

WILMAPCO Council

Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: January 10, 2019

Action Item #9: To Amend the WILMAPCO FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Cecil County Element

Description/Summary of Item:

Cecil County has requested that the FY 2019-2022 TIP be amended to include the Mechanics Valley Road Bridge CE0042 over CSX Replacement Project.

Summary of Action Taken by PAC:

The PAC did not take any action on this agenda item.

Summary of Action Taken by TAC:

At their December 20th meeting, the TAC recommended that Council amend the TIP to include funding for this project.

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

At their December 20th meeting, the Air Quality Subcommittee reviewed the draft amendments and found that it does not trigger a revised air quality conformity analysis.

WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations: The WILMAPCO staff recommends that the Council amend the FY 2019-2022 TIP to include funds for this project.

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RESOLUTION BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO)

AMENDING THE FY 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, CECIL COUNTY ELEMENT

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 Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Regulations of Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST), Metropolitan Planning Requirements, require that, in air quality non-attainment areas, the MPO, in cooperation with participants in the planning process, develop and, at least every four years, updates the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, the WILMAPCO TIP format incorporates a four-year period for the listing of priority projects to be implemented, as well as a list of program development projects; and

WHEREAS, the amendment to the FY 2019-2022 TIP has undergone appropriate community and technical reviews; and

WHEREAS, the amendment to the TIP has been determined to be air quality conforming in accordance with FAST and Clean Air Act and Amendments (CAAA) of 1990 requirements; and;

WHEREAS, the amendment to the FY 2019-2022 TIP have been found to be financially constrained, as directed by 23 CFR 450.326, and consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Area Planning Council does hereby amend the FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program to include funding for Cecil County Bridge CE-0042 on Mechanics Valley Road over CSX Railroad project.

Date: _____

John Sisson, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council



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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SUBMISSION/AMENDMENT FORM

This form must be completed and all questions must be answered in order to process this request.

Date of Submission: December 3, 2018 TIP to be Amended: FY2019-FY2022

Sponsoring Agency: Cecil County Department of Public Works

Project Name: Cecil County Bridge CE-0042, Mechanics Valley Road over CSX Railroad

Project Category: Transportation Improvement Program

Project Description:

Project will replace the existing bridge that is currently in poor condition and is functionally obsolete with a new modern bridge on a new alignment that will also improve the intersection of Mechanics Valley Road with Bouchelle Road

Project Justification:

Bridge Preservation

Funding:

Federal 80% State _____ Local 20% Total 100%

Funding Source	Phase	Current Estimate Total	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	Total
Federal	Final		871				871
Local	Final		217				217
Federal	Constr.			8,120			8,120
Local	Constr.			2,030			2,030
Total			1,088	10,150			11,238

\$s x 1,000

1. Does this project require a new conformity determination? No
(Section 93.104(c)(2)) "A TIP amendment requires a new conformity determination for the entire TIP before the amendment is approved by the MPO or accepted by DOT, unless the amendment merely adds or deletes exempt projects listed in § 93.126 or § 93.127".

2. Is this project regionally significant? No
(Section 23 CFR 450.326 (f)) "The TIP shall contain all regionally significant projects requiring an action by the FHWA or the FTA whether or not the projects are to be funded under title 23 U.S.C. Chapters 1 and 2 or title 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 (e.g., addition of an interchange to the Interstate System with State, local, and/or private funds and congressionally designated projects not funded under 23 U.S.C. or 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53). For public information and conformity purposes, the TIP shall include all regionally significant projects proposed to be funded with Federal funds other than those administered by the FHWA or the FTA, as well as all regionally significant projects to be funded with non-Federal funds."

3. Has this project had the opportunity for public comment? Yes
(Section 450.328(a)) "The MPO(s) shall use public participation procedures consistent with § 450.316(a) in revising the TIP, except that these procedures are not required for administrative modifications."

4. Has this project been found to be financially constrained? Yes
(Section 450.326(k)) "The TIP shall include a project, or a phase of a project, only if full funding can reasonably be anticipated to be available for the project within the time period contemplated for completion of the project...."

Please indicate funding sources by agency:

Federal Highway Administration
Cecil County, Maryland

5. Is this project consistent with the WILMAPCO Regional Transportation Plan? Yes
(Section 450.326i) "Each project or project phase included in the TIP shall be consistent with the approved metropolitan transportation plan."

If not, is there a resolution to amend the Regional Transportation Plan?

6. Does the project include complete streets elements (i.e. pedestrian, bicycle, or transit improvements)? Please describe:
No, the project is a bridge replacement project with limited approach roadway improvements, and is not currently located in the growth zone.

7. Please provide any additional pertinent information below:
The bridge is continuing to deteriorate and traffic demands will keep increasing in the coming years, and the project will address both of these concerns, and in addition safety issues such as substandard bridge clear roadway widths, sight stopping distance, and intersection sight distance.



Transportation Improvement Program Submission/Amendment Description of Public Participation

Project Name: Cecil County Bridge CE-0042, Mechanics Valley Road over CSX Railroad

Which techniques were used to seek public comment (please use additional pages if needed).

Public workshops/meetings

Number of public workshops/meetings: 1

Format: Informational Public Meeting with Display Boards and representatives from Cecil County Department of Public Works and the Design Engineer

Location(s): North East Fire Company Station 4 , 210 South Mauldin Avenue, North East, Maryland 21901

Number of attendees: 40 Estimated and 30 signed-in

Main issue raised: Sight distance at Mechanics Valley Road and Bouchelle Road Intersection; property impacts.

Consensus of meeting: Project needed for safety reasons

Overall, the public support for the project was (check one):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strong support, few concerns | <input type="checkbox"/> Some opposition, many concerns raised |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some support, but some concerns raised | <input type="checkbox"/> Strong opposition, major problems identified |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed, equal support and opposition | |

Unresolved issues identified: _____

Citizen Advisory/Steering Committee

Survey

Number surveyed: _____

Results: _____

Elected officials briefings

Other _____

How was the public notified about the project?

Web page Publications Distribution: _____

Legal notice _____ Newsletter/brochure

Videos _____ Flyers

Radio/television

Other Static Roadside notification sign; social media – Cecil County Face Book Post; Cecil Whig

How has the project changed as a result of public comments?

Property owners notified the County about specific well and septic locations that impacted proposed locations for stormwater management facilities

Comment further on the quantity and quality of the public participation:

