### Action Item #9: To Endorse the Draft 2019 Transportation Justice Plan

**Description/Summary of Item:**
The 2019 Transportation Justice Plan identifies key social inequities in the Wilmington region’s transportation system. We examine the fairness and inclusivity of the existing and planned system, as well as our public engagement processes. Recommendations are made to overcome observed barriers and inequities.

This plan exceeds WILMAPCO’s obligations under several federal statutes and initiatives: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Environmental Justice, Language Assistance, and the Americans with Disability Act. It brings together and addresses these overlapping themes under an umbrella initiative that WILMAPCO henceforth calls Transportation Justice, or TJ.

The plan was guided by an ad hoc working group comprised of WILMAPCO staff, members of the Public Advisory Committee, researchers from the University of Delaware, and officials from the Maryland and Delaware Departments of Transportation, and the Delaware Transit Corporation. The group met five times between September 2018 and August 2019.

**Summary of Action Taken by PAC:** The PAC received presentations on the TJ Plan, reviewed the draft, and provided recommendations that were incorporated, but they did not take action.

**Summary of Action Taken by TAC:** The TAC recommended Council endorsement at their August 2019 meeting.

**Summary of Action Taken by Subcommittee/Task Force (if applicable):**
The TJ Working Group recommended Council endorsement at their August 2019 meeting.

The NMTWG received presentations on the TJ Plan and provided recommendations that were incorporated, but they did not take action.

**WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations:**
The WILMAPCO staff recommends that Council endorse the TJ Plan.
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RESOLUTION

BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO)
TO ENDORSE THE 2019 TRANSPORTATION JUSTICE PLAN

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, federal regulations require MPOs to address Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Environmental Justice, and the Americans with Disabilities Act in the planning process; and

WHEREAS, low-income and minority communities have been shown to carry undue burdens of the transportation system and face inequities in the planning process; and

WHEREAS, limited English-speaking, low-literacy, female-headed households with children, and low-income and minority individuals often face difficulties participating in the planning process; and

WHEREAS, seniors, people with disabilities and people who live in households without cars can experience challenges with the transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Transportation Justice Plan helps to implement the goals and objectives of the WILMAPCO Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Transportation Justice Plan continues a process to analyze the present and future transportation needs of these constrained populations; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Transportation Justice Plan provides recommendations to enhance the mobility, the involvement, and the quality of life of these constrained populations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Area Planning Council does hereby endorse the 2019 Transportation Justice Plan.

Date: ____________________________

John Sisson, Chairperson

Wilmington Area Planning Council