

WILMAPCO Council

Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: September 10, 2026

Action Item #10: To Approve the 2026 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Performance Plan

Description/Summary of Item:

This report addresses federal requirements for incorporating performance measures into Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) planning and programming. It fulfills the requirements for both the Second Performance Period Full Progress Report and Performance Plan and the Third Performance Period Baseline Report and Performance Plan. Overall, we met approximately half of our four-year targets during the Second Performance Period. Through an interagency consultation process, new four-year targets were established for the Third Performance Period.

Summary of Action Taken by PAC:

The PAC did not take action on this item.

Summary of Action Taken by TAC:

The TAC recommended approval at their August 20 meeting.

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

The Air Quality Subcommittee reviewed the Report at their August 20 meeting.

WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations:

The WILMAPCO staff recommends that Council approves the 2026 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Performance Plan.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION

BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO) APPROVING THE 2026 CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PERFORMANCE 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, Federal surface transportation legislation established performance management requirements for States and MPOs under the Transportation Performance Management (TPM) program; and

WHEREAS, as part of this legislation, WILMAPCO must incorporate ongoing performance measurement into CMAQ planning and programming; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 CMAQ Performance Plan was developed through significant interagency coordination via the Air Quality Subcommittee, generally, and the Maryland and Delaware Departments of Transportation and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and Baltimore Metropolitan Council, specifically; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 CMAQ Performance Plan is comprised of a Full-Period Progress Report for the 2nd Performance Period and the Baseline Report for the 3rd Performance Period; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 CMAQ Performance Plan tracks performance against baseline conditions and two-year and four-year targets for traffic congestion measures and on-road mobile source emissions measures; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 CMAQ Performance Plan establishes new performance targets for traffic congestion and on-road mobile source emissions through an interagency consultation process; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 CMAQ Performance Plan describes how CMAQ projects have helped, and will continue to help, achieve performance targets;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that WILMAPCO approves the 2026 CMAQ Performance Plan.

Date: _____

Stephanie Johnson, Chairperson
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