

WILMAPCO Council

Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: May 12, 2022

Action Item #14: Adopt the New Castle County Draft FY 2023-26 TIP Air Quality Conformity Analysis

Description/Summary of Item:

A new air quality conformity determination was made necessary by a project adjustment in New Castle County, which changed a regionally significant project's expected in-service year. A Cecil County conformity analysis is not required at this time. WILMAPCO is relying on the previous Cecil County conformity analysis, adopted in March 2019, to determine conformity with the Draft FY 2023-26 TIP in Cecil County.

The New Castle County conformity analysis and determination was developed through the Air Quality Subcommittee, with modeling completed by DeIDOT.

The analysis shows that all required emission budget tests are easily met.

Summary of Action Taken by PAC: The WILMAPCO PAC did not act on this agenda item.

Summary of Action Taken by TAC: The WILMAPCO TAC recommended Council adoption at their meeting on April 21, 2022.

Summary of Action Taken by Subcommittee/Task Force (if applicable):

The Air Quality Subcommittee recommended Council adoption at their joint meeting with the TAC on April 21, 2022.

WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations: The WILMAPCO staff recommends that the Council adopt the New Castle County Draft FY 2023-26 TIP Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

WILMAPCO Council:

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RESOLUTION

BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO) APPROVING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE AMENDED 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) has been designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Cecil County, Maryland and New Castle County, Delaware by the Governors of Maryland and Delaware, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has under the National Ambient Air Quality Standards designated New Castle County, Delaware in maintenance for fine particulate matter and both New Castle County, Delaware and Cecil County, Maryland in nonattainment for ozone; and

WHEREAS, WILMAPCO must demonstrate transportation conformity on its Transportation Improvement Programs and Regional Transportation Plans in accordance with federal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the interagency consultation process determined an updated conformity analysis was only required for the New Castle County element of the FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program and the Amended 2050 Regional Transportation Plan, with Cecil County relying on the previous conformity analysis for its conformity determination; and

WHEREAS, New Castle County's conformity analysis underwent appropriate technical review as required by the interagency conformity consultation process; and

WHEREAS, the emission projections outlined in the FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program and the Amended 2050 Regional Transportation Plan conform to all appropriate budgets; and

WHEREAS, the New Castle County Air Quality Conformity Determination for the FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program and the Amended 2050 Regional Transportation Plan have undergone a 30-day public review and comment period, including one public workshop;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Area Planning Council approves the New Castle County Air Quality Conformity Determination for the FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program and the Amended 2050 Regional Transportation Plan.

Date: _____

John Sisson, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council

