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Other states look to WILMAPCO as national model for improving economies through better planning

WILMAPCO's Regional Transportation Plan highlighted as a national model in new nationwide guidebook from Transportation for America

Washington, DC - Everyone wants less traffic, shorter commutes, better health, and greater economic prosperity. The Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) is working to do all these things with the latest Update to its 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and according to a new national report, WILMAPCO is among the best in the nation.

The Innovative MPO, released today by Transportation for America, is a new guidebook for the staff and board members of metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs). The guide showcases best practices from across the country to illustrate ways MPOs can help their communities prosper.

“MPOs do incredibly important and challenging work,” said James Corless, director of Transportation for America. WILMAPCO is among the best in the country and we commend them for their dedication to the people of New Castle and Cecil Counties.”

WILMAPCO's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is highlighted in the guidebook as a national leader, and a model for other MPOs to follow. Specifically, the report praises WILMAPCO's RTP that prioritizes projects serving key, regional centers and attempts to coordinate housing and other development so that more residents can live closer to work or find homes or jobs in walkable neighborhoods with access to public transportation.

“We're working to improve the lives of people in our region,” said Tigist Zegeye, WILMAPCO Executive Director. “We already see this happening, but it is great to know that our successes are being recognized nationally, and can serve as models for other states and regions.”

WILMAPCO's RTP is currently out for public review and comment through January 5th. Copies of the draft plan are available at WILMAPCO's office at 850 Library Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19711, or can be viewed on WILMAPCO's website: www.wilmapco.org. Written comments should be sent to WILMAPCO at the address above or emailed to WILMAPCO@WILMAPCO.org.

The Innovative MPO is available today at www.t4america.org/the-innovative-mpo. To view and comment on WILMAPCO's RTP, please visit www.wilmapco.org/rtp.



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Transportation for America is an alliance of elected, business and civic leaders from communities across the country, united to ensure that states and the federal government step up to invest in smart, homegrown, locally-driven transportation solutions — because these are the investments that hold the key to our future economic prosperity. www.t4america.org



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