

WILMAPCO Council

Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: September 10, 2026

Action Item #9: To Approve the use of Federal STBG, CMAQ, FTA Urbanized Area, FTA 5310, and TAP Funds in FY 2027

Description/Summary of Item:

Staff will present proposed use of Federal STBG, CMAQ, FTA Urbanized Area, FTA 5310, and TAP Funds in FY 2027.

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 use of these funds at their August 20 meeting.

The Nonmotorized Transportation Working Group reviewed the information at their September 1 meeting.

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 2027.

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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 2027 projects.

Date:

Stephanie Johnson, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council



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July 30, 2026

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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 2027 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	\$1,300,000
Statewide Pavement & Rehabilitation	\$4,714,037
Statewide Bridge	\$3,877,000
Total	\$9,891,037

FTA Urbanized Area (5307)

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Preventive Maintenance - New Castle County	\$9,150,000
Beech St Maintenance Building	\$4,652,734
Transit Vehicle Replacement (10) 40' Low Floor Buses NCC FY28	\$6,175,000
Transit Vehicle Replacement, 40' Fixed Route, Low Floor (8), NCC, FY27	\$7,208,000
Mid-County Driver Training Facility	\$800,000
Total	\$27,985,734

Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) (Y400)

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Statewide Rideshare – Transportation Management Improvements	\$384,000
Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements	\$6,726,506
Statewide Transportation Management Improvements	\$2,720,000
Old Capitol Trail, Newport Road to Stanton Road	\$2,400,000
Total	\$12,230,506

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
Total	\$942,592

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

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Statewide Transportation Alternatives (FHWA)	\$2,900,000
Transportation Alternatives Wilmington Urbanized Area (FTA)	\$160,000
Total	\$3,060,000

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

Sincerely,

APPROVED: _____
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Executive Director

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Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Obligation Plan
State Fiscal Year 2025 Spend

ITMS State Fiscal Year 2027 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	\$232,000.00	\$58,000.00	\$290,000.00	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	\$640,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$800,000.00	CMAQ	This project involves consultant engineering support for signal retiming at approximately 150 traffic signals on approximately 15 corridors, spread across all 3 counties.
OSOW Permitting Application	\$368,000.00	\$92,000.00	\$460,000.00	CMAQ	This project involves the creating of Oversize/Overweight auto routing effort that willl reduce idle and delay for haulers by allowing the ability to recieve and self manage their permits.
Probe Data for Operations	\$320,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$400,000.00	CMAQ	This project will allow Traffic Operations to identify and provide recommendations to improve recurring congestion along retiming corridor initivies and bottlenecks within active work zones and detours.
TOTAL FY27 PROGRAM	\$4,720,000.00	\$1,180,000.00	\$5,900,000.00		

STP	\$3,160,000.00	80%	\$3,950,000.00
CMAQ	\$1,560,000.00	80%	\$1,950,000.00
TOTAL FY 27 PROGRAM	\$4,720,000.00	80%	\$5,900,000.00

Statewide Bike/Ped Program

Summary Report 6-18-2026

Construction Projects

- 1. Georgetown to Lewes, Fisher Road to Airport Road**
 - a. Construction underway.
 - b. Construction scheduled to be completed December 2025.
 - c. Open to public spring/summer 2027
 - d. Trail opening ceremony?
- 2. Old Baltimore Pike Sidewalk Improvements – SR72 to Walther Road**
 - a. Construction complete. Working on punch list items and final inspection
- 3. Commons Blvd Pathway – Airport Road to Basin Road**
 - a. NCC administered project
 - b. NTP issued to NCC for award of contract
 - c. Construction scheduled to start September 2026
- 4. Berzins Nature Trail – Double Bridges Road**
 - a. Town of Ocean View administered project
 - b. NTP issued to award project
 - c. Construction scheduled to start August 2026
- 5. Adams Street Sidewalk Phase I, DE Ave. to 6th Street**
 - a. Construction underway. Scheduled to be completed October/November 2026
- 6. Frederica Streetscape Improvements**
 - a. Construction underway. Scheduled to be completed August 2026
- 7. East Coast Greenway, SR4 pathway (NCC).**
 - a. Pre-construction meeting scheduled for March 11th
 - b. Update provided Meghan Barna to Senator Walsh's office on 3/9/26

Final Design Projects

8. Double Bridges Road Multi-Use Pathway, Muddy Neck to Neptune Drive (SC); PS&E July 2026

- a. PS&E plans complete
- b. AASHTOWare updated.
- c. Working on RW acquisition
- d. Project on FY26 obligation plan

