
WILMAPCO Press Release

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Comments sought on region's proposed transportation projects

Newark, DE - The Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) is encouraging public comment on projects proposed for the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) from January 19 through March 2. The TIP identifies \$2.2 billion in transportation projects funded during the next four years, and includes roadway, bicycle, pedestrian, and transit improvements.

WILMAPCO and DelDOT will hold a public workshop on Wednesday, February 24 at the Newark Free Library (750 Library Avenue, Newark, DE) to present information about planned improvements. Attendees are invited to stop by anytime between 4 and 7 p.m. to review and discuss projects with WILMAPCO and DelDOT staff.

Tigist Zegeye, WILMAPCO Executive Director, said, "WILMAPCO is pleased to present a draft TIP that contains more than \$880 million in projects that maintain our existing transportation infrastructure in New Castle County, DE and Cecil County, MD, including paving, bridge projects, and transit vehicles."

Major projects scheduled to start construction in FY 2017 include:

- ***Howell School Road, SR 896 to SR 71*** - will align the SR 896 intersections with Denny Road and Howell School Road, provide two 11-foot lanes and two 5-foot bicycle lanes from SR 896 to Robert Peoples Boulevard, construct a roundabout at the intersection of Robert Peoples Boulevard and Howell School Road, a build a bicycle and pedestrian path to Lums Pond from Denny Road.
- ***Jamison Corner Road Relocated at Boyds Corner Road*** – will relocate Jamison Corner Road to the west to connect with Cedar Lane Road, and will provide a bicycle and pedestrian path.
- ***Christina River Bridge*** – will build a new multi-modal bridge over the Christina River to add another access point to the Wilmington Riverfront and improve access from US 13, I-495 and I-95.
- ***Industrial Track Greenway Phase III*** – will build the final link in a pedestrian and bicycle route connecting City of New Castle and Wilmington.
- ***Newark Regional Transportation Center*** – will build an improved train station in Newark with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant platforms, expanded parking, and significantly improved passenger amenities, including a station building with bathrooms.

Written comments should be sent to WILMAPCO at 850 Library Ave, Newark, DE 19711, emailed to wilmapco@wilmapco.org or faxed to (302) 737-9584. Comments can also be made online at www.wilmapco.org/tip.

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WILMAPCO is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for New Castle County, Delaware, and Cecil County, Maryland that is responsible for coordinating transportation planning in the region and involving the public to ensure that transportation projects will meet its needs. For more information about WILMAPCO visit www.wilmapco.org, call 302-737-6205, or call toll-free from Cecil County at 1-888-808-7088.