

# WILMAPCO Council

## Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: March 12, 2026

**Action Item #** : To Approve the 2026 Regional Progress Report

**Description/Summary of Item:**

The Regional Progress Report tracks progress on the policy actions of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Each action is evaluated individually using the quantitative or qualitative performance measures identified in the RTP. Updated every four years ahead of the RTP update, the Progress Report shows where we are making strong progress on our long-range plan and where additional focus is needed.

As in previous years, this report highlights both encouraging trends and areas of concern. Overall, 63% of actions received had good progress, 22% had partial or mixed progress, and 16% had poor progress.

Areas of success include meeting air quality requirements, advancing sub-regional planning and implementation, carrying out the congestion mitigation process, and promoting active transportation.

Areas needing improvement include road safety, limiting road expansions in rural and environmentally sensitive areas, increasing public transit funding, and encouraging greater density and growth in our Centers.

**Summary of Action Taken by PAC:** The WILMAPCO PAC did not act on this item, but received a presentation at their February 9, 2026 meeting and reviewed the report for clarity.

**Summary of Action Taken by TAC:**

The TAC recommended Council approval the 2026 Regional Progress Report at their February 19, 2026 meeting.

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

n/a

**WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations:**

The WILMAPCO staff recommends that Council approve the 2026 Regional Progress Report.

**WILMAPCO Council:**

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## RESOLUTION

### BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO) APPROVING THE 2026 REGIONAL PROGRESS REPORT

**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**, WILMAPCO adopted the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): 2023 Update on March 12, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the RTP identified objectives and actions to achieve the region's long-range transportation goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the RTP requires that a progress report be completed to monitor the progress of achieving our goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2026 Regional Progress Report has been developed using the latest available data; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2026 Regional Progress Report tracks the progress of each action using performance measures identified in the RTP; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2026 Regional Progress Report has undergone appropriate technical review;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wilmington Area Planning Council does hereby approve the 2026 Regional Progress Report.

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Date

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John Sisson, Chairperson  
Wilmington Area Planning Council

