



## WILMINGTON URBAN AREA Metropolitan Planning Organization

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### Citizen Advisory Committee (D/B/A Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Committee) February 3, 2010 Minutes

#### Members:

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NAVASSA

BRUNSWICK  
County

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County

CAPE FEAR  
Public Transportation  
Authority

North Carolina  
BOARD OF  
TRANSPORTATION

#### Members in attendance:

Howard Capps  
Eric Coffey  
Al Freimark  
Dorsey Jones  
Howard Loving, Co-chair  
Paul Martinez  
John Melia  
Steven Stanton  
Stuart Smith  
Ryan Rhodenhiser  
Donald Sellers  
Mike Roberts, Co-chair

#### Members not in attendance:

Scott Cromartie

#### Others in attendance:

Mike Kozlosky, WMPO Staff  
Joshuah Mello, WMPO Staff

**1. Approval of minutes:** Minutes from January 27, 2010 approved unanimously.

#### **2. Discussion of Bicycle Project Prioritization:**

- Mello presented information on the bicycle project prioritization, including the map and table with scoring criteria
- Mello reviewed the scoring criteria for each project (is it in a plan, location of parks, connect to existing, etc.)
- Bicycle projects scored from 2 to 39, with 39 being very high priority
- Capps ask to add the Cape Fear Skyway – committee wanted pedestrian and bicycle accommodations
- Mello explained that projects that scored highest seem to be where people are already riding bicycles
- Stanton asked where the questions from the survey are built into bicycle projects – surveys were included in recommendations
- Mello stated that on-road bicycle lanes on South College Road came from the survey for example
- Mello reviewed the top 10 projects – very high priority projects
- Freimark asked how usage was factored in
- Melia asked if there were different pots of money available for different modes
- Loving requested that the table highlight projects already in progress
- Mello stated need to remove project 115 as it has been completed by the City of Wilmington
- Stanton reminded the committee that Snows Cut Bridge is a barrier between River Road and Pleasure Island
- Committee agreed that preference should be given to projects that are simple restriping – more “bang for the buck”

- Mello recommended adding another criteria for “dollar per point”
- Capps asked is there is any benefit to looking at continuous nature of facilities in scoring criteria – this is accounted for in the criteria

**3. Discuss Pedestrian Project Prioritization:**

- As an example of potential pedestrian projects, Mello reviewed the *Walk Wilmington: A Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan* recommended sidewalk and pedestrian signal improvements with the committee
- Mello noted that Leland has also completed a bicycle plan, but no other area community has a pedestrian plan
- Carolina Beach and Kure Beach have submitted grant application to fund plans, but they have been denied
- Municipalities do have list of projects
- *Walk Wilmington: A Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan* also provides policy recommendations
- Committee may want to recommend filling in the sidewalk gaps as top priority

**4. Discuss Congestion Mitigation Roadway Project Prioritization:**

- Mello reviewed congestion mitigation roadway projects scoring criteria
- Committee discussed scoring
- Consensus was that the scoring matched the logical prioritization of projects

**5. Other Business: None**

**6. Next Meeting:** Next meeting was scheduled for February 17, 2010