9. Cedar Neck Road Pathway (SC); PS&E July 2026

- a. PS&E plans complete
- b. AASHTOWare updated
- c. Working to obtain last signature for RW needs

10. Augustine Cut-off Pathway, Phase I /; PS&E November 2026 (NCC)

- a. Working on Final Plan Submission
- b. CSX provided very constraining comments on our semi-final plans. Currently working to reduce or eliminate our scope of work underneath the CSX bridge on Lovering Avenue. Need to clean and investigate existing drainage systems prior to moving forward with a final design. Coordinating with the City on this, it also runs into delays. Working on path forward, but schedule is in limbo based on availability of drainage system cleaning.
- c. Preparing acquisitions for 7 PE/ TCE with (City of Wilmington/ State Parks parcels and Incyte), pending NEPA approval. Acquisition will be conducted by WRA.
- d. Waiting on Environmental section to provide NEPA. 4F required due to one of the PE's
- e. Cost estimate increased from \$2.6M to \$3.6M between preliminary and semi-finals (drainage, MOT, and guardrail are primary drivers of increase). May need to remove some scope elements to reduce project cost.

11. Washington Street Separated Bike Lane; PS&E February 2027 (NCC)

- a. Working on Semi-final Plan Submission, scheduled for April 2026
- b. Public workshop scheduled for 3/31/26. In conjunction with P&R project on Baynard Boulevard.
- c. Included in FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending for \$2M towards construction.

12. MLK Boulevard/South Little Creek Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Connector (RAISE Grant Recipient); PSE October 2027 (Kent)

- a. Working on Semi-final Plan Submission, scheduled for April 2026.
- b. Have \$90k unfunded proposal for Century to manage ROW acquisition and services for this contract.
- c. Prepared project information to apply to Rep. McBride's Congressional Project Funding application.

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

- a. PS&E plans complete
- b. AASHTOWare estimate complete (2.5 million)
- c. Adjusted plans per RDC request. RDC donated RW
- d. Need Rybold signoff for RW

14. Front Street Pathway, PS&E November 2026 (KC)

- a. Working on design development, Final Plans due 3.31.25
- b. Coordinating meeting with the Apartment complex to review any issues they may have. Milford agrees that they will maintain pathway, a Town Agreement will be needed.
- c. Ten parcels will need easements.
- d. Continuing to coordinate with the Fire Department on the MOT.
- e. Project estimates and specifications are being updated to the 2026 specs.
- f. Possible hold at PS&E due to funding availability

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

- a. Final Plans Complete 10/31/25
- b. Town Agreement will be needed currently being developed.
- c. Continuing to coordinate gas line relocation with Chesapeake. Looking for relocation to go in advance of the project.
- d. Easements will be required for 18 parcels, 3 signed, LL all other packages have been approved and sent to the property owners.
- e. Updating plans to the 2026 specs.

16. Fenwick Island Sidewalk Improvements, PS&E December 2027 (SC)

- a. Semi-Final plans out for review
- b. Setting up meeting with traffic safety to talk about construction phasing
- c. Nantucket Restaurant issue resolved, SUV parking signs removed
- d. RW acquisition funding to be obligated in FY27

17. Jefferson Bridge Road Pathway – December 2027 (SC), Kent Avenue to SRI

- a. Rep Gray and Senator Hocker covered 20% match for design
- b. Wetland delineation underway

Other Work

1. Georgetown to Lewes Trail to Milton Connector Pathway (Study)

- a. Received funding from Sussex County Land Trust, Sussex Cyclists, and Dogfish Head Brewery (total of \$17,773.48 so far). Received inquiries from Sen. Huxtables and Rep. Berry about CTF funding. This project is in the CTF portal with an estimate for \$70k, if they choose to move forward with funding.
- b. Confirmed \$100k in FY27 SPR program for this project.
- c. Planning to do a partial NTP once we confirm portion of project which may be CTF funded.

