



Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) Presents

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TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Agenda

- Registration / Networking
and hors d'oeuvres 4:00 p.m.
- Welcome and Introductions 4:45 p.m.
Tigist Zegeye, Executive Director, WILMAPCO
- Opening Remarks 4:50 p.m.
Nicole Majeski, Deputy Secretary, DeIDOT
- Our Town Emcee 5:00 p.m.
Edward O'Donnell, Senior Fellow and Instructor,
University of Delaware
- Keynote Presentation 5:05 p.m.
Beth Osborne, Director, Transportation for America
- Long-Range Planning Panel
WILMAPCO 2050 Regional Transportation Plan
Bill Swiatek, Principal Planner, WILMAPCO 5:30 p.m.
- DeIDOT Long-Range Transportation Plan 5:40 p.m.
Drew Boyce, Director of Planning, DeIDOT
- 2040 Maryland Transportation Plan 5:50 p.m.
Heather Murphy, Director, Office of Planning and Capital
Programming, MDOT
- New Castle County Comprehensive and Sub-Area Plans
Richard Hall, General Manager, Department of Land Use,
New Castle County 6:00 p.m.
- City of Wilmington Comprehensive Plan 6:20 p.m.
Herb Inden, Director, Department of Planning and
Development, City of Wilmington
- Question and Answer 6:30 p.m.

Biographies

Tigist Zegeye

Tigist has served as the Executive Director of the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) serving New Castle County, Delaware and Cecil County, Maryland, since 2003. Tigist is responsible for the day-to-day planning activities, including the Long-Range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Prior to joining WILMAPCO, Tigist served as a Planning Engineer with the Missouri Department of Transportation.

Nicole Majeski

Nicole Majeski has served as the Deputy Secretary for the Delaware Department of Transportation since 2011. Prior to coming to the state, Nicole worked for New Castle County Government, serving as Chief of Staff to then County Executive Chris Coons. Nicole currently serves on the AASHTO Committee on Knowledge Management, the Agency Administration Managing Committee and the Northeast Association of State Transportation Officials Policy Committee. She is a graduate of the University of Delaware and a Council of State Government Toll Fellow.

Edward J. O'Donnell

Edward O'Donnell's career has spanned more than forty years characterized by professional leadership, public service, outstanding quality, and transformative changes. A visionary regional approach to planning and a strong environmental ethic permeate a career that has included directing an MPO comprising three counties in three states, crafting a landmark county comprehensive plan and unified development code, completing applied research on land use and transportation, and accomplishing an enduring legacy of environmental protection in a bi-state watershed and in the vast land holdings of a private school. Ed, through his current work with the University of Delaware's Institute for Public Administration, continues to shape Delaware's future, and likely will for generations.

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Beth Osborne

Beth is the Director of Transportation for America. She was previously at the U.S. Department of Transportation, where she served as the Acting Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy and the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy since 2009. At DOT, Beth managed the TIGER Discretionary Grant program, the Secretary's livability initiative, the development of the Administration's surface transportation authorization proposal, and the implementation of MAP-21. Before joining DOT, Beth worked for Sen. Tom Carper (DE) as an advisor for transportation, trade and labor policy, as the policy director for Smart Growth America and as legislative director for environmental policy at the Southern Governors' Association. She began her career in Washington, DC, in the House of Representatives working as a legislative assistant for Rep. Ron Klink (PA-04) and as legislative director for Rep. Brian Baird (WA-03).

Bill Swiatek

A principal planner with WILMAPCO, Bill leads the agency's environmental planning efforts. He has completed transportation studies concerning social equity, regional connectivity and accessibility, climate change, and community planning. Bill is vice-chair of the South Wilmington Planning Network, an innovative coalition seeking to improve quality of life in the low-resource Southbridge section of Wilmington. Bill has helped grow the coalition and successfully implement the community's neighborhood and transportation plans. Bill is a Past President of the Delaware Chapter of the American Planning Association and serves as Delaware's liaison to APA's Transportation Planning Division. Bill also sits on the Delaware Public Health Association's Advisory Council, where he has worked to strengthen collaboration between the planning and public health fields. Bill holds a Master of Arts in Geography from the University of Delaware.

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Drew Boyce

Drew has been employed by DeIDOT for over 30 years. He spent most of those years working in different capacities in the development of the capital roadway projects. In 2012 Drew was selected to be the Director of Planning Division where he is responsible for coordination of land use activities and transportation including TIS reviews, entrance approvals and implementation of Transportation Improvement Districts (TIDs). In addition he is responsible for statewide transportation planning including the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan, 6 year capital transportation program, Freight Plan, bicycle and pedestrian programs, data and statistical analysis, transportation research, and truck weight enforcement. Drew is a registered professional engineer in Delaware and Pennsylvania.

Heather Murphy

Heather has been the Director for the Office of Planning and Capital Programming, and before that the Deputy Director, at Maryland Department of Transportation Secretary's Office (MDOT TSO) for the last eleven (11) years. As Director, Heather oversees the development of the Governor's Capital Transportation Program, the long-range transportation plan, and the annual Attainment Report, MDOT's performance management report. Heather also has oversight for the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), statewide bicycle and pedestrian planning, and statewide air quality conformity and climate change policy. Heather also helps to coordinate new and innovative technology development, including Electric Vehicle infrastructure, Connected and Automated Vehicle Strategic Planning and participates as a key member of the MDOT Public Private Partnership (P3) Steering Committee.

Richard Hall

Rich is the General Manager for the New Castle County Department of Land Use since January 2017. Prior to his appointment he was the Executive Director of Citizens Planning & Housing Association (CPHA) in Baltimore from April 2015 to

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January 2017; Secretary, Maryland Department of Planning from January 2007 to January 2015; Planner and Division Manager, Maryland Department from January 1992 to January 2007; and a Senior Planner at the Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning from June 1989 to January 1992. Rich has thirty years of professional planning experience in state, local, and nonprofit sectors. His experience includes comprehensive planning, analysis, state and local legislation, management, policy development, program implementation, and citizen engagement. Rich has a Bachelor's in Urban and Regional Planning from East Carolina University and a Master's in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Herb Inden

Herb was appointed Director of the Department of Planning and Development for the City of Wilmington in January 2017, a position he previously held in the early 1990's. Prior to returning to the City, Herb worked for the State of Delaware in both the Office of State Planning Coordination and DeIDOT. While with the State, Herb was involved with several efforts that lead to the transformation of how state and local governments cooperate in land use decision-making. This included recreating the Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues; legislation to strengthen local comprehensive plans as legal documents; and, the creation of the State's document – the Delaware Strategies for State Policies and Spending, a document that encompasses the certified local comprehensive plans, used to guide State agency budgeting in support of local land use decisions. Herb's current focus with the City is on creating a new format for the City's Comprehensive Plan through a strong public input process that will help the City and its citizens and businesses create a clear path forward to a livable City that includes greater opportunities for alternative modes of transportation.

Notes

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