

WILMAPCO Council

Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: May 1, 2025

Action Item #12: To Approve the Proposed Prioritization of FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Submissions

Description/Summary of Item: Staff will report on recommendation by the TAC and staff regarding the prioritization of submissions to the FY 2027-30 TIP. Based on the prioritization process, Council will rank submissions considering:

- Technical score developed by staff and reviewed by TAC.
- Urgency of project
- Cost effectiveness/ life cycle costs
- Private/local funding match provided.
- Project recommended in adopted transportation plan.
- Submitting agency rankings by ensuring that top local priorities receive higher WILMAPCO ranking than lower local priorities.
- Other issues not included in ranking.
- Additional "special considerations" to break ties and serve as a reality check.

Also included are suggested uses for CMAQ funds using an FHWA CMAQ scoring process reviewed by the Air Quality Subcommittee (AQS).

Summary of Action Taken by PAC: N/A

Summary of Action Taken by TAC: The WILMAPCO TAC approved the technical scoring for the project prioritization at their April 17 meeting.

Summary of Action Taken by Subcommittee/Task Force (if applicable): The AQS reviewed the air quality scoring at their April 3 meeting and via email and concurred with the technical scores and CMAQ scoring.

WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations: Staff is recommending that Council approve the project prioritization as:

1. Adequately fund preservation and safety projects.
2. Complete projects in the approved FY 2025-2028 TIP. If projects must be deferred, use project priority to guide which projects would be delayed, setting priority based upon technical scores.
3. Complete projects in constrained RTP project list according to the identified in-service dates, setting priority based upon technical scores.
4. Use prioritized list of projects not in the TIP to identify other regional priorities if funding levels allow for additional projects, setting priority based upon technical scores.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION **BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO)** **APPROVING THE PROJECT PRIORITIZATION FOR FY 2027-2030** **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) has been designated the MPO for Cecil County, MD and New Castle County, DE by the Governors of Maryland and Delaware respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) shall include a priority listing of projects to be carried out within the four-year time period, as directed by federal transportation legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Prioritization Process was adopted by Council May 11, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the prioritization process will continue to be refined as experience is gained in using the system and as better scoring criteria are developed; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed the technical scoring; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Department of Transportation uses this project ranking to assess WILMAPCO priorities when ranking projects statewide for the FY 2025-2030 Capital Transportation Program (CTP);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Area Planning Council approves the project prioritization for the FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Date:

John Sisson, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council