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DRAFT RESOLUTION **BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO)**

AMENDING THE FY 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, CECIL 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 2025-2028 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 2025-2028 TIP has 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 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program to include funds for the Belvidere Road Improvements project.

Date:

John Sisson, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council

March 27, 2025

Ms. Tigist Zegeye
Director
Wilmington Area Planning Council
100 Discovery Blvd. Suite 800
Newark, DE 19713

Dear Ms. Zegeye:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requests an amendment to the Wilmington Region's FY 2025 – FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on behalf of the State Highway Administration (SHA).

The subject amendment will add right-of-way funding to the Planning and Design for Belvidere Road Improvements project. Details of this project are in the attached documentation. This project was previously approved as an amendment to the FY 2023-2026 TIP at the WILMAPCO Council meeting on September 8, 2022, requested by Cecil County Department of Public Works.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me at 410-865-2775, or via email at skiernan@mdot.maryland.gov for assistance.

Sincerely,

Shawn Kiernan

Shawn Kiernan
Regional Planner
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

Attachment


cc:

Ms. Kari Snyder, Regional Planner, OPPPD, MDOT
Mr. Dan Janousek, Regional Planner, OPPPD, MDOT

MEMORANDUM

TO: MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT)
OFFICE OF PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND PROJECT DELIVERY
(OPPPD) DIRECTOR MICHELLE MARTIN

ATTN: OPPPD REGIONAL PLANNING MANAGER SHAWN KIERNAN
OPPPD REGIONAL PLANNER DAN JANOUSEK
OPPPD REGIONAL PLANNER KARI SNYDER

FROM: REGIONAL AND INTERMODAL PLANNING DIVISION (RIPD)  3/18/2025
CHIEF TARA PENDERS

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025-2028 WILMAPCO
AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO) TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

DATE: MARCH 18, 2025

RESPONSE

REQUESTED BY: N/A

PURPOSE OF MEMORANDUM

To request the MDOT OPPPD request WILMAPCO to approve the following TIP amendment and, upon WILMAPCO approval, notify the Federal Highway Administration - Maryland Division of the amendment to the WILMAPCO FY 2025 - FY 2028 TIP.

SUMMARY

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) hereby requests WILMAPCO to amend the FY 2025-2028 WILMAPCO TIP to reflect the following action.

TIP	PROJECT	PHASE	NEW FUNDING
	Planning and Design for Belvidere Road Improvements	ROW	\$420,000

ANALYSIS

Planning and Design for Belvidere Road Improvements — This requested amendment will add \$420,000 in right-of-way funding into the FY 2025-2028 WILMAPCO TIP. The project extends from the intersection of US 40 to the southern limit of the CE055 Bridge replacement project that extends to approximately 500 feet north of Americold's entrance. The project will support existing and continued development of businesses on Belvidere Road and US 40. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$1,625,000 with construction estimates unidentified. This total cost includes \$1,000,000 in planning and design funds previously programmed in the FY 2023-2026 TIP, the \$420,000 being added, and \$205,000 programmed beyond TIP years. The ROW funds are anticipated to be spent starting in FY 2025 through early 2030.

Ms. Michelle Martin
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The attached STIP report documents MDOT's requested amendment with respect to funding for the above project. This requested action will not impact scheduling or funding availability for other projects in the current STIP, which remains fiscally constrained. The amended funding does not affect the portion of federal funding programmed for transit or allocations of state aid to local jurisdictions in lieu of federal aid. In addition, the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) remains fiscally constrained. The TTF supports State transportation system operation and maintenance, MDOT administration, debt service, and capital projects. Semiannually, MDOT updates revenues and expenditures using two national forecasting companies' latest economic estimates. The MDOT published funding details in the FY 2025-2030 Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) and FY 2022-2025 Maryland STIP.

Please amend the FY 2025-2028 WILMAPCO TIP and FY 2022-2025 Maryland STIP to reflect the funding information provided in the attachments. If you have any questions, please contact SHA RIPD Regional Planner, Mr. Benjamin Allen, at 410-545-5649 or ballen3@mdot.maryland.gov.

ATTACHMENTS

- FY 2025-2028 WILMAPCO TIP project WILMAPCO report
- FY 2022-2025 Maryland STIP project WILMAPCO report

cc: Mr. Benjamin Allen, Regional Planner, RIPD, SHA
Emad Gheibi, Ph.D., P.E., Assistant Chief, RIPD, SHA
Mr. Joe Lombardo, Transportation Planner, RIPD, SHA



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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SUBMISSION/AMENDMENT FORM

Please complete all form questions. Contact WILMAPCO at 302-737-6205 for more information.

Project Name:	TIP to be Amended:
Planning and Design for Belvidere Road Improvements	FY 2025-2028
Sponsoring Agency:	Date of Submission:
Maryland State Highway Administration	March 14, 2025
Project Category:	
<input type="checkbox"/> System Preservation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> System Management <input type="checkbox"/> System Expansion	

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Description:

This TIP submission is requesting funds for right-of-way only. As previously amended into the FY 2023-2026 TIP, this project requested funds for planning and design only, which were included in FY 2023. No funds for construction are being requested at this time. The construction will be submitted as a separate phase later. The project extends from the intersection of RT 40 to the southern limit of the CE055 Bridge replacement project that extends to approximately 500 feet north of Americold's entrance. The project will support existing and continued development of businesses on Belvidere Road and Rt. 40.

