WHO IS “WILMAPCO” ANYWAY?

- Wilmington Area Planning Council
- Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Federally designated to plan transportation investments
THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)

- Our principal plan
  - **Strategic Policy**: goals, objectives, actions
  - **Transportation projects**: financially constrained and aspirational

- Updated every four years (since 1996)
- Update due March 2019
- Review of Progress Report & Public Opinion Survey
- Develop draft goals, objectives, actions
- Agency outreach
- Develop project lists
- Air quality conformity
- Public outreach
- Document refinement
- Public outreach, round 2
- Adoption

- May
- October/November
- January
- March
TRAC KING PROGRESS: PROGRESS REPORT

- 2017 Regional Progress Report
- Relates trends to Plan’s actions
- Performance-based
- Informs development of RTP
MORE
- Growth in rural areas
- Single occupancy vehicle trips
- Vehicle miles traveled
- Crashes

BETTER
- Air quality from transportation
- Local plan implementation
- Transportation justice initiatives
- Bike/pedestrian connections
PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

- Statistically valid survey of 600 residents
- Demographic Quotas
- Opinions of transportation system and policies
The Transportation System Meets My Needs

- 67% in 2006
- 70% in 2010
- 76% in 2014
- 88% in 2018
Transportation Sometimes Keeps Me From Activities (by household income)

- Under $25K: 47%
- $25K to $50K: 20%
- $50K to $100K: 18%
- More than $100K: 9%
Support Sustainable Economic Development and Goods Movement

Improve Quality of Life

Efficiently Transport People

Goals

Objectives

Actions

Performance Measures

2050 RTP: STRATEGIC POLICY
More intensive transportation investments

Rural

Developing

Community

Core

Center (and future centers)

Air photos: Microsoft, 2018
2050 RTP: FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Work to achieve cleaner air quality
- Realistically reflect expected funding
- Include road, transit, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities
2050 RTP: PROJECTS

- **114** financially "constrained" projects - $5.4b (in year of expenditure)

- **87** “aspiration” projects - $0

![Constrained List Funding, by Mode](chart.png)
SELECTED REGIONAL PROJECTS

- I-95: Susquehanna River to DE Line ($1b, 2040)
- Transit Expansion/Enhancements ($544m, 2024, 2030, 2040)
- New Technologies (EVs/AVs, etc.) Support ($392m, 2024, 2035, 2040)
- I-95 and SR 896 Interchange ($211m, 2030)
- SR 1: Tybouts Corner to SR 273 ($157m, 2030)
- Christina River Bridge ($53m, 2020)
- I-95 and Belvidere Road Interchange ($54m, 2025)
- Commuter Rail: Perryville to Newark ($75m, 2029/2030)
- Newport Rail Station ($43m, 2030)
- Route 9 Community Pathways ($1.3m, 2026)
2050 RTP: OUTREACH

USUAL
- Public Opinion Survey
- Presentations to more than 30 municipal and civic orgs.
- Member agencies briefings
- Newsletter articles, press release, radio interviews, etc.
- Our Town
- Public Comment Period

ADDITIONAL
- Metroquest Survey
- Virtual Workshop
- Popup Events
- Social Media
2050 RTP: OUTREACH

- About 600 online survey participants
  - Unscientific, biased sample

- Measured agreement w/draft policy objectives
  - All objectives at \(3.9/5\) agreement or higher
  - Median rating = \(4.3/5\)
NEXT STEPS

• Continued public outreach
  • Public comment through March 6
• Share on social media - @wilmapco and #2050RTP
• Document refinement
• Council adoption on March 7
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