

WILMAPCO Council

Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: May 9, 2026

Action Item #12: To Approve the Project Prioritization for the 2026 New Castle and Cecil Counties Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Description/Summary of Item:

Staff will present prioritization for potential priority projects to be evaluated by DeIDOT and MDOT for funding through the TAP program. WILMAPCO received the following six applications and scored them using the approved project prioritization process:

- City of New Castle Delaware River Trail (Petty Path) & Walkability Improvements
- Old Newark Road Sidewalks
- Arden Harvey Road Pedestrian Crossing at Milky Way and Clubhouse Path
- Auburn Valley State Park Crossing Improvements
- Academy Hill Phase V Sidewalk Connectivity Improvements on University Drive
- Port Deposit Marina Park Development

Summary of Action Taken by PAC: The PAC did not take action on this item.

Summary of Action Taken by TAC: The TAC recommended that the Council approve the technical scoring for prioritization of the 2026 New Castle and Cecil Counties Transportation Alternatives Program submissions at their June 18, 2026 meeting.

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

The Nonmotorized Transportation Working Group members reviewed the draft project prioritization at their June 2, 2026 meeting. As part of their review, they adjusted the Aden submission, awarding a point for Historic feature.

WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations:

The WILMAPCO staff recommends that the Council prioritize the 2026 New Castle and Cecil Counties Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) submissions based on technical scores and other considerations.

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RESOLUTION

BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO) APPROVING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PRIORITIZATION OF TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROJECTS FOR FY 2027

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 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) is a competitive federal program established for projects that contribute to alternative transportation facilities, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.; and

WHEREAS, WILMAPCO and other MPOs are entrusted with project selection; and

WHEREAS, TAP funding is limited and many proposed projects exist; and

WHEREAS, WILMAPCO has developed a technical and transparent TAP Project Prioritization Process, approved by Council on July 9, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed the technical scoring; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Department of Transportation uses this project ranking to assess MPO priorities when selecting projects statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Area Planning Council approves the New Castle County project prioritization for the FY 2027 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program.

Date:

Stephanie Johnson, Chairperson
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RESOLUTION

BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO) RECOMMENDING THE CECIL COUNTY CANDIDATE PROJECT FOR TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FOR FY 2027

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 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) is a competitive federal program established for projects that contribute to alternative transportation facilities, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.; and

WHEREAS, WILMAPCO and other MPOs are entrusted with project selection; and

WHEREAS, WILMAPCO and Maryland State Highway Administration solicited projects for funding from April 1, to April 30, 2026.; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed the application; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Transportation uses WILMAPCO review when ranking projects statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Area Planning Council recommends the Port Deposit Marina Park - Scenic Overlook, Promenade, Pier and Living Shoreline Development project for TAP funding.

Date:

Stephanie Johnson, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council

Draft Project Prioritization for TAP

	New Castle County					Cecil County
Project	City of New Castle Delaware River Trail (Petty Path) & Walkability Improvements	Old Newark Road Sidewalks	Arden Harvey Road Pedestrian Crossing at Milky Way and Clubhouse Paths	Auburn Valley State Park Crossing Improvements	Academy Hill Phase V Sidewalk Connectivity Improvements on University Drive	Port Deposit Marina Park Development
Sponsor	City of New Castle	Rep. Ed Osienki	Village of Arden	Friends of Auburn Heights, Delaware State Parks	Academy Hill Phase V Maintenance Corporation	Town of Port Deposit
Cosponsor		Sen. Jack Walsh	Village of Ardencroft, Village of Ardentown	Sen. Laura Sturgeon, Rep. Krista Griffith	Rep. Cyndie Romer, Sen. David P. Sokola	
Transportation						
Bus Stops (0-2)	2	2	2	0	0	0
Bus Stops - Frequent (0-2)	0	2	0	0	0	0
Bicycle Route (0/2)	0	2	0	2	0	0
Greenway (0-2)	2	2	0	2	0	0
Safety (0-5)	2	2	2	0	0	0
Abandoned RR (0-1)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gap (0/4)	4	4	4	4	4	0
Land Use						
Community Center (0-2)	2	0	2	0	0	0
Library (0-2)	2	0	2	0	0	0
School (0-2)	2	1	2	0	0	0
Park (0/2)	2	0	0	2	0	2
Municipal/HTO (0-1)	1	0	1	0	0	1
Historic Element (0-1)	1	0	1	1	0	1
Demographics/Equity						
Density (0-1)	0	0	0	0	0	0
EJ (0-2)	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mobility Challenged (0-2)	0	2	0	0	0	0
Black Concentration (0/2)	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total	23	17	16	11	4	4