



## WILMINGTON URBAN AREA Metropolitan Planning Organization

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### Citizen Advisory Committee (D/B/A Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Committee) January 27, 2010 Minutes

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#### Attendees:

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Joshuah Mello, Wilmington Urban Area MPO, Staff  
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The Committee met to discuss potential funding scenarios and further refinement of the mass transit projects. The following comments represent the committee's discussion on these issues.

#### Funding Scenarios

- Joshuah Mello, of the WMPO, led a discussion of potential funding scenarios. He presented a draft chart on the division of expected funding by mode and submode, showing how funding could be divided amongst roadway, mass transportation, and bicycle and pedestrian projects.
- The draft percentages by mode were principally derived from the commuter survey responses.
- There should be a balance between mobility goals and other community objectives and transportation needs.
- One option is to give more weight in funding for mass transit and bike/ped projects. The committee discussed whether the public would be in favor of weighting projects that support alternative transportation.
- How this is presented to the public will be important in helping them to understand the options and implications and gaining their support for the plan.

### Mass Transit Projects

Staff from M/A/B led a discussion with the committee about the updated and revised mass transit projects, rankings, and maps. The following comments summarize the discussion:

- Express Bus Projects
  - The park and ride lots along I-140 need to be developed in consultation with the NCDOT to make sure funding works and right-of-way opportunities are taken advantage of.
  - The Vision 2020 recommendations should be reflected in the plan to promote consistency.
  - The Pleasure Island trolley/circulator at Kure Beach should be added as a project, connecting to the proposed express route.
  - Various comments were made related to the project maps.
- Bus Rapid Transit Projects
  - Raised platforms should be investigated for BRT stops.
  - The terminus points on the map of the different BRT lines were discussed. It was concluded that the termini should be illustrated differently to avoid locating specific stations and focus more on the general corridors.
  - Various comments were made related to the project maps.
- Local Transit Projects
  - Access to and through Wrightsville Beach via local bus or trolley was discussed. Options include showing a local route going through Wrightsville Beach and locating a park and ride lot outside of the town.
  - The committee discussed various other potential destinations for local transit, including Mayfaire and North Campus.

### Mass Transit Policies

The committee discussed a list of draft mass transit policies prepared by M/A/B. These policies are intended to promote coordination with land use policies and support the multimodal objectives of the LRTP. The following comments were made:

- Parking policies have an impact on the region's transportation system, especially in key areas like the downtown and at UNCW.
- There needs to be better coordination between the schools and the city transportation systems.
- Other TDM tools, such as promotion of electric vehicles, should be explored and encouraged.
- Funding through this plan should not support recreational bicycling, but should go toward bicycle projects that promote mobility and access.

### Schedule

The committee reviewed the calendar of meetings and discussed the plan for getting the plan adopted. Dates and plans were discussed for outreach to the public and the member jurisdictions.