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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 revised funding for the Replacement of Bridge CE0042 - Mechanics Valley Rd over CSX project.

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Date:

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John Sisson, Chairperson  
Wilmington Area Planning Council



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### TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SUBMISSION/AMENDMENT FORM

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

Date of Submission:  TIP to be Amended:

Sponsoring Agency:

Project Name:

Project Category:

**Project Description:**

This project is to repalce the existing bridge with a new modren bridge with a new alignment that also improves the intersection of Mechanics Valley and Bouchelle Road(s).

**Project Justification:**

The bridge is in poor condition and is functionally obsolete

**Funding \$s x 1,000 :**

Federal  State  Local  Total

Funding Source \$s x 1,000	Phase	Current Estimate Total	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	Total
FWHA	Construction		2080				2080
Local	Construction		520				520
TOTAL			2600				2600

1. Does this project require a new conformity determination? No  
(Section 93.104(c)(2)) "A TIP amendment requires a new conformity determination for the entire TIP before the amendment is approved by the MPO or accepted by DOT, unless the amendment merely adds or deletes exempt projects listed in § 93.126 or § 93.127".
2. Is this project regionally significant? Yes  
(Section 23 CFR 450.326 (f)) "The TIP shall contain all regionally significant projects requiring an action by the FHWA or the FTA whether or not the projects are to be funded under title 23 U.S.C. Chapters 1 and 2 or title 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 (e.g., addition of an interchange to the Interstate System with State, local, and/or private funds and congressionally designated projects not funded under 23 U.S.C. or 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53). For public information and conformity purposes, the TIP shall include all regionally significant projects proposed to be funded with Federal funds other than those administered by the FHWA or the FTA, as well as all regionally significant projects to be funded with non-Federal funds."
3. Has this project had the opportunity for public comment? Yes  
(Section 450.328(a)) "The MPO(s) shall use public participation procedures consistent with § 450.316(a) in revising the TIP, except that these procedures are not required for administrative modifications."
4. Has this project been found to be financially constrained? Yes  
(Section 450.326(k)) "The TIP shall include a project, or a phase of a project, only if full funding can reasonably be anticipated to be available for the project within the time period contemplated for completion of the project...."

Please indicate funding sources by agency:

Cecil County, Federal Aid Bridge Replacement Program

5. Is this project consistent with the WILMAPCO Regional Transportation Plan? Yes  
(Section 450.326i) "Each project or project phase included in the TIP shall be consistent with the approved metropolitan transportation plan."

If not, is there a resolution to amend the Regional Transportation Plan? N/A

6. Does the project include complete streets elements (i.e. pedestrian, bicycle, or transit improvements)? Please describe:  
No, as it is a bridge replacement

7. Please provide any additional pertinent information below:

This project was inadvertently not included in the most recent version of the adopted TIP. Construction is planned for FY25 with \$13,805,000 already expended in P/E and Land Acquisition from all funding sources.

# Transportation Improvement Program Submission/Amendment

## Description of Public Participation

Project Name: Replacement of Bridge CE0042 - Mechanics Valley Rd over CSX

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

Public workshops/meetings

Number of public workshops/meetings: 1

Format: Open information meeting with display boards and multiple representatives from the County answering questions from the attendees.

Location(s): North East Fire Hall, North East Maryland

Number of attendees: 30 signed the attendance sheet, estimate 45 attendees

Main issue raised: Construction timeline, detour routing, and will the project also improve the intersection.

Consensus of meeting: Significant majority in favor as it will have the added effect of improving the nearby intersection.

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

- Strong support, few concerns
- Some support, but some concerns raised
- Mixed, equal support and opposition
- Some opposition, many concerns raised
- Strong opposition, major problems identified

Unresolved issues identified:

Citizen Advisory/Steering Committee

Survey

Number surveyed:

Results:

Elected officials briefings

Other \_Numerous static signs in the project area to notify interested parties of the meeting date and time.

How was the public notified about the project?

- Web page
- Legal notice
- Videos
- Radio/television
- Newsletter/brochure
- Flyers
- Other

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

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

No significant changes resulted from public comments.