

Resolution 2019-22

A Resolution Requesting Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) to Develop a Corridor Transportation and Land Use Master Plan for Routes 9 and 273 within the City of New Castle

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 City of New Castle wishes to request a land use and transportation master plan from WILMAPCO for major corridors located within our City limits including:

- Route 9 Corridor beginning at the northern limits of the City boundaries extending south from the area designated in the New Castle County Route 9 Master Plan through 6th Street to South Street to 7th Street through Dobbinsville to the southern City limits; and
- 6th Street intersection extending along Ferry Cut-Off to Delaware Street intersection; and
- Route 273 from Delaware Street intersection to Route 13 intersection; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all transportation corridors, to investigate speed limit reductions (especially, the 50 mph section of Route 273) and use cutting edge design standards to open up a wider range of design tools and flexibility; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this plan is to:

1. Improve the multimodal transportation network, provide connectivity to communities and trails, enhance health and livability, reduce illegal truck traffic, and improve safety;
2. Address flooding and sea level rise impacts on land use and access to major transportation corridors;
3. Improve gateways to our historic city on Route 9 at both the northern (Ferry Cut-Off and Delaware Street/6th Street and Route 9) and southern gateways (6th Street and South Street to 7th Street through Dobbinsville) by assessing land use and real estate market conditions to spur economic development, to update these areas to more seamlessly integrate with the proposed transportation changes and to provide a physical extension of the downtown area of the City in terms of building massing and architectural design; and
4. Develop a shared-parking analysis that includes on-street parking to free up space and provide design flexibility, while activating sidewalk usage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of New Castle hereby requests WILMAPCO to develop a corridor transportation and land use master plan for Routes 9 and 273 including Ferry Cut-Off/Delaware Street area within the City of New Castle.

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PASSED this 11th day of June, 2019.

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