

WILMAPCO Council

Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: September 10, 2020

Action Item #9 : To Amend the Functional Classification of Belvidere Road

Description/Summary of Item: To update the roadway functional classification of Belvidere Road Cecil County, MD. The action will upgrade the 2.6 mile segment of Belvidere Road from a Local road to a Major Collector. The changes made stay within the functional classification mileage guidelines set by the FHWA.

Summary of Action Taken by PAC: No action taken

Summary of Action Taken by TAC:

The TAC endorsed the recommended changes of upgrading Belvidere Road.

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

No action taken

WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations: The WILMAPCO staff recommends that Council endorse the recommended change to the functional classification system

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RESOLUTION

WILMAPCO Council:

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BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO) TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM IN CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND

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

WHEREAS, the Maryland State Highway Administration has requested approval by the MPO to change of functional classification to Belvidere Road in Cecil County; and

WHEREAS, these changes have been reviewed and recommended for approval; and

WHEREAS, these changes stay within the functional classification mileage guidelines set by the FHWA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Area Planning Council does hereby approve the changes to the Functional Classification System in Cecil County, Maryland

Date:

John Sisson, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council

Table I
Cecil County – Rural Highway Mileage by Functional Classification
State Highway, State Toll, County, and Municipal Systems

Functional Classification	Interstate	Other Freeways & Expressways	Other Principal Arterial	Minor Arterial	Major Collector	Minor Collector	Local	Total Urban
Existing Miles	7.304	3.140	8.493	43.921	26.836	72.402	340.259	502.355
Existing %	1.45%	0.63%	1.69%	8.74%	5.34%	14.41%	67.73%	100%
Proposed Belvidere Road	-	-	-	-	+2.6	-	-2.6	-
Proposed Miles	7.304	3.140	8.493	43.921	29.436	72.402	337.659	502.355
Proposed %	1.45%	0.63%	1.69%	8.74%	5.86	14.41%	67.22	100%

Table II
FHWA Guidelines for Rural Systems in Urban States compared to
Cecil County Rural Highway System (%)

	FHWA* Guidelines	Cecil County's Urban System Before	Cecil County's Urban System After
Interstate	1-2	1.45	1.45
Other Freeways & Expressways	0-2	0.63	0.63
Other Principal Arterials	2-5	1.69	1.69
Minor Arterials	3-7	8.74	8.74
Major Collectors	10-17	5.34	5.86
Minor Collectors	5-13	14.41	14.41
Local	66-74	67.73	67.22

*Source: Highway Functional Classification Concepts, Criteria and Procedures (2013, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration).

