

# WILMAPCO Council

## Action Item Summary Sheet

### Meeting Date: March 14, 2024

**Action Item #9: To Amend the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**Description/Summary of Item:**

DelDOT has requested that the TIP be amended to include a Transit Vehicle Air Filtration System Project.

**Amended Funding**

\$sx1000		FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	Total
100% FTA				1,200		1,200
Total				1,200		1,200

**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 January 18 meeting.

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

The Air Quality Subcommittee reviewed the amendment via email 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, NEW CASTLE 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 the Transit Vehicle Air Filtration System project.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

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



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## 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:** 12/27/23

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

**Sponsoring Agency:** DelDOT

**Project Name:** Transit Vehicle Air Filtration System (T202450403)

**Project Category:** Transit Systems

**Project Description:** Air purification system on transit buses. DTC is interested in a system that cleans the air to provide a healthier environment for customers and operators.

**Project Justification:** DTC piloted a purification system which occurred during the time when the wildfires were affecting air quality and reserved data that proved the quality of air on the bus was not negatively impacted. In the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, DTC recognizes a need to provide a means for protecting the public from pollutants while riding public transit.

**Funding:** Federal \$1,200.0 State \$0 Other \$0 Total \$1,200.0

Funding	Phase	FY23 SPEND	FY 24 SPEND	FY 25 SPEND	FY 26 SPEND	Total
100% FTA (20% TC)	PROC	\$0	\$0	\$1,200.0	\$0	\$1,200.0
Total		\$0	\$0	\$1,200.0	\$0	\$1,200.0

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? **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: DelDOT, FTA

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:** Transit Vehicle Air Filtration System (T202450403)

**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  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

_____ Web page	_____ Publications	Distribution: _____
_____ Legal notice	_____ Newsletter/brochure	
_____ Videos	_____ Flyers	
_____ Radio/television		
_____ 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:**

Transit Vehicle Air Filtration System

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		
T202450403	Procurement	100% FTA (20% TOLL CREDIT)		1,200.0					1,200.0	5339								1,200.0
<b>Total</b>				<b>1,200.0</b>					<b>1,200.0</b>									<b>1,200.0</b>

5339 - Bus and Bus Facilities Program

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
T202450403	Procurement	100% FTA (20% TOLL CREDIT)	1,200.0								1,200.0						
<b>Total</b>			<b>1,200.0</b>								<b>1,200.0</b>						