

WILMAPCO Council

Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: September 11, 2025

Action Item #14: To Approve the use of Federal STBG, CMAQ, FTA Urbanized Area, FTA 5310, and TAP Funds in FY 2026

Description/Summary of Item:

Staff will present proposed use of Federal STBG, CMAQ, FTA Urbanized Area, FTA 5310, and TAP Funds in FY 2026.

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 21 meeting.

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

The Air Quality Subcommittee reviewed the use of these funds at their August 21 meeting.

The Nonmotorized Transportation Working Group reviewed the information via email.

WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations:

The WILMAPCO staff recommends that Council approves the use of Federal STBG, CMAQ, FTA Urbanized Area, FTA 5310, and TAP Funds in FY 2026.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION

BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO) RECOMMENDING USE OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM, FTA URBANIZED AREA, AND FTA 5310 PROGRAM FUNDS

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 United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Regulations and Regulations, Metropolitan Planning Requirements require that the MPO, in cooperation with participants in the planning process, develop, and at least every four years, update the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, the use of federal funds for projects in the TIP are determined through a process of consultation and coordination between the Delaware Department of Transportation and WILMAPCO;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Area Planning Council does hereby approve the recommended programming of STBG, CMAQ, FTA Urbanized Area, FTA 5310, and TAP Funds for FY 2026 projects.

Date:

John Sisson, Chairperson
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August 7, 2025

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Dear Ms. Zegeye:

Per the Delaware Department of Transportation's Fiscal Year 2025-2028 STIP, I am recommending programming Federal funds for Fiscal Year 2026 projects as follows:

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) (Population over 200,000) (Y230)

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Glasgow Avenue, SR 896 to US 40	\$500,000
Statewide HSIP	\$500,000
Statewide Pavement & Rehabilitation	\$12,978,444
Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements	\$2,105,000
Statewide Bridge	\$1,877,000
Statewide Intersection Improvements	\$232,230
Total	\$18,192,674

FTA Urbanized Area (5307)

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Preventive Maintenance - New Castle County	\$9,150,000
Beech St Maintenance Building	\$4,960,000
Wilmington DTC Maintenance Building	\$2,000,000
Paratransit Replacement Buses NCC FY26	\$1,441,152
Mid-County Maintenance Facility Expansion	\$600,000
Total	\$18,151,152

Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) (Y400, Y003)

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Statewide Rideshare – Transportation Management Improvements	\$384,000
Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements	\$2,647,333
Statewide Transportation Management Improvements	\$2,720,000
Total	\$5,751,333

FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities (5310)

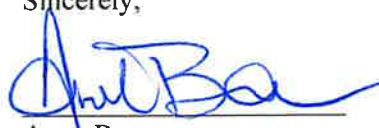
<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Statewide Transit Vehicle Replacement	\$573,245
Statewide New Freedom/Trip Subsidy	\$369,347
Statewide Transit Facility Improvement	\$614,698
Total	\$1,557,290

Transportation Alternatives Program (Y300, Y301, Y306, Y307, Y308, 5307)

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Statewide Transportation Alternatives (FHWA)	\$5,700,000
Transportation Alternatives Wilmington Urbanized Area (FTA)	\$160,000
Total	\$5,860,000

We respectfully request your approval by way of signature on this document. If you have any questions, please contact me at (302) 760-2302.

APPROVED: _____
Tigist Zegeye
Executive Director

Sincerely,

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Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Obligation Plan
State Fiscal Year 2025 Spend

