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Mr. Herb Inden
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RE: Letter of Support for an Updated Southbridge Traffic Circulation Study

Dear Mr. Inden,

The South Wilmington Planning Network (SWPN) encourages the City of Wilmington's Planning Department to submit a FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) project proposal to the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) for an update to the Southbridge Traffic Circulation Study.

A fresh Traffic Circulation Study was called for in the recently completed Southbridge Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP) -- <https://swpn.org/southbridge-neighborhood-plan>. See Action Item "IM 03" on page 84.

It would enable the further study of road diets proposed in the SNAP (action item IM 02) to reduce speeds and improve safety along New Castle Avenue and Heald Street. Simultaneously, it would advance almost all other mobility-related recommendations in the SNAP, such as the development of pedestrian and bicycle priority streets (IM 05), the improvement of pedestrian and bike linkages to Eden Park (IM 08), and the investigation of a Healthy Street Loop (IM 09).

If awarded, the SWPN is committed to supporting the work by coordinating stakeholder involvement and community engagement through the Southbridge Civic Association.

The SWPN is a collaborative partnership of residents and dozens of government, non-profit, and private agencies who work together to improve quality of life in the Southbridge neighborhood of Wilmington, Delaware.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at:

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Sincerely,

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