

WILMAPCO Council

Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: September 9, 2021

Action Item #12 : To Endorse the First/Final Mile Freight Network Development Study

Description/Summary of Item:

First and final mile connections are roadways that link truck-generating facilities to mainline routes of travel such as interstates or major regional highways. This network development effort created a greater understanding of Delaware's first/final mile connections, the roads that link businesses to higher functional class roadways. A second objective was identifying freight transportation needs and issues on these connections so that planning stakeholders can address these issues in the future.

Additional focus of this effort included regular engagement with the local trucking community to help validate future strategies and recommendations. Also included in the study is a summary document to address planning considerations for Freight-Related Development.

Summary of Action Taken by PAC:

The PAC did not take action on this item.

Summary of Action Taken by TAC:

The TAC recommended to endorse the First/Final Mile Freight Network Development Study

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

The Nonmotorized Transportation Working Group did not take any action on this item

WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations:

The WILMAPCO staff recommends that Council endorse the First/Final Mile Freight Network Development Study

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RESOLUTION

WILMAPCO Council:

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**BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO)
TO ENDORSE THE
DELAWARE FIRST/FINAL MILE FREIGHT NETWORK DEVELOPMENT
STUDY**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) has been designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Cecil County, Maryland and New Castle County, Delaware by the Governors of Maryland and Delaware, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the WILMAPCO Council recognizes that comprehensive planning for future land use, transportation, sustainable economic development, environmental protection and enhancement, and community health and livability are necessary actions to implement the goals and objectives in the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

WHEREAS, the objective of the Delaware First/Final Mile Freight Network Development Study is to create a greater understanding of Delaware's first/final mile connections that link businesses to state and national highway networks; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware First/Final Mile Freight Network Development Study employed a focus group comprised from the local trucking community along with continuous and rigorous public engagement throughout the planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware First/Final Mile Freight Network Development Study will help Delaware's transportation stakeholders make effective improvements and maintain first/final mile connections while balancing the needs of other transportation users;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Area Planning Council does hereby endorse the final report and recommendations of Delaware First/Final Mile Freight Network Development Study.

Date:

John Sisson, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council