8/19/2025

ITMS State Fiscal Year 2026 Spend					
Description	Federal Amount	State Amount	Total	STP/ CMAQ	Justification
ITMS Planning and Engineering	\$3,160,000.00	\$790,000.00	\$3,950,000.00	STBGP	This involves Planning and Engineering support from consultants and/or contractor staff to provide: Telecommunication, Network, and Software Development services; ITMS and Traffic Engineering services; Traffic Signal Systems services; Construction Project Management and Inspection services; TMC Technician Staffing services; Homeland Security and Emergency Management services; On-site and On-call Systems Support services; and Training services. This funding cannot be used for state employee salaries.
ITMS Field Devices	\$500,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$625,000.00	CMAQ	This project will build new ITMS field device infrastructure to enhance monitoring, controlling, and informing on the transportation management system. Installations will provide reliable, real-time data and video feeds, which will result in quicker incident detection and response, reduced emissions, and expanded traveler information.
Traffic Signal Retiming Project	\$420,000.00	\$105,000.00	\$525,000.00	CMAQ	This project involves consultant engineering support for signal retiming at approximately 150 traffic signals on approximately 15 corridors, spread across all 3 counties.
ITMS Enhancements to Real-Time Construction impacts and ATMS Integration at the TMC	\$640,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$800,000.00	CMAQ	The DelDOT Haul Hub project, supported by Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) federal grant funding, is evolving beyond its initial e-Ticketing success to become a dynamic statewide hub for real-time traffic mitigation. The next critical phase of this initiative focuses on enhancing the system to automatically push active worksite data directly to Delaware's Traffic Management Center (TMC). This live data feed—pinpointing the precise location and status of construction zones—will enable a revolutionary safety improvement: the ability to more accurately track and analyze work zone crashes in near real-time. More importantly for the traveling public, this integration will power automated notifications through popular platforms like Waze, providing drivers with advance warnings of active work zones ahead. By giving motorists the information they need to slow down or choose an alternate route, we can significantly reduce sudden braking and queuing. This proactive traffic mitigation directly supports the CMAQ program's goals by decreasing vehicle idling, which in turn lowers harmful emissions and improves local air quality. This strategic enhancement transforms the Haul Hub system from a logistics tool into a vital public safety and environmental solution, creating safer work zones and a smoother, cleaner transportation network for everyone.
TOTAL FY25 PROGRAM	\$4,720,000.00	\$1,180,000.00	\$5,900,000.00		

STP	\$2,544,000.00	80%	\$3,180,000.00
CMAQ	\$2,176,000.00	80%	\$2,720,000.00
TOTAL FY 25 PROGRAM	\$4,720,000.00	80%	\$5,900,000.00

Statewide Shared Use Pathway Program

Summary Report 8-14-25

Construction Projects

- 1. School Lane Pathway**
 - a. Construction completed
- 2. Fred Hudson Road sidewalk Improvement**
 - a. Construction complete
- 3. Holland Glade Road Pathway**
 - a. Construction completed
- 4. Munchy Branch Pathway Phase I**
 - a. Construction complete. Working on punch list item
- 5. Old Baltimore Pike Sidewalk Improvements – SR72 to Walther Road**
 - a. Construction underway. Scheduled to be completed by winter 2025

Final Design Projects

- 6. Double Bridges Road Multi-Use Pathway (SC); PS&E April 2026**
 - a. Awaiting results of Archaeology Phase II work
 - b. RW acquisition on hold pending NEPA approval
- 7. Georgetown to Lewes, Fisher Road to Airport Road (SC)**
 - a. Pre-construction meeting scheduled for June 27th, 2025
 - b. Construction scheduled to start August 2025 and be completed October 2026
- 8. Cedar Neck Road Pathway (SC); PS&E March 2026**
 - a. Plan development complete
 - b. NEPA, Traffic, Timing and Railroad Agreement approved
 - c. Working on SWM sign off (issue with work outside project limits)
 - d. RW acquisition in progress. Moving forward with condemnation on all unknown parcels.
- 9. Augustine Cut-off Pathway, Phase I /; PS&E February 2026 (NCC)**
 - a. Lovering Avenue to Cantera Avenue
 - b. Design underway
 - c. Positive public feedback

10. West Street Pathway (KC)

- a. Construction scheduled to start September 2025

11. East Coast Greenway, SR4 pathway (NCC);

- a. Project scheduled for advertisement September 2025

12. Adams Street Sidewalk Improvement Phase I, DE Ave to 6th Street, PS&E July 2025 (NCC)

- a. Project scheduled to be advertised September/October 2025, construction spring 2026
- b. Construction estimate \$4.1 million

13. Adams Street Pathway Phase II, 6th Street to Riverfront, PS&E March 2026 (NCC)

- a. Public workshop 6-12-2025
- b. Working with Amtack to obtain agreement to allow pathway to go under overpass
- c. Pathway through dog park to be completed by I-95 structure project.

14. Front Street Pathway, PS&E November 2025 (KC)

- a. Working on design development

15. Milford US113 Pathway, PS&E February 2026 (KC)

- a. Working on design development

16. Fenwick Island Sidewalk Improvements, PS&E May 2026 (SC)

- a. Working on SF plans
- b. Held public workshop March 2025. Good turnout positive feedback
- c. Town requested limits of project be extended north, James Street to Lewis Street
- d. Some of the project limits are outside Town of Fenwick
- e. Construction funding not scheduled until FY29-30

