

WILMAPCO Council

Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: February 7, 2023

Action Item #4 : To Amend the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement program (TIP)

Description/Summary of Item:

DelDOT has requested that the TIP be amended to include increased funding for the I-95 & SR 896 Interchange Improvements project.

Current Funding (\$s x 1,000) as amended 1/14/22

Phase	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	TOTAL
PE – 100% ST	1,734				1,734
ROW – 100% ST	610				610
C – 50% FHWA	18,000	64,000	61,650		143,650
C – 100% FHWA (50% TC)			2,350	64,000	66,350
TOTAL	20,344	64,000	64,000	64,000	212,344

Draft Amended Funding (\$s x 1,000)

Phase	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	TOTAL
PE – 80% FHWA	1,315.3				1,315.3
PE – 100% ST	1,119.2				1,119.2
ROW – 100% ST	609.9				609.9
C – 50% FHWA	16,000.0	99,000.0	26,650.0		143,650.0
C – 100% FHWA (50% TC)	1,355.6	1,500.0	87,350.0	45,604.0	135,809.6
TOTAL	20,400.0	100,500.0	116,000.0	45,604.0	282,504.0

Summary of Action Taken by PAC: None

Summary of Action Taken by TAC:

The TAC recommended approval at their January 19, 2023 meeting.

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

The Air Quality Subcommittee reviewed this via email and found that it would not trigger a revised conformity analysis.

WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations:

The WILMAPCO staff recommends that Council amend the TIP to include increased funding for the I-95 & SR 896 Interchange Improvements project.

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RESOLUTION BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO)

AMENDING THE FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, NEW CASTLE COUNTY ELEMENT

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 Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Regulations of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Metropolitan Planning Requirements, require that, in air quality non-attainment areas, the MPO, in cooperation with participants in the planning process, develop and, at least every four years, updates the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, the WILMAPCO TIP format incorporates a four-year period for the listing of priority projects to be implemented, as well as a list of program development projects; and

WHEREAS, the amendment to the FY 2023-2026 TIP has undergone appropriate community and technical reviews; and

WHEREAS, the amendment to the TIP has been determined to be air quality conforming in accordance with IIJA and Clean Air Act and Amendments (CAAA) of 1990 requirements; and;

WHEREAS, the amendment to the FY 2023-2026 TIP have been found to be financially constrained, as directed by 23 CFR 450.326, and consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Area Planning Council does hereby amend the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program to include increased funding for the I-95 and SR 896 Interchange project.

Date: _____

John Sisson, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council



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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT FORM

This form must be completed and all questions must be answered in order to process this request.

Date of Submission: 1/17/23

TIP to be Amended: FY2023-FY2026

Sponsoring Agency: DelDOT

Project Name: I-95 and SR896 Interchange (T201609002)

Project Category: Road Systems

Project Description: The proposed improvements include ramp realignments and other geometric improvements to address congestion and safety on both I-95 and SR896. In June 2020, this project was awarded a \$56.8M federal INFRA grant which will allow construction to start in late 2022, 2 years earlier than originally anticipated.

Project Justification: The I-95/SR896 Interchange experiences congestion in the peak hours, along with accidents during different times of the day. Improvements at the interchange to address these and other related issues have been discussed for many years as traffic has increased.

Funding: Federal \$208,686.9 State \$73,817.2 Other \$0 Total \$282,504.0

Funding	Phase	FY23 SPEND	FY 24 SPEND	FY 25 SPEND	FY 26 SPEND	Total
80% FHWA	PE	\$1,315.3	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,315.3
100% State	PE	\$1,119.2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,119.2
100% State	ROW	\$609.9	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$609.9
50/50 FHWA	C	\$16,000.0	\$99,000.0	\$28,650.0	\$0	\$143,650.0
100% FHWA (50% TC)	C	\$1,355.6	\$1,500.0	\$87,350.0	\$45,604.0	\$135,809.6
Total		\$20,400.0	\$100,500.0	\$116,000.0	\$45,604.0	\$282,504.0

1. Does this project require a new conformity determination? **No**
(Section 51.400)(C2) “A TIP amendment requires a new conformity determination for the entire TIP before the amendment is approved by the MPO, unless it merely adds or deletes exempt projects listed in (Section 51.460).”

2. Is this project regionally significant? **Yes**
(Section 450.324)(f)(3) “The TIP shall include...all regionally significant transportation projects for which an FHWA or the FTA approval is required whether or not the projects are to be funded with title 23, U.S.C., or Federal Transit Act funds, e.g., addition of an interchange to the Interstate System with State, local, and/or private funds, demonstration projects not funded under title 23, U.S.C., or the Federal Transit Act, etc.”

3. Has this project had the opportunity for public comment? **Yes**
(Section 450.326) “... Public involvement procedures consistent with Section 450.316 (b)(1) shall be utilized in amending the TIP, except that these procedures are not required for TIP amendments that only involve projects of the type covered in Section 450.324 (I).”