Project Justification:

Belvidere Road traffic is expected to increase from 2,400 to 18,400 vehicles per day when the Belvidere Road interchange opens in 2026.

Safe Streets Elements:

N/A

Project Website or Planned Public Outreach:

N/A

Complete Streets Elements (select all that apply):

☐ Sidewalk ☐ Pathway ☐ Bike Lanes ☐ Transit ☒ Freight

AMENDMENT INFORMATION

Type of Change (select all that apply):

☐ New Project ☒ Increased Funds ☐ Decreased Funds ☐ Scope ☐ Accelerated Schedule ☐ Delayed Schedule

Summary / Justification of Change:

This amendment adds \$420,000 in right of way land acquisition funds associated with Belvidere Road improvements. Previously, this project, as amended, included \$1,000,000 in planning and design funds in FY 2023.

FUNDING INFORMATION

EXISTING FUNDS - Please show all funding amounts as \$s x 1,000

Funding Source	Phase	Years							Total
		FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY	

PROPOSED FUNDS - Please show all funding amounts as \$s x 1,000

Funding Source	Phase	Years							Total
		FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY	
80% HIP	ROW	36.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	65.0		500.0
20% County	ROW	9.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	16.0		125.0

Federal Funding Programs:

Includes 80% Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) federal funding and a 20% County Match. Within the current FY 2025-2028 TIP, this amounts to \$336,000 in HIP funds and \$84,000 in County matching funds, for a total of \$420,000.

Describe How Amendment is Financially Constrained:


The ROW funds being amended into the FY 2025-2028 TIP are to be programmed starting in FY 2025 through early 2030.

MARYLAND STATEWIDE TIP FY 2022-2025

SUMMARY TABLE

Project	Amendment Criteria	Conformity Status	Environmental Status	Current Funding Level (000s)		
				Federal	State/Local	Total
Planning and Design for Belvidere Road Improvements	B	n/a	n/a	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
	Administration	Area/MPO	CTP Page	Net Funding Change (000s)		
	SHA	WILMAPCO	N/A	Federal	State/Local	Total
				\$ 36	\$ 9	\$ 45
Description	This TIP submission is requesting funds for right-of-way only. As previously amended into the FY 2023-2026 TIP, this project requested funds for planning and design only, which were included in FY 2023. No funds for construction are being requested at this time. The construction will be submitted as a separate phase later. The project extends from the intersection of RT 40 to the southern limit of the CE055 Bridge replacement project that extends to approximately 500 feet north of Americold's entrance. The project will support existing and continued development of businesses on Belvidere Road and Rt. 40.					
Justification	Belvidere Road traffic is expected to increase from 2,400 to 18,400 vehicles per day when the Belvidere Road interchange opens in 2026.					

INDIVIDUAL REQUEST FORM

STIP/TIP Amendment Criteria		Funding	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> A) Adds new individual projects to the current STIP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B) Increase/decrease, scope change, advance, delay, or phase change <input type="checkbox"/> C) Removes or deletes individual listed project from the STIP <input type="checkbox"/> D) Other	Current (000s)	Total	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
		Federal	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
		State/Local	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
	Proposed (000s)	Total	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 45	\$ 1,045
		Federal	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 36	\$ 536
		State/Local	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 9	\$ 509
 MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION		Change (000s)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45	\$ 45
		Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36	\$ 36
		State/Local	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9	\$ 9

PHASE DETAIL

Current		FY 2022		FY 2023		FY 2024		FY 2025		TOTAL		
Phase	Funding	Federal	State/Local	Federal	State/Local	Federal	State/Local	Federal	State/Local	Federal	State/Local	Total
PP		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PE/FD	STBG	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
RW	HIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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Other		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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Proposed		FY 2022		FY 2023		FY 2024		FY 2025		TOTAL		
Phase	Funding	Federal	State/Local	Federal	State/Local	Federal	State/Local	Federal	State/Local	Federal	State/Local	Total
PP		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PE/FD	STBG	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
RW	HIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36	\$ 9	\$ 36	\$ 9	\$ 45
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Other		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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Change		FY 2022		FY 2023		FY 2024		FY 2025		TOTAL		
Phase	Funding	Federal	State/Local	Federal	State/Local	Federal	State/Local	Federal	State/Local	Federal	State/Local	Total
PP		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PE/FD		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
RW		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36	\$ 9	\$ 36	\$ 9	\$ 45
CO		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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Total		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36	\$ 9	\$ 36	\$ 9	\$ 45

TOTAL PROJECT COST

Prior Cost (≤ FY 2021)		STIP Cost (FY 2022-2025)		Balance to Complete (≥ FY 2026)		Total Project Cost	
Federal	\$ -	Federal	\$ 536	Federal	\$ 464	Federal	\$ 1,000
State/Local	\$ -	State/Local	\$ 509	State/Local	\$ 116	State/Local	\$ 625
Total	\$ -	Total	\$ 1,045	Total	\$ 580	Total	\$ 1,625