

WILMAPCO Council

Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: September 8, 2022

Action Item #12 : To Endorse the City of New Castle Transportation Plan Update

Description/Summary of Item:

Staff will present the draft City of New Castle Transportation Plan. Plan updates the 2009 Plan and builds upon the City's 2020 Comp Plan. Planning was led by WILMAPCO, City of New Castle, and DeIDOT with an advisory committee and four public workshops. Preferred concepts were selected based on community feedback and technical analysis, and address speed management and traffic calming, capacity enhancements, intersection improvements, bicycle/pedestrian connections, parking, stormwater management, and gateways.

Summary of Action Taken by PAC:

The PAC did not take action on this item. Recommendations and public outreach were presented to the PAC on June 13, 2022.

Summary of Action Taken by TAC:

The TAC recommended approval at their August 18 meeting.

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

The Nonmotorized Transportation Working Group reviewed the draft recommendations at the February 1, 2022 meeting.

Report has been reviewed by the Planning Partners and will be presented to the City of New Castle Council October 11, 2022.

WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations:

The WILMAPCO staff recommends that Council endorse the City of New Castle Transportation Plan.

WILMAPCO Council:

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DRAFT RESOLUTION

BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO) ENDORING THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

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

WHEREAS, the WILMAPCO Council recognizes that comprehensive planning for future land use, transportation, sustainable economic development, environmental protection and enhancement, and community health and livability are necessary actions to implement the goals and objectives in the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

WHEREAS, the City of New Castle submitted a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) request for WILMAPCO to assist the City in an update to the 2009 City of New Castle Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan assessed roadway, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, parking, and other surface transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Plan employed continuous and thorough public engagement with the community and stakeholders throughout the planning process, including four public workshops; and

WHEREAS, the Plan evaluates a variety of concepts and makes recommendations based on technical analysis and stakeholder feedback; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Castle supports the planning process and final report to move forward to additional analysis with community discussion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Area Planning Council does hereby endorse the final report and recommendations of the City of New Castle Transportation Plan Update.

Date:

John Sisson, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council