**WILMAPCO Council**

**Action Item Summary Sheet**

**Meeting Date: January 10, 2019**

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<th><strong>Action Item #10:</strong> To Release the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and FY 2020-2023 TIP Air Quality Conformity Determination for Public Comment</th>
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**Description/Summary of Item:** The RTP update has triggered a revised air quality conformity analysis for both New Castle County and Cecil County. Regionally significant projects planned through 2050 were modeled to gauge their impact against ozone budgets (New Castle County and Cecil County), and fine particulate matter budgets (New Castle County). All applicable budgets were comfortably met.

This action releases the analyses, and their corresponding documents, for public review and comment.

**Summary of Action Taken by PAC:** The PAC did not take action on this agenda item.

**Summary of Action Taken by TAC:** The TAC recommended that WILMAPCO Council release the air quality conformity analyses for public comment at their December meeting.

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

**Air Quality Subcommittee:** The Air Quality Subcommittee recommended that WILMAPCO Council release the air quality conformity analyses for public comment at their December meeting.

**WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations:** The WILMAPCO staff recommends that the Council release the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Air Quality Conformity analyses for public review and comment.
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RESOLUTION

BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO)
RELEASING THE DRAFT NEW CASTLE COUNTY AND CECIL COUNTY
AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATIONS FOR THE
FY 2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE
2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

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 (NAAQS) designated New Castle County, Delaware in
maintenance for fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and both New Castle County, Delaware and
Cecil County, Maryland 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, an update to the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan is underway; and

WHEREAS, the New Castle County and Cecil County Air Quality Conformity
Determinations for the FY 2020-23 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2050
Regional Transportation Plan has undergone appropriate technical review as required by the
interagency conformity consultation process; and

WHEREAS, the emission projections outlined in the FY 2020-23 Transportation
Improvement Program and the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan show conformity to all
appropriate budgets; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2020-23 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2050 Regional
Transportation Plan will undergo a 30-day public review and comment period, including one
public workshop;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Area Planning Council
releases the draft New Castle County and Cecil County Air Quality Conformity
Determinations for the FY 2020-23 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2050
Regional Transportation Plan for public review.

Date: ________________________  John Sisson, Chairperson
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