TAP FY26 info as of 8/14/25

Existing Projects in Various Stages

- 1. T202120006 Laurel Ramble Phase II (Sussex County)**
 - a. Project was PS&E in February
 - b. Bids opened in June
 - c. Contract awarded to Grass Busters in July
 - d. Construction anticipated to start in Fall 2025
- 2. T201620011 Southbridge Streetscape Improvements Phase II (New Castle County)**
 - a. Recommendation to Award has been sent to contract administration and should be awarded soon. Construction to begin in Fall 2025
- 3. T202320003 Southbridge Streetscape Improvements Phase III (New Castle County)**
 - a. PS&E submission is pending.
 - b. Utility agreements need to be executed and are in process.
 - c. Sponsor (City of Wilmington) agreement and match needed.
 - d. Anticipate PS&E in October 2025 with construction in spring of 2026.
- 4. T202220001 New Castle Avenue Area Sidewalks and Streetscapes (New Castle County)**
 - a. Right of way plan in need of approval by Real Estate and Team Support
 - b. 22 Construction Easements needed
 - c. All final statements received expect for Right of Way certification and Environmental
 - d. PS&E anticipated in Spring 2026
 - e. Agreements needed with sponsor (New Castle County) for finances and landscaping.
 - f. Sponsor needs to process full 20% participation based on current construction estimate
- 5. T202320011 Frederica Road Pedestrian Improvements (Kent County)**
 - a. Final plans signed on 7/16/25
 - b. PS & E submittal scheduled for November/December.
 - c. Utility agreements needed with Town and Kent County.
- 6. T202120003 Old Brandywine Village, Streetscape Improvements, Phase II (New Castle County)**
 - a. PS&E anticipated November 2025
- 7. T202320009 Old Brandywine Village, Streetscape Improvements, Phase III (New Castle County)**
 - a. Likely improvement at Jessup St./Vandever Ave only. The CTP 12th Street Connector project may dictate the level and effort of TAP elements. This project could be put on hold to confirm elements of 12th Street and one-way directions of city streets (Jessup) and traffic signals.
 - b. Concept planning stage 50% complete.

- 8. T202320005 Newark, Paper Mill Road, Olan Thomas Park Path (New Castle County)**
 - a. PE design: Semifinal plan comments are being addressed. With very few comments we're looking to bypass final plans and push toward PS&E fall of 2025.
 - b. Aiming for spring 2026 construction.
- 9. T202320014 Townsend Sidewalk Walkability (New Castle County)**
 - a. Planning, concept and survey efforts completed this Summer
 - b. Preliminary plan submission anticipated to occur this Fall/Winter
 - c. CTF 60K contributed & will apply towards construction. Project limited to approx. 300K
 - d. PS&E anticipated to occur in Summer/Fall of 2027
- 10. T202320015 Midtown Brandywine Streetscape (New Castle County)**
 - a. Planning concept feasibility complete this early summer.
 - b. Outreach to community (July) on what components to move forward into design and construction.
 - c. CTF provided to fund PE engineering design.
 - d. Sponsor/City of Wilmington to provide match for construction. Limited to 100K match for 500K project from what we know.
 - e. PE design: survey plan comments received. Preliminary plans anticipated September 2025.
- 11. T202320016 Tri Parks Pedestrian Improvements (New Castle County)**
 - a. Concept planning efforts on-going and to be complete this fall.
 - b. Public workshop on concept expected before end of the year. Preliminary estimates need to be determined for PE engineering design.
 - c. Effort will not be implementing solar lighting.
- 12. T202321002 Safe Routes to School, First State Montessori Academy (New Castle County)**
 - a. A series of smaller crossing refinements were developed for the City of Wilmington to implement at intersections. That effort coordinated and accepted this past spring/summer.
 - b. This effort has been handed off to the City of Wilmington Public Works to implement.
- 13. T202320021 S. Walnut Street Streetscape Milford (Sussex County)**
 - a. This TAP request will not be moving forward.
 - b. No State or Federal funds were used for this project.
 - c. Please remove this project from future TAP spend plans
- 14. T202320019 Sussex Drive Streetscape, Lewes (Sussex County)**
 - a. Concept design and feasibility assessment to be completed this summer.
 - b. Meeting with City/sponsor to develop PE scope in fall 2025.
- 15. T202320012 Nanticoke Heritage Byway – Gateway Signs and Informational Kiosks (Sussex County)**

- a. Consultant developed plan for kiosk placement installations and two wayfinding along the Nanticoke Heritage Byway.
- b. Meetings with Nanticoke Byway Sponsor to determine kiosk content and wayfinding style.
- c. Construction/installation expected in early 2026.

