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DRAFT RESOLUTION

BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO) ENDORING THE UNION STREET RECONFIGURATION AND STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT STUDY

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) has been designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for New Castle County, Delaware and Cecil County, Maryland by the Governors of Delaware and Maryland, 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 City of Wilmington submitted a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) request for WILMAPCO to assist the City in developing a comprehensive plan that identifies necessary multimodal improvements to the Union Street corridor in order to support the existing businesses and cultural resources while providing a more walkable and bikeable community asset; and

WHEREAS, the Study assessed the corridor to address pedestrian/bicycle access and safety, transit amenities, and streetscape and traffic calming features to create a safer multimodal network; and

WHEREAS, the Study employed continuous and thorough public engagement with the community and stakeholders throughout the planning process, including three public workshops, to determine the needs of existing businesses and the community's desire for walking and biking amenities; and

WHEREAS, the Study puts forth a full corridor concept with a menu of improvements and utilized a workshop to solicit feedback from the community and develop consensus; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office supported the corridor concept and the Union Street Reconfiguration and Streetscape Improvement Study final report;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Area Planning Council does hereby endorse the final report and recommendations of the Union Street Reconfiguration and Streetscape Improvement Study.

Date:

John Sisson, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council