

# **WILMAPCO Council**

## **Action Item Summary Sheet**

**Meeting Date: January 17, 2023**

**Action Item #11: To Release the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): 2023 Update for Public Comment**

**Description/Summary of Item:**

Staff and WILMAPCO's committee members have developed a revised draft of the Regional Transportation Plan over the past several months. RTP presentations have been made to many local municipal and civic groups, along with member agency staff.

The RTP identifies our region's long-term transportation needs and the projects and activities that address them. The RTP extends through at least two decades, and the projects it calls for are financially reasonable (based on anticipated revenues) and meet air quality standards. Only transportation projects found in the RTP are eligible for federal funding. It is a living Plan, subject to continual revision (at least every four years), and, generally, a tool for informed transportation and policy decisions. This draft iteration of the RTP features minor adjustments to its policy section along with a fresh financial forecast, air quality conformity analysis, and a revised project list.

The draft 2050 RTP: 2023 Update is ready to be released for a 30-day public review and comment period, scheduled to run between January 18 to March 6, 2023.

**Summary of Action Taken by PAC:**

The PAC recommended release of the 2050 RTP: 2023 Update at their December 12, 2022 meeting.

**Summary of Action Taken by TAC:**

The TAC recommended release of the 2050 RTP: 2023 Update at their December 15, 2022 meeting.

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

n/a

**WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations:**

The WILMAPCO staff recommends that Council Release the Draft 2050 RTP: 2023 Update for Public Comment.

**WILMAPCO Council:**

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## **DRAFT RESOLUTION**

### **BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO) APPROVING RELEASE OF THE DRAFT 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP): 2023 UPDATE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT**

**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 Wilmington, Delaware Metropolitan Area is a Transportation Management Area (TMA) and the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Regulations of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act requires a long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to be updated at least every four years; and

**WHEREAS**, the RTP must be determined to be air quality conforming, as required by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Federal Clean Air Act of 1990 and its Amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, WILMAPCO must consider the planning factors required in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act when developing the RTP; and

**WHEREAS**, the RTP must be found to be financially constrained as required in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of the RTP must follow the policies and practices prescribed in WILMAPCO's adopted Public Participation Plan, which meets or exceeds all federal requirements for public participation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wilmington Area Planning Council does hereby approve the release of the draft *2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): 2023 Update* for public review and comment between January 18, 2023 and March 6, 2023.

Date:

John Sisson, Chairperson  
Wilmington Area Planning Council