2. 12th Street Separated Bike Lane Concept Study

- a. Submitted memo regarding traffic modeling to City of Wilmington and Wilmington Initiatives
- b. Public workshop on March 26th at Chancery Market to present preliminary concept designs for 2 road reconfiguration alternatives and seek feedback.
- c. Confirming venue for Local Business Information session on April 16th (in cooperation with Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Visions, Community Education Building)
- d. Been attending local civic groups to advertise workshop
- e. Engaging in targeted stakeholder outreach (BPG, Christiana Care, Community Education Building)

TAP FY27 info as of 7/27/26

Existing Projects in PE/Construction

- 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. Construction is complete.
 - b. Final inspection is pending
- 3. T202320003 Southbridge Streetscape Improvements Phase III (New Castle County)**
 - a. Construction started on June 1, 2026
 - b. 90-day construction anticipated.
- 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 except for Right of Way certification and Environmental
 - d. PS&E anticipated in Winter 2027
 - 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. Construction began on 3/9/26
 - b. Work associated with detour completed from 4/20-4/24/26
 - c. Work associated with detour completed on 4/30/26. Responded to questions on truck access to Burgers & Brews driveway on 5/11/26.
 - d. Traffic contractors will be removing emergency signal.
 - e. Based on construction survey shots, grading on north side of Front Street will not remedy ponding issue, therefore the patch has been removed from the project.
 - f. Final inspection set for 7/29/26
- 6. T202120003 Old Brandywine Village, Streetscape Improvements, Phase II (New Castle County)**
 - a. PS&E anticipated August 2026

- 7. T202320005 Newark, Paper Mill Road, Olan Thomas Park Path (New Castle County)**
 - a. PE design: PS&E anticipated September 2026
 - b. Construction start date will need to be coordinated with Newark.
- 8. T202320014 Townsend Sidewalk Walkability (New Castle County)**
 - a. Planning, concept and survey efforts completed
 - b. Preliminary plan submission completed
 - c. CTF 60K contributed & will apply towards construction. Project limited to approx. 300K
 - d. PS&E anticipated to occur in Summer/Fall of 2027
- 9. T202320015 Midtown Brandywine Streetscape (New Castle County)**
 - a. PE/Design is underway.
 - b. A public workshop was held 2/10/26
 - c. Plans were also presented at the Wilmington Initiatives Open House on 6/20/36
 - d. PS&E is anticipated 5/1/27
- 10. T202320016 Tri Parks Pedestrian Improvements (New Castle County)**
 - a. Concept plan completed in December of 2025
 - b. Concept plan public workshop held on 10/22/25
 - c. Conversion to PE/Design is pending Newcastle County's desire and fiscal ability to do so.
- 11. 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
- 12. 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 2027.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 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

15. 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

16. 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 completed 2025

Projects in Concept Planning or Feasibility Assessment

17. T202320019 Sussex Drive Streetscape, Lewes (Sussex County)

- a. Concept design and feasibility assessment completed 2025.
- b. Holding for City/sponsor to move forward with PE phase, anticipated fall 2026.

18. T2026200001 American Legion Road Improvements (Sussex County)

- a. Consultant doing concept design for sidewalk and bike safety at intersection and along Massachusetts Ave and DelDOT will engineer RRFB at intersection.
- b. Public workshop held in June 2026 along with presentation to the Lewes Bike Council
- c. Pedestrian and traffic counts ongoing in summer 2026
- d. Study expected to be completed winter 2027. Advancement options for PE phase will depend on public/City support of concepts.

19. T2025200004 Salem Church Road Pedestrian Improvement (New Castle County)

- a. Consultant doing concept designs for sidewalks and a crosswalk on Salem Church Rd.
- b. Public workshop held in June 2026
- c. Study expected to be completed winter 2027. Advancement options for PE phase will depend on obtaining matching funds.

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

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

- a. Concept Plan completed 2025.
- b. The Town/sponsor can request to move forward with PE phase as their schedule/finances allow.

21. 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 as their schedule/finances allow.

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.
- b. The City did not re-apply for this project during the last application period held in Spring of 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. T202320009 Old Brandywine Village, Streetscape Improvements, Phase III (New Castle County)

- a. This concept has been completed but because of the developing plans for the 12th street connector it is likely that most of the major improvements will be absorbed by that project in order to accommodate the new traffic patterns. What is left is not an ideal fit for the TAP program.

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.

New TAP Projects to be initiated in FY 27 as of 7/28/26

Project Location	Phase
US 13 Sidewalk Improvements Milford	Construction
Fenwick Island	Right of Way
Camden Old North Rd. Sidewalk Gap	PE and ROW
Clayton N. Bassett St. Pathway	PE
Ellendale, Pedestrian Safety on Main St.	Planning Study
Millville, Old School Sidewalk Extension	Planning Study
Dover, Intersection of Division St. & Bradford St.	Planning Study
Dover, Bay Road	PE
Bridgeville Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Study	Planning Study
City of New Castle Pathway and Crosswalks	Planning Study
Auburn Valley	PE
Old Newark Road	Planning Study