

# WILMAPCO Council

## Action Item Summary Sheet

### Meeting Date: March 14, 2024

**Action Item #11: To Amend the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**Description/Summary of Item:**

DelDOT has requested that the TIP be amended to include revised funding for S. College Avenue Gateway project.

**Current Funding**

\$sx1000		FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	Total
ST	PE	300	300	300		900
ST	ROW				600	600
FHWA	C					
<b>Total</b>		<b>300</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1,500</b>

**Amended Funding**

\$sx1000		FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	Total
ST	PE	259	300	300	41	900
FHWA	ROW					
FHWA	C					
<b>Total</b>		<b>259</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>900</b>

**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 February 15 meeting.

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

The Air Quality Subcommittee reviewed the amendment at their February 15 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.

## RESOLUTION BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO)

### AMENDING THE FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, NEW CASTLE COUNTY ELEMENT

**WILMAPCO Council:**

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**WILMAPCO Executive Director**  
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**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 revised funding for the S. College Ave. Gateway project.

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Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Sisson, Chairperson  
Wilmington Area Planning Council



Partners with you in transportation planning

## TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT FORM

This form must be completed and all questions must be answered in order to process this request.

**Date of Submission:** 1/18/24

**TIP to be Amended:** FY2023-FY2026

**Sponsoring Agency:** DelDOT

**Project Name:** S. College Ave. Gateway (21-20012)

**Project Category:** Road Systems

**Project Description:** A modified roadway that focuses on improved mobility along the corridor for all modes, including full width bike lanes throughout the corridor and is intended to enhance the connection from the city’s core to the train station area. From SR 4 to Main Street this project will include bike & pedestrian facilities, geometric improvements, lane configurations, signal coordination, etc.

**Project Justification:** Create a safe and multi modal gateway into the heart of the University of Delaware campus and downtown Newark based on Newark Transportation Plan.

**Funding:** Federal \$0 State \$900.0 Other \$0 Total \$900.0

Funding	Phase	FY23 SPEND	FY 24 SPEND	FY 25 SPEND	FY 26 SPEND	Total
100% STATE	PE	\$258.9	\$300.0	\$300.0	\$41.1	\$900.0
100% STATE	ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
100% FHWA (20% TC)	C	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total		\$258.9	\$300.0	\$300.0	\$41.1	\$900.0

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? **Yes**  
(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? **Yes**  
(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: DelDOT, FHWA

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? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide any additional pertinent information below:

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# Transportation Improvement Program Submission/Amendment Description of Public Participation

**Project Name:** S. College Ave. Gateway (21-20012)

**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):

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strong support, few concerns           | <input type="checkbox"/> Some opposition, many concerns raised        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some support, but some concerns raised | <input type="checkbox"/> Strong opposition, major problems identified |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed, equal support and opposition    |   |

Unresolved issues identified: none

Citizen Advisory/Steering Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Survey  
Number surveyed: \_\_\_\_\_

Results: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Elected officials briefings

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**How was the public notified about the project?**

- |  |  |                     |
|--|--|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Web page                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Publications        | Distribution: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal notice                | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter/brochure |                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Videos                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Flyers              |                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio/television            |  |                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other CTP and MPO Hearings: |  |                     |

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

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

The project is still taking shape as to what the scope will be. The team has been working closely with a core group of stakeholders as a steering committee to come to a consensus of what the needs of the corridor are and how the project should be shaped. Once the committee comes to a consensus on the path forward, DeIDOT will begin seeking public input as well.

S. College Ave. Gateway

PROJECT AUTHORIZATION SCHEDULE  
 IN (\$000)

PROJECT NUMBER	PHASE	FUNDING SOURCE	STATE AUTH (Prior to FY23)	CURRENT ESTIMATE	FY 2023			FY 2024			FY 2025			FY 2026			STATE TOTAL	FEDERAL TOTAL
					STATE	FEDERAL	FUND TYPE	STATE	FEDERAL	FUND TYPE	STATE	FEDERAL	FUND TYPE	STATE	FEDERAL	FUND TYPE		
	PE	100% STATE		900.0	900.0											900.0		
	ROW	100% STATE		600.0									0.0					
	C	100% FHWA (20% TOLL CREDIT)		7,000.0														
<b>Total</b>				<b>8,500.0</b>	<b>900.0</b>											<b>900.0</b>		

PROJECT FUNDING SCHEDULE  
 IN (\$000)

PROJECT NUMBER	PHASE	FUNDING SOURCE	CURRENT ESTIMATE	FY 2023			FY 2024			FY 2025			FY 2026			FY 2027	FY 2028
				STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER	TOTAL	TOTAL
	PE	100% STATE	900.0	258.9			300.0			300.0			41.1				
	ROW	100% STATE	600.0										0.0				
	C	100% FHWA (20% TOLL CREDIT)	7,000.0													0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>			<b>8,500.0</b>	<b>258.9</b>			<b>300.0</b>			<b>300.0</b>			<b>41.1</b>				