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DRAFT RESOLUTION BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO)

AMENDING THE FY 2020-2023 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 Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST), 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 2020-2023 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 FAST and Clean Air Act and Amendments (CAAA) of 1990 requirements; and;

WHEREAS, the amendment to the FY 2020-2023 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 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to include revised funding, title and description for the I-95 at Belvidere Road Interchange project.

Date: _____

John Sisson, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council



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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: 9/24/20 TIP to be Amended: FY 2020-2023

Sponsoring Agency: MDOT_MDTA

Project Name: I-95 at Belvidere Road Interchange

Project Category: System Expansion

Project Description:

Construct an interchange at I-95 John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway (JFK Highway) and Belvidere Road, including a new bridge over I-95.

Project Justification:

The purpose of the Belvidere Road Transportation Improvement Study project is to facilitate ongoing and planned economic development in Cecil County’s Principio Enterprise Zone, and to safely and efficiently accommodate the projected transportation demand to and from I-95 and along the existing transportation network.

Funding:

Federal \$20,000,000 State \$34,614,000 Local \$1,000,000 Private \$8,800,000 Total \$64,414,000

Funding Source	Phase	Current Estimate Total	FY__2020	FY_2021__	FY __2022__	FY __2023__	Total
Various	Planning	0					
Various	Engineering	5,467			2,500	1,000	3,000
Various	ROW	5,625		5,625			5,625
Various	Construction	53,322				20,000	20,000
Total		64,414					28,625

\$s x 1,000

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:

BUILD Grant Amount:	\$20,000,000
State Funds (if any):	\$34,614,000
Local Funds (if any):	\$ 1,000,000
<u>Private Funds (if any):</u>	<u>\$ 8,800,000</u>
Total Project Cost:	\$64,414,000

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?

6. Does the project include complete streets elements (i.e. pedestrian, bicycle, or transit improvements)? Please describe:

NO

7. Please provide any additional pertinent information below:



Transportation Improvement Program Submission/Amendment Description of Public Participation

Project Name: I-95 @ Belvidere Road Interchange

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

Public workshops/meetings

Number of public workshops/meetings: 2

Format: Open house style meeting with presentation, boards, and staff answer questions

Location(s): Community Fire Department of Perryville, Minker Banquet Hall

Number of attendees: ~200

Main issue raised: Traffic

Consensus of meeting: _____

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

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| <input checked="" 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: _____

Citizen Advisory/Steering Committee

Survey

Number surveyed: _____

Results: _____

Elected officials briefings

Other Online project update, advertised to residents

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?

Design changes led to avoidance of sensitive environmental features

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

Both meetings had a large turn-out with the overwhelming majority in favor of the project. One resident living North of the project area was concerned about potential for future development, otherwise, all comments Were positive.

