# WILMAPCO Council Action Item Summary Sheet Meeting Date: July 12, 2018

Action Item #11: To Endorse the Elkton Pedestrian Plan

#### Description/Summary of Item:

Staff will present the final report and recommendations for the Elkton Pedestrian Plan. The Plan was requested by the Town of Elkton to identify necessary improvements to the Town's pedestrian network and support making Elkton a more walkable community. The Plan presents several recommendations which seek to improve the safety, connectivity, and access of Elkton's pedestrian network.

#### **Summary of Action Taken by PAC:**

The PAC took no action but was supportive of the public outreach process for this project.

#### Summary of Action Taken by TAC:

The TAC endorsed the final report at their June 21 meeting.

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

The Town of Elkton is expected to endorse the study at their July 11 Mayor and Commissioners meeting.

#### **WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations:**

The WILMAPCO staff recommends that Council endorse the Elkton Pedestrian Plan as presented.

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#### RESOLUTION

## BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO) ENDORSING THE ELKTON PEDESTRIAN PLAN

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 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Elkton submitted a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) request for WILMAPCO to assist the Town in developing a comprehensive Pedestrian Plan that identifies necessary improvements to the Town's pedestrian network in order to support making Elkton a more walkable community; and

WHEREAS, the Elkton Pedestrian Plan assessed the Town's existing pedestrian network for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, identified previous studies completed in Elkton, and prioritized the pedestrian network based on pedestrian activity using a technical scoring process; and

WHEREAS, the Elkton Pedestrian Plan employed continuous and thorough public engagement and support throughout the planning process, including a public survey and two public workshops; and

WHEREAS, the Elkton Pedestrian Plan puts forth several context-sensitive and prioritized recommendations that will improve the safety, connectivity, and access of Elkton's pedestrian network; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Elkton formally endorsed the Elkton Pedestrian Plan at their July 2018 Mayor and Commissioners meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Area Planning Council does hereby endorse the final report and recommendations of the Elkton Pedestrian Plan.

| Date: | John Sisson, Chairperson         |
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