

# WILMAPCO Council

## Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: January 10, 2019

**Action Item #10: To Release the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and FY 2020-2023 TIP Air Quality Conformity Determination for Public Comment**

**Description/Summary of Item:** The RTP update has triggered a revised air quality conformity analysis for both New Castle County and Cecil County. Regionally significant projects planned through 2050 were modeled to gauge their impact against ozone budgets (New Castle County and Cecil County), and fine particulate matter budgets (New Castle County). All applicable budgets were comfortably met.

This action releases the analyses, and their corresponding documents, for public review and comment.

**Summary of Action Taken by PAC:** The PAC did not take action on this agenda item.

**Summary of Action Taken by TAC:** The TAC recommended that WILMAPCO Council release the air quality conformity analyses for public comment at their December meeting.

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

**Air Quality Subcommittee:** The Air Quality Subcommittee recommended that WILMAPCO Council release the air quality conformity analyses for public comment at their December meeting.

**WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations:** The WILMAPCO staff recommends that the Council release the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Air Quality Conformity analyses for public review and comment.

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### RESOLUTION

**BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO)  
RELEASING THE DRAFT NEW CASTLE COUNTY AND CECIL COUNTY  
AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATIONS FOR THE  
FY 2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE  
2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR PUBLIC REVIEW**

**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 Environmental Protection Agency has under the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) designated New Castle County, Delaware in maintenance for fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and both New Castle County, Delaware and Cecil County, Maryland nonattainment for ozone; and

**WHEREAS**, WILMAPCO must demonstrate transportation conformity on its Transportation Improvement Programs and Regional Transportation Plans in accordance with federal requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, an update to the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan is underway; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Castle County and Cecil County Air Quality Conformity Determinations for the FY 2020-23 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan has undergone appropriate technical review as required by the interagency conformity consultation process; and

**WHEREAS**, the emission projections outlined in the FY 2020-23 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan show conformity to all appropriate budgets; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2020-23 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan will undergo a 30-day public review and comment period, including one public workshop;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wilmington Area Planning Council releases the draft New Castle County and Cecil County Air Quality Conformity Determinations for the FY 2020-23 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan for public review.

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Date:

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John Sisson, Chairperson  
Wilmington Area Planning Council

