

WILMAPCO Council

Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: September 11, 2025

Action Item #9: To Endorse the Draft Mobility Opportunities Plan

Description/Summary of Item:

The 2025 Mobility Opportunities Plan (MOP) identifies strategies to improve mobility and economic opportunity in the region. Its analysis uncovered numerous transportation disparities in the region. Recommendations are made to improve transit, walkability, safety, and community engagement in impacted communities.

The MOP was developed by a working group comprised of WILMAPCO staff, members of the Public Advisory Committee, the University of Delaware, state and federal transportation agencies, other state and county government officials, interested residents, and community benefit organizations.

The MOP meets and exceeds federal requirements under the Civil Rights Act and Americans with Disabilities Act, while advancing WILMAPCO's commitment to engage underrepresented communities in transportation planning. The MOP updates the *2019 Transportation Justice Plan* while aligning with current federal guidance.

Summary of Action Taken by PAC: The PAC received a presentation on the MOP at their August meeting but did not take action.

Summary of Action Taken by TAC: The TAC recommended Council endorsement at their October meeting.

Summary of Action Taken by Subcommittee/Task Force (if applicable): The NMTWG received a presentation on the MOP at their August meeting but did not take action.

WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations:

The WILMAPCO staff recommends that Council endorse the Draft Mobility Opportunities Plan.

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RESOLUTION

BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO) TO ENDORSE THE 2025 MOBILITY OPPORTUNITIES 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, the 2025 Mobility Opportunities Plan identifies pressing transportation barriers for economically and mobility challenged communities in the region; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Mobility Opportunities Plan makes recommendations for improving community mobility and increasing economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Mobility Opportunities Plan exceeds WILMAPCO's planning requirements under the Civil Rights Act and the Americans with Disability Act; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Mobility Opportunities Plan advances WILMAPCO's efforts to better engage economically and mobility challenged communities in the transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Mobility Opportunities Plan was developed by a diverse working group comprised of federal, state, and county staff, researchers from the University of Delaware, members of the WILMAPCO Public Advisory Committee, interested residents, and staff from community benefit organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Area Planning Council does hereby endorse the 2025 Mobility Opportunities Plan.

Date:

John Sisson, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council

