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Draft list of transportation projects for New Castle and Cecil Counties is available for public review and comment

Newark, DE - The Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) has released draft amendments to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for public review and comment through September 13. Funding the region's transportation projects, the TIP prioritizes and details \$2.4 billion in planned transportation projects including roads, buses, rail, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements.

While no new projects have been added, the amended version contains 10 percent more funding than the TIP approved in March 2017. Emphasizing WILMAPCO's preservation first policy, 46 percent of TIP funds are allocated to maintain the region's existing infrastructure.

Major continuing projects include:

<u>Transit</u>

- New rail and bus transit centers in Newark, Claymont, and Wilmington
- Bus transit park & rides near Christiana Mall and Middletown

Road

- Bridge preservation and safety projects in Cecil and New Castle counties
- Highway projects including I-295 westbound and US 301
- Multimodal projects including US 40, Elkton Road, southern New Castle County roads, and City of Wilmington streets

Bicycle and Pedestrian

- New Castle-Wilmington Jack Markell Trail completion
- Pedestrian improvements on US 13 and US 40

Information is available online at www.wilmapco.org/tip. WILMAPCO also encourages community attendance at a Public Workshop being held in partnership with DelDOT on Monday, September 11, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Newark Free Library. WILMAPCO and DelDOT staff will be available to discuss proposed projects and listen to feedback.

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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.