16. T202320007 Berzins Nature Trails (Sussex County)

- a. PE engineering continues with obtaining foundation boring information.
- b. Preliminary Plan is scheduled July 2024.
- c. Public workshop set for August 21.
- d. Semi-final plan is scheduled for October 2024.
- e. Natural Resources Permits will be needed.

17. T202320008 NE Front Street, Phase II, Milford (Kent County)

- a. Agreement with the city has been signed and finalized
- b. PE engineering design is underway
- c. Anticipate submitting survey plans for Departmental review this Fall
- d. PS&E anticipated to occur Summer/Fall of 2027

18. T202320003 Northwest Front Street, Phase I, Milford (Kent County)

- a. Continuation of current decorative brick sidewalk east.
- b. Agreement with the city has been signed and finalized
- c. PE engineering design is underway
- d. Anticipate submitting survey plans for Departmental review this coming Winter
- e. PS&E anticipated to occur Summer/Fall of 2027

19. T202320017 Town of Cheswold Pedestrian Safety Improvements (Kent County)

- a. TAP section has successfully completed the design for this project
- b. Construction funding was transferred from Planning Division to Traffic Division
- c. DelDOT's Traffic Division will be overseeing the construction phase
- d. State funds were used for this project
- e. Construction scheduled for this Fall

Concept Planning or Feasibility Assessment Only

20. T202320018 N. Dupont Road Pedestrian Safety and Streetscape (New Castle County)

- a. Planning and project feasibility assessment is complete
- b. Final report, estimates and recommendations were determined
- c. Awaiting a TAP project sponsor for the design and construction phase
- d. Ongoing communication with New Castle County to obtain TAP sponsorship

- e. Project would be built in phases

21. T202320013 Town of Smyrna, Commerce Street Streetscaping (Kent County)

- a. Concept Planning and Visual Preference Survey Effort completed in July.
- b. Other Traffic Counts, Speed Study, and Accident Data already collected and documented in preparation of future streetscape recommendations and responses to public comment.
- c. Finalized report and streetscape recommendations provided in early 2025 with a final report and presentation to City Council in June 2025. This divided the recommendations and implementation into short, mid, or long-term efforts.
- d. The Town/sponsor, consultant, and DelDOT will discuss the workshop & survey results to determine preliminary concepts or begin the concept development for the level and degree of streetscapes. This will occur August.

Existing Projects Completed in Their Planning Concept Design or Those Likely Not to Move Forward

22. T202320020 Two-Way King Street at H. Fletcher Brown Park (New Castle County)

- a. The City of Wilmington/sponsor did not agree with our recommendations and concept for the 16th Street continuous sweep turn (there is weaving safety) and other crossing measures on King/N. Market Street. The project was not moving forward and as discussed multiple times and covered in Wilmington Initiatives. Notifications were made to sponsor (COW) that this project will be permanently terminated. City of Wilmington has expressed a renewed interest in the project due to ongoing public support and a new City administration. The City will have to re-apply for TAP funding during the next call for projects which may occur in spring 2026.

23. T202320004 West Fourth Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements, Lewes (Sussex County)

- a. The project is thought to involve a traffic pop-up demonstration and outreach effort likely for curb bump outs or dedicated bike lanes. There have not been any detailed or programmed discussions with the community about anything in this corridor for this. City officials/sponsor seem to ignore even moving ahead. Multiple attempts to reach out only to be ignored. As projects stall or lose direction/interest, we advised that this project will be suspended and for the city to apply next time. A formal expiration letter has been written and expects to be sent this August. There may be a bike plan developed by DelDOT and coordinated/adopted by the city which is more appropriate for future TAP applications next time.

24. T202020001 Laurel Ramble Riverwalk (Sussex County)

- a. While Laurel Ramble Phase II will be constructed this fall, this additional request was not accepted as a TAP project
- b. This TAP request will not be moving forward
- c. Please remove this project from future TAP spend plans

Others

25. Please also note that we have a FLAP grant for \$125,000 (all federal) which we intend to receive the funding in calendar year 2024 from FHWA. Efforts intended for National Park Service signage around the First State National Historical Park, New Castle County locations. A secondary planning study for pedestrian accessibility and safety needs around the NPS Delaware properties (all three counties) is also anticipated pending monies left over or newly awarded. It is our intention to also use our dedicated FLAP and state funds dedicated to FLAP in both efforts. Name and contract are being obtained this summer.
26. We also have a National Scenic Byway Federal Grant \$900,000. There will be state matches contributed. This shall involve non-motorized accessibility and assessment needs along the Delaware Bayshore Byway (all counties). And amenities such as rest room and kiosks in North Bowers and Milford (Kent County). We are currently obtaining funding requirements and project set-up information in July and August.