

WILMAPCO Council

Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: November 9, 2023

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 the Replacement of Belvidere Bridge CE0055 over CSX Railroad Project.

Current Funding

\$sx1000		FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	Total
ST	PE					
FHWA	ROW					
80% FHWA / 20% Cecil	C	14,000				14,000
Total		14,000				14,000

Amended Funding

\$sx1000		FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	Total
80% FHWA / 20% Cecil	PE	407.7	1,139.9			1,547.6
80% FHWA / 20% Cecil	ROW		2,000.0			2,000.0
FHWA	C					
Total		407.7	3,139.9			3,547.6

Summary of Action Taken by PAC: The WILMAPCO PAC did not take action on this item.

Summary of Action Taken by TAC:

The TAC recommended that the Council approve this amendment at their October 19 meeting.

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

The Air Quality Subcommittee reviewed the amendment at their November 2 meeting and found that this would not trigger a revised air quality conformity analysis.

WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations:

The WILMAPCO staff recommends that Council amend the TIP to include funding for this project.

WILMAPCO Council:

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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 funding for the Replacement of Belvidere Road Bridge CE0055 over CSX Railroad 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 in order to process this request.

Date of Submission/Amendment:

Sponsoring Agency: Cecil County, Maryland

Project Name: Replacement of Belvidere Road Bridge CE0055 over CSX Railroad

Project Category: Public Transportation Improvements

Project Description: Replacement of Belvidere Bridge CE0055 over CSX Railroad

Project Justification: Project will replace the existing bridge that is currently in poor condition and is functionally obsolete, with a new, modern bridge on a new alignment that will also improve the sight distance along Belvidere Road.

Funding: Federal 80% _____ State _____ Local 20% _____ Total _____

Funding	Phase	Current	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Total
Federal	PE			130	279	914.920	1,323.92
Local	PE			68.550	128.663	224.980	422.193
Federal	ROW/Utilities					1600	1,600
Local	ROW/Utilities					400	400
Federal	Construction						
Local	Construction						
Total				198.55	407.663	3,139.9	3,746.113

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? No
 (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 Local Funds and Federal Bridge Aid Funds.**

5. Is this project consistent with the WILMAPCO Metropolitan Transportation Plan? Yes
 (Section 450.324)(f)(2) "The TIP shall include...only projects that are consistent with the transportation plan."

If not, is there a resolution to amend the Metropolitan Transportation Plan? _____

6. 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?

CE-0055 currently carries over 1600 vehicles per day; vehicular traffic is expected to significantly increase due to the continued development of Principio Business Park and the construction of the proposed I-95/Belvidere Road interchange. The project will be a complete replacement with a new structure sized to meet current design criteria and anticipated future traffic demands.

7. Please provide any additional pertinent information below:



Transportation Improvement Program Submission/Amendment Description of Public Participation

Project Name: Replacement of Belvidere Road Bridge CE0055 over CSX Railroad

Which techniques were used to seek public comment (please use additional pages if needed).

Public workshops/meetings

Number of public workshops/meetings: _____

Format: _____

Location(s): _____

Number of attendees: _____

Main issue raised: _____

Consensus of meeting: _____

Overall, the public support for the project was (check one):

Strong support, few concerns

Some opposition, many concerns raised

Some support, but some concerns raised

Strong opposition, major problems identified

Mixed, equal support and opposition

Unresolved issues identified: _____

Citizen Advisory/Steering Committee

Survey

Number surveyed: _____

Results: _____

Elected officials briefings

Project web site

Other _____

How was the public notified about the project?

Web page

Publications

Distribution: _____

Legal notice

Newsletter/brochure

Videos

Flyers

Radio/television

Other _____

How has the project changed as a result of public comments?

No.

Comment further on the quantity and quality of the public participation:

This project is part of on-going bridge inspection, maintenance, repair, and replacement activities conducted by the Department of Public Works. As such, projects of this kind are reflected in the capital and/or operating budgets of Cecil County, and vetted in the respective budget hearing processes of the County Council – all of which are advertised in advance (including the County's website), open to the public, and reported on in the media.