

WILMAPCO Council

Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: March 9, 2023

Action Item #10: To Adopt the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): 2023 Update and FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Air Quality Conformity Determinations

Description/Summary of Item: This determination shows that the Draft 2050 RTP: 2023 Update and the FY2023-2026 TIP met all required air quality conformity budgets in New Castle County and Cecil County. The analyses are attached. The air quality conformity determination was developed through an interagency coordination process. It was released for public comment from January 18 through March 6 and was featured at the “Our Town” public event held on February 8.

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 Council approval at their February 16 meeting.

Summary of Action Taken by Subcommittee/Task Force (if applicable): The AQS recommended Council approval at their March 2 meeting.

WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations: WILMAPCO staff recommends Council approval.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

WILMAPCO Council:

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

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 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 New Castle County and Cecil County Air Quality Conformity Determinations for the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan: 2023 Update and Amended FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program have undergone appropriate technical review as required by the interagency conformity consultation process; and

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

WHEREAS, the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan: 2023 Update and Amended FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program underwent 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 and Cecil County Air Quality Conformity Determinations for the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan: 2023 Update and Amended FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program.

Date:

John Sisson, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council