

WILMAPCO Council

Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: September 12, 2024

Action Item #10: To Endorse the East Elkton Traffic Circulation and Safety Plan

Description/Summary of Item:

The East Elkton Traffic Circulation and Safety Plan was developed at the request of Cecil County and the Town of Elkton to address transportation concerns along Delancy Road, Muddy Lane, and Belle Hill Road.

A diverse Steering Committee guided the planning process, which included extensive and iterative community engagement.

The Plan analyzes current and projected traffic patterns, identifies safety hazards, and proposes solutions to improve traffic flow, connectivity, and safety for all modes of transportation in East Elkton.

Summary of Action Taken by PAC: The WILMAPCO PAC did not take action on this item, but received presentations about it and reviewed the draft plan.

Summary of Action Taken by TAC:

The TAC recommended that Council endorse the East Elkton Traffic Circulation and Safety Plan on August 15, 2024.

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

The NMTWG did not take action on this item, but received presentations about it and reviewed the draft plan. The Town of Elkton Mayor and Commissioners and Cecil County Council did not take action on this item, but received a presentation about it and reviewed the draft plan.

WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations:

The WILMAPCO staff recommends that Council endorse the East Elkton Traffic Circulation and Safety Plan.

WILMAPCO Council:

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DRAFT **RESOLUTION**

BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO) ENDORING THE EAST ELKTON TRAFFIC CIRCULATION AND SAFETY 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, Cecil County and the Town of Elkton requested WILMAPCO's support to study traffic circulation and safety along Delancy Road, Muddy Lane, and Belle Hill Road; and

WHEREAS, the *East Elkton Traffic Circulation and Safety Plan* was guided by a robust Steering Committee which included Cecil County, the Town of Elkton, the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA), Cecil Transit, Amtrak, Cecil County Public Schools, Cecil County's Chamber of Commerce and the East Coast Greenway Alliance; and

WHEREAS, the *East Elkton Traffic Circulation and Safety Plan* featured robust and iterative community engagement, including three public workshops, two public surveys, a parallel youth engagement effort, an outreach focus on area Transportation Justice communities, and presentations to County and Town Councils; and

WHEREAS, the *East Elkton Traffic Circulation and Safety Plan* analyzes existing and forecasted traffic patterns, identifies potential safety hazards, and proposes solutions to enhance traffic flow and safety for all users along Delancy Road, Muddy Lane, and Belle Hill Road; and

WHEREAS, the *East Elkton Traffic Circulation and Safety Plan* utilized a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study approach to efficiently transition recommended projects to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) processes, final design, and construction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Area Planning Council does hereby endorse the final report and recommendations of the *East Elkton Traffic Circulation and Safety Plan*.

Date: _____

John Sisson, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council

