

WILMAPCO Council

Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: September 8, 2022

Action Item #10 : To Amend the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement program (TIP)

Description/Summary of Item:

Cecil County has requested that the TIP be amended to include Planning and Design for Belvidere Road Improvement Project. A future second amendment will consider the addition of engineering and construction funds, pending an air quality conformity analysis and RTP amendment.

Belvidere Road traffic is expected to increase from 2,400 to 18,400 vehicles per day when the Belvidere Road interchange opens in 2025. This project, along with the bridge replacement project, will provide additional capacity between US 40 and I-95 along Belvidere Road. Funding is \$500,000 FHWA and \$500,000 Cecil County.

Summary of Action Taken by PAC:

None

Summary of Action Taken by TAC:

The TAC recommended approval at their July 21, 2022 meeting.

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

The Air Quality Subcommittee reviewed this at the July 7, 2022 meeting and found that it would not trigger a revised conformity analysis.

WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations:

The WILMAPCO staff recommends that Council amend the TIP to include the Belvidere Road Improvement Project.

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RESOLUTION BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO)

AMENDING THE FY 2023-2026 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 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), 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 2023-2026 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 IIJA and Clean Air Act and Amendments (CAAA) of 1990 requirements; and;

WHEREAS, the amendment to the FY 2023-2026 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 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program to include the Planning and Design for Belvidere Road Improvements project.

Date: _____

John Sisson, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council



TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SUBMISSION/AMENDMENT FORM

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

Date of Submission/Amendment: July 6, 2022

Sponsoring Agency: Cecil County Department of Public Works

Project Name: Planning and Design for Belvidere Road Improvements

Project Category: Road Improvements

Project Description: This TIP submission is requesting funds for **planning and design only**. No funds for construction are being requested at this time. The construction will be submitted as a separate phase later. The project extends from the intersection of RT 40 to the southern limit of the CE055 Bridge replacement project that extends to approximately 500 feet north of Americold's entrance. The project will support existing and continued development of businesses on Belvidere Road and Rt. 40.

Project Justification: Belvidere Road traffic is expected to increase from 2,400 to 18,400 vehicles per day when the Belvidere Road interchange opens in 2025.

Funding: Federal 500 State Local 500 Total 1,000

Funding	Phase	Current	FY 2023	Total
Local/FHWA	Planning and Design		1000	1,000
Total			1000	1,000

All \$s x 1,000

1. Does this project require a new conformity determination? No
 (Section 51.400)(C2) "A TIP amendment requires a new conformity determination for the entire TIP before the amendment is approved by the MPO, unless it merely adds or deletes exempt projects listed in (Section 51.460)."
2. Is this project regionally significant? Yes
 (Section 450.324) (f)(3) "The TIP shall include...all regionally significant transportation projects for which an FHWA or the FTA approval is required whether or not the projects are to be funded with title 23, U.S.C., or Federal Transit Act funds, e.g., addition of an interchange to the Interstate System with State, local, and/or private funds, demonstration projects not funded under title 23, U.S.C., or the Federal Transit Act, etc."
3. Has this project had the opportunity for public comment? No
 (Section 450.326) "... Public involvement procedures consistent with Section 450.316 (b)(1) shall be utilized in amending the TIP, except that these procedures are not required for TIP amendments that only involve projects of the type covered in Section 450.324 (I)."
4. Has this project been found to be financially constrained? Yes
 (Section 450.324) (e) "The TIP shall be financially constrained by year and include a financial plan that demonstrates which projects can be implemented using current revenue sources (while the existing transportation system is being adequately operated and maintained. The financial plan shall be developed by the MPO in cooperation with the State and transit operator..."

Please indicate funding sources by agency:

Cecil County bonds.

Federal funding for this project is available through the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program.

5. Is this project consistent with the WILMAPCO Metropolitan Transportation Plan? **RTP to be amended to include this project**
 (Section 450.324) (f)(2) "The TIP shall include...only projects that are consistent with the transportation plan."
6. If not, is there a resolution to amend the Metropolitan Transportation Plan? **RTP to be amended to include this project**
7. Does the project promote economic development initiatives such as adding or improving access to brownfield locations or to an existing or planned site used for employment, tourism, manufacturing, commercial or industrial purposes, or addresses a problem, topic or issue identified through regional economic development planning? **Yes. Continued development of businesses will be supported on Belvidere Road and RT. 40.**
8. Please provide any additional pertinent information below:
