

RESOLUTION

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BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO) ENDORING THE BRIDGING I-95 CAP FEASIBILITY STUDY

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) has been designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for New Castle County, Delaware and Cecil County, Maryland by the Governors of Delaware and Maryland, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the WILMAPCO Council recognizes that comprehensive planning for future land use, transportation, sustainable economic development, environmental protection and enhancement, and community health and livability are necessary actions to implement the goals and objectives in the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) submitted a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) request for WILMAPCO to assist in conducting a study to consider the feasibility of developing a cap structure over the below-grade segment of Interstate 95 within the City of Wilmington to create new community spaces that will connect neighborhoods separated by I-95's construction; and

WHEREAS, the Study also identifies necessary multimodal improvements to connect residents to open spaces and cultural resources while providing a more walkable, bikeable and transit-friendly community asset to create a safer multimodal network; and

WHEREAS, the Study employed continuous and thorough public engagement with the community and an Advisory Committee throughout the planning process to determine the needs for new community spaces with safe connections for walking and biking amenities; and

WHEREAS, the Study puts forth a preferred concept with a menu of improvements and utilized four public workshops to solicit feedback from the community and develop consensus; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee supported the preferred concept and the Bridging I-95 Cap Feasibility Study final report;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Area Planning Council does hereby endorse the Bridging I-95 Cap Feasibility Study.

Date:

John Sisson, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council