4. Has this project been found to be financially constrained? **Yes**
(Section 450.324)(e) “The TIP shall be financially constrained by year and include a financial plan that demonstrates which projects can be implemented using current revenue sources (while the existing transportation system is being adequately operated and maintained. The financial plan shall be developed by the MPO in cooperation with the State and transit operator...”

Please indicate funding sources by agency: DelDOT, FHWA

5. Is this project consistent with the WILMAPCO Metropolitan Transportation Plan? **Yes**
(Section 450.324)(f)(2) “The TIP shall include...only projects that are consistent with the transportation plan.”

If not, is there a resolution to amend the Metropolitan Transportation Plan? _____

Please provide any additional pertinent information below:

Transportation Improvement Program Submission/Amendment Description of Public Participation

Project Name: I-95 and SR896 Interchange (T201609002)

Which techniques were used to seek public comment (please use additional pages if needed).

Public workshops/meetings

Number of public workshops/meetings: 2

Format: Workshop #1 - In person Workshop #2 – Virtually

Location(s): #1 – Glasgow High School in Newark, #2 – Virtually via Zoom

Number of attendees: #1 – 137, #2 - 87

Main issue raised:

Workshop #1- The main focus was on the various alternatives presented for the project. There was very strong support for the project. Several people asked questions about accommodating bicyclists over the interchange.

Workshop #2 – There were questions regarding consideration to “toll jumpers”, impacts to the Cooch’s Bridge Historic District, and noise pollution.

Consensus of meeting:

Workshop #1- The majority of people were in favor of alternative 1, the current design.

Workshop #2 – Overall the virtual workshop was well-received. There were a total of 71 comments and questions received regarding the virtual workshop.

Overall, the public support for the project was (check one):

Strong support, few concerns

Some opposition, many concerns raised

Some support, but some concerns raised

Strong opposition, major problems identified

Mixed, equal support and opposition

Unresolved issues identified: Continue to work through the Section 106 concerns through the NEPA process

Citizen Advisory/Steering Committee

Survey

Number surveyed: _____

Results: _____

Elected officials briefings

Other _____

How was the public notified about the project?

Web page

Publications

Distribution:

Legal notice

Newsletter/brochure

Videos

Flyers

Radio/television

Other CTP and MPO Hearings _____

How has the project changed as a result of public comments?

During the first public workshop, there were concerns about the need to accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians along SR 896 across I-95. As a result, the project team added a separated structure along southbound SR 896 that will provide a safe pathway.

Comment further on the quantity and quality of the public participation:

In general, this project has been very well received. The traveling public recognize the need for the interchange reconstruction.

In addition to the two project specific public workshops, this project was also brought up at several of Senator Hansen and former Representative Jaques's "Constituent Coffees" and presented on at the annual CTP and MPO Hearings. The project team plans on having additional public outreach as the design of the construction phasing is finalized.

I-95 and SR896 Interchange

PROJECT AUTHORIZATION SCHEDULE
IN (\$000)

PROJECT NUMBER	PHASE	FUNDING SOURCE	STATE AUTH (Prior to FY23)	CURRENT ESTIMATE	FY 2023			FY 2024			FY 2025			FY 2026			STATE TOTAL	FEDERAL TOTAL
					STATE	FEDERAL	FUND TYPE	STATE	FEDERAL	FUND TYPE	STATE	FEDERAL	FUND TYPE	STATE	FEDERAL	FUND TYPE		
T201609002	PE	80% FHWA	3,523.3	18,731.8		36.0	Y001											36.0
T201609002	PE	100% STATE	2,747.2	2,747.2														
T201609002	ROW	100% STATE	880.0	880.0														
T201609002	C	50% FHWA	71,825.0	143,650.0		56,800.0	INFRA*											56,800.0
						15,025.0	Y001*											15,025.0
T201609002	C	100% FHWA (50% TOLL CREDIT)		135,809.6		24,975.0	Y001*		14,000.0	Y001*		40,000.0	Y001*		47,375.0	Y001*		126,350.0
Total			78,975.5	301,818.6		96,836.0			14,000.0			40,000.0		47,375.0			198,211.0	

Y001 - National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)

*AC Conversion

INFRA-INFRA Grant fund code will be determined once agreement is in place.

PROJECT FUNDING SCHEDULE
IN (\$000)

PROJECT NUMBER	PHASE	FUNDING SOURCE	CURRENT ESTIMATE	FY 2023			FY 2024			FY 2025			FY 2026			FY 2027	FY 2028
				STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER	TOTAL	TOTAL
T201609002	PE	80% FHWA	18,731.8	263.1	1,052.3												
T201609002	PE	100% STATE	2,747.2	1,119.2													
T201609002	ROW	100% STATE	880.0	609.9													
T201609002	C	50% FHWA	143,650.0	8,000.0	8,000.0		49,500.0	49,500.0		14,325.0	14,325.0						
T201609002	C	100% FHWA (50% TOLL CREDIT)	135,809.6		1,355.6			1,500.0			87,350.0			45,604.0			
Total			301,818.6	9,992.2	10,407.9		49,500.0	51,000.0		14,325.0	101,675.0			45,604.0			