



PURPOSE AND NEED

Provide new high-efficiency bus service along Veirs Mill Road between the Rockville Metrorail Station and the Wheaton Metrorail Station. Four specific needs for the project have been identified:

System Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-quality east-west transit connection not available between Rockville and Wheaton Metrorail Stations • Most heavily traveled/most congested segment of WMATA Q Line along Veirs Mill Road between the Rockville and Wheaton Metrorail Stations
Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic congestion impedes bus mobility/results in unpredictable service and increased travel times • Buses often delayed 15 minutes or more • Frequent bus bunching • On-board fare collection causes delays
Transit Demand and Attractiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High transit ridership throughout corridor • 2030 WMATA bus ridership: 45%-58% increase over existing • Existing and planned transit-oriented development at both stations would increase transit commuters • Bus unreliability results in poor level of transit service • Higher-quality service needed to attract and retain new transit riders
Livability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create more reliable, integrated, accessible transportation network • Enhance choices for transportation users • Improve access to affordable housing, employment, other destinations