

Resolution 2020-05

A Resolution to Commit \$15,000 for each of the next Two (2) Fiscal Years for a WILMAPCO Transportation Plan Update.

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) is designated by the Governors of Delaware and Maryland as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Wilmington, Delaware metropolitan planning area, with consists of New Castle County, Delaware and Cecil County, Maryland and is responsible for transportation planning in the region; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Castle provides some transportation services such as local roads, parking, pathways, and sidewalks and DelDOT is responsible for providing transportation services throughout the State of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, WILMAPCO, City of New Castle, Delaware, and the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) are seeking proposals to develop the City of New Castle Transportation Plan Update (the "Plan Update") to better plan and serve the transportation needs of area residents; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Update will include updating the 1999 *City of New Castle Transportation Plan* and will further analyze issues raised in the *City of New Castle Comprehensive Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the study area for the Plan Update includes the entire municipality, and will also consider transportation transitions to surrounding areas within New Castle County as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, The Plan Update will be a joint effort between WILMAPCO, the City of New Castle, and DelDOT, with WILMAPCO as the managing agency; and

WHEREAS, WILMAPCO requires a 20% funding match for submitted projects and the estimated project cost is \$150,000, so that the City of New Castle has been asked to contribute \$15,000 per year for each of fiscal year 2020-21 and 2021-22 toward the cost for the Plan Update;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council recognizes the Plan Update as a necessary and desirable undertaking to evaluate the future transportation needs and priorities for the residents of the City of New Castle and hereby commits to allocating \$15,000 toward the cost of the Plan Update for each of fiscal years 2020-21 and 2021-22.

PASSED this 30th day of January, 2020.

Linda Ratchford, City Council President

Valarie W. Leary, Councilperson

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Michael M. Platt, Councilperson

Russell P. Smith, Councilperson

Suzanne M. Souder, Councilperson

Attest:

Brian Whitaker, City Clerk