

WILMAPCO Council

Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: March 7, 2019

Action Item #10: To Adopt the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Air Quality Conformity Determination

Description/Summary of Item: This determination shows that the draft 2050 RTP and the FY2020-2023 TIP met all required air quality conformity budgets in New Castle County and Cecil County. The analysis is attached. The air quality conformity determination was released for public comment from January 14 through March 6 and was featured at the “Our Town” public event held on February 7.

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 21 meeting.

Summary of Action Taken by Subcommittee/Task Force (if applicable): The AQS recommended Council approval at their February 14 meeting.

WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations: WILMAPCO staff recommends Council approval.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION

BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO) APPROVING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY AND CECIL COUNTY AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATIONS FOR THE FY 2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE 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 (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 Air Quality Conformity Determinations for the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan have undergone appropriate technical review as required by the interagency conformity consultation process; and

WHEREAS, the emission projections outlined in the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan show conformity to all appropriate budgets; and

WHEREAS, the Air Quality Conformity Determinations for the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan has undergone a 30-day public review and comment period, including one public open house;

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 FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan.

Date: _____

John Sisson, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council

