvements will increase pedestrian and bike access to the new BRT service. The Project will be located primarily within existing transportation right-of-way but will require partial property acquisitions in permanent easement and temporary property acquisitions for construction easements where BRT improvements extend slightly beyond the transportation ROW onto private properties.

The purpose of the Veirs Mill Road BRT Project is to improve transportation options by accommodating a high frequency, reliable transit service operating primarily within existing transportation ROW on Veirs Mill Road and MD 355; and to enhance pedestrian and bicyclist mobility, safety, and access along the corridor in support of Montgomery County Vision Zero goals to reduce deaths and serious injuries on county roadways to zero by 2030. The Project would satisfy the following study corridor needs: a lack of east-west transit system connectivity; reduced bus mobility due to recurring traffic congestion; unmet demand for serviceable and attractive transit along one of the County's most heavily used transit corridors (without an existing parallel rail transit line); a lack of first- and last-mile connections to transit service along Veirs Mill Road; and a desire to enhance pedestrian safety and livability in surrounding communities.

II. SCOPE OF WORK NARRATIVE

The following details the proposed construction throughout the BRT corridor that occurs within City of Rockville limits. All design was completed in compliance with City of Rockville current City Code.

A. Station 1 – Montgomery College

The MD 586 BRT station at Montgomery College will operate at the existing local Ride On bus stop at Montgomery Community College and West Campus Drive. Therefore, there is no construction activity proposed for this BRT station.

B. Station 2 – MD 355 at Rockville Metro Station

Southbound – The proposed construction work along MD 355 southbound will include replacement of the curb and gutter for the new platform north of E Middle Lane and new sidewalk connections near the platform. A manufactured bus shelter is proposed to be installed at this location.

Northbound – The proposed construction work along MD 355 northbound will include replacement of the curb and gutter for the new platform south of Park Road and tie in of the new sidewalk behind the platform to the existing sidewalk along the Rockville Metro station access road. Custom canopies and windscreens for shelter are proposed at this location and at the following locations listed below.

C. Station 3 – MD 586 at Edmonston Drive and Edmonston Drive Queue Jump

Eastbound – The proposed construction work along MD 586 eastbound will include construction of the proposed eastbound MD 586 queue jump (dedicated bus) lane, replacement of the curb and gutter for the new platform, modifications to the service drive and upgrading the sidewalk along the service drive.

Westbound – The proposed construction work along MD 586 westbound will be outside the roadway, behind the curb, and will include construction of a SWM facility in the median between the mainline and the service drive, replacement of the curb and gutter for the new platform, and new sidewalk approaching the platform.

D. Station 4 – MD 586 at Atlantic Avenue

Eastbound – The proposed construction work along MD 586 eastbound will be replacement of the curb and gutter for the new platform and reconstruction of existing sidewalk behind the platform to Atlantic Avenue.

Westbound – The proposed construction work along MD 586 westbound will be outside the roadway, behind the curb, and will include replacement of the curb and gutter for the new platform, reconstruction of the parking lot curb line, and new sidewalk connecting to the relocated local bus stop.

E. Station 5 – MD 586 at Twinbrook Parkway and Twinbrook Parkway Queue Jump

Eastbound – The proposed construction work along MD 586 eastbound will include improving the pedestrian ramps and sidewalk in the southwest corner of the intersection, replacement of the curb and gutter for the new platform, new sidewalk behind the platform that connects to Twinbrook Parkway and relocation of the existing local bus stop. Also included in this work is widening the existing median nose on the eastern leg of the intersection to provide a cut through ramp.

Westbound – The proposed construction work along MD 586 westbound will include construction of the proposed westbound MD 586 queue jump lane, replacement of the curb and gutter for the new platform, construction of a SWM facility between the mainline and service drive, and new sidewalk/sidepath along the north side of MD 586 that connects to Meadow Hall Drive.