



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – May 5, 2021 Agenda Item 1B

Work Session

Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase and Installation of Bus Shelters

Recommended Council Action

Consider single reading ordinance authorizing the purchase and installation of bus shelters.

Context with Key Issues

In January 2020, Council passed Resolution 2020-2, Bus Shelter Plan and Prioritization, in which the Council directed staff to “move forward on installation of bus shelters throughout the City as funds and staff time permit, with the following criteria: ridership (30 or more boarding per day), racial equity, climate impact, cost and safety.”

The Fiscal Year 2021 budget includes \$60,000 for the purchase and installation of bus shelters. Staff has identified locations that meet the criteria and are ADA compliant: two at the intersection of Flower and Houston Avenues; one on northbound New Hampshire Avenue, north of Holton Lane; and two on Maple Avenue; and one additional location pending confirmation of ADA compliance. The purchase and installation cost for all six bus shelters is \$59,140. The City has a contract with InSite to provide advertising shelters in the City; such contract allows for some non-advertising shelters. The shelters will be purchased from Tolar (which is a supplier for InSite) and installed by InSite, pursuant to the contract; the combined cost is less than independently purchasing and installing shelters.

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All
Engaged, Responsive & Service-oriented Government.

Environmental Considerations

Research shows that improving public transit amenities by installing bus shelters results in increased ridership due to factors of comfort, convenience and safety. Increased use of public transit would reduce the number of single-occupancy vehicles on the road, thereby reducing greenhouse gases in the City.

Fiscal Considerations

This ordinance would authorize total spending in the amount of \$59,140 for six Tolar non-advertising shelters and installation.

Racial Equity Considerations

According to a pre-Covid survey by Metrobus, riders on the K6 route are 79% Black, Hispanic or mixed race and on the F4 line, 89% people of color. Generally, bus riders in the region are disproportionately people of color. We believe this Council action will improve access for people of color, including immigrants and refugees, and improve public transit by making the experience a better option.

Attachments and Links

- Bus Stop Improvements webpage: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/bus-stop-improvements/>
- [Bus Stop Map](#)

Introduced by:

Single Reading Ordinance

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-

AUTHORIZING BUS SHELTER PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION

WHEREAS, \$60,000 was included in the FY 2021 Capital Improvement Budget for the purchase and installation of bus shelters; and

WHEREAS, the Council established criteria for prioritizing bus shelters in the City and staff identified locations that meet the criteria; and

WHEREAS, the City has a contract with InSite to provide advertising shelters in the City; and

WHEREAS, InSite provided pricing for purchase and installation of Tolar non-advertising shelters for locations that meet the criteria at a cost of \$59,140.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or her designee is authorized to enter into an agreement with Tolar for the purchase and InSite for the installation of six non-advertising bus shelters.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2021 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: