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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.

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Date:

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John Sisson, Chairperson  
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## **DRAFT** **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.

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Date:

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Stephanie Johnson, Chairperson  
Wilmington Area Planning Council

# Draft Project Prioritization for TAP

	New Castle County					Cecil County
<b>Project</b>	<i>City of New Castle Delaware River Trail (Petty Path) &amp; Walkability Improvements</i>	<i>Old Newark Road Sidewalks</i>	<i>Arden Harvey Road Pedestrian Crossing at Milky Way and Clubhouse Paths</i>	<i>Auburn Valley State Park Crossing Improvements</i>	<i>Academy Hill Phase V Sidewalk Connectivity Improvements on University Drive</i>	<i>Port Deposit Marina Park Development</i>
<b>Sponsor</b>	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
<b>Cosponsor</b>		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
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>