

WILMAPCO Council

Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: January 17, 2023

Action Item #10: To Release the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Amended FY 2023-2026 TIP Air Quality Conformity Determination for Public Comment

Description/Summary of Item:

The RTP update has triggered a need to revise air quality conformity determinations for both New Castle County and Cecil County. This work was developed through the Air Quality Subcommittee, with modeling completed by DeIDOT and MDOT, respectively. The analysis shows that all required emission budget tests are easily met. The conformity determination will undergo official public comment, in step with the RTP, between January 18 and March 6, 2023.

Summary of Action Taken by PAC:

None

Summary of Action Taken by TAC:

The TAC recommended the release of the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Amended FY 2023-2026 TIP Air Quality Conformity Determination for Public Comment at their December 15, 2022 meeting.

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

The Air Quality Subcommittee recommended the release of the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Amended FY 2023-2026 TIP Air Quality Conformity Determination for Public Comment (via e-mail) on December 1, 2022.

WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations:

The WILMAPCO staff recommends that Council Release the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Amended FY 2023-2026 TIP Air Quality Conformity Determination for Public Comment.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION

BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO) RELEASING THE DRAFT NEW CASTLE COUNTY AND CECIL COUNTY AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATIONS FOR THE DRAFT 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 (PM_{2.5}) 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, 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 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 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 2050 Regional Transportation Plan: 2023 Update and Amended FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program for public review.

Date:

John Sisson, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council