

WILMAPCO Council

Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: September 10, 2026

Action Item #13: Endorse the Southbridge Truck Bypass Study

Description/Summary of Item:

The Southbridge Truck Bypass Study identifies both short-term and long-term strategies to reduce truck traffic in Wilmington's Southbridge community while also improving freight movement efficiency.

Deep technical analysis of truck travel patterns and strong and continuous community engagement informed the development of a range of strategies. These include: revised signage, active rail crossing notifications, road reconstruction projects, land use initiatives, and a potential long-term bypass connection. A phased implementation framework was developed to inform implementation.

Summary of Action Taken by PAC:

The PAC did not take action on this item. They received a presentation at their August 17 meeting.

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):

WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations:

The WILMAPCO staff recommends that Council endorse the Southbridge Truck Bypass Study.

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DRAFT **RESOLUTION**

BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO) ENDORING THE SOUTHBRIDGE TRUCK BYPASS STUDY

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 2023 Southbridge Transportation Action Plan found that excessive truck traffic was the top transportation concern for residents of Wilmington's Southbridge neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, WILMAPCO received a FY 2023 Neighborhood Access and Equity Program grant to study ways to reduce through truck volumes in Southbridge while also improving Wilmington's freight movement efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington and DelDOT also provided funding to support the Southbridge Truck Bypass Study; and

WHEREAS, the Southbridge Truck Bypass Study was developed through significant interagency, stakeholder, and community collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the Southbridge Truck Bypass Study proposes both short-term and long-term solutions to reduce through truck volumes in Southbridge while also improving Wilmington's freight movement efficiency;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that WILMAPCO endorses the Southbridge Truck Bypass Study.

Date:

Stephanie Johnson, Chairperson
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