

Minutes from the October 9, 2008 meeting of the WMPO BikePed Committee:

Members present:

Todd Brohaugh
Brian Ennis
Michael Kirkbride
Joshuah Mello, Secretary
Tom Rivers, vice-chair
Katie Ryan
Allen Serkin
Dave Staebler

Others present:

Mehegan Griffin
Bobby Harris
Bethel Paris
Al Schroetel

Members not present:

Niel Brooks
Paul Martinez
Laura Miller
Chris O'Keefe
Mickey Southerland
Nolan Smith

Agenda

Rivers convened the meeting at 5:15pm.

1. Presentation by Cape Fear Cyclists

Schroetel of Cape Fear Cyclists gave a presentation on the group's history and recent activities. See attached slide show.

2. Resolution to purchase Wilmington, North Carolina Metropolitan Area Bicycle Map holders for all WAVE Transit buses

Mello explained that this item originated at a meeting a couple of weeks ago between himself, Rivers, Schroetel and Mike Kozlosky. In an effort to reach the more casual cyclist, who may not be as aware of the rules of the road and safety protocols, it was proposed that bicycle map holders be placed on all WAVE Transit buses. WAVE Transit has agreed to install and stock the map holders if the WMPO BikePed Committee purchases the holders. This resolution authorizes the use of WMPO BikePed Committee funds to purchase 35 holders. The resolution passed.

3. Resolution endorsing the application to the North Carolina Department of Transportation 2009 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative by the Town of Carolina Beach

Mello explained that the Towns of Carolina Beach, Kure Beach and Navassa are all potentially interested in applying for these grant funds. A motion was made to draft and adopt two additional resolutions of support for Kure Beach and Navassa. The motion passed.

4. Other Business

Griffin presented a bicycle safety brochure that she drafted as part of a class at UNCW. She will send out a survey via e-mail to the committee at a later date to get feedback on the brochure.

Mello handed out copies of the bicycle sharing request for information. He would

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like comments from the committee by 5:00pm on October 15.

Ryan updated the committee on the status of the immediate and long-range plan for bicycle facilities in the Town of Wrightsville Beach. The immediate solutions are being implemented this week. The consultant for the long-range plan, Louis Berger Group, Inc., kicked-off the study on October 6 and will be collecting field data the week of October 12. A survey will be released soon.

Paris asked about the status of the multi-use path the Snows Cut Bridge. Mello stated that he would contact the NCDOT Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation to inquire about funding for the path.

Adjournment



Cape Fear Cyclists

Wilmington, NC

Cape Fear Cyclists - Mission

- To be the “Information Hub for the Southeastern Cyclist”.
- Website: <http://www.capefearcyclists.org/> and email list are primary communication tools.



About Us

- Non-profit organization.
- In existence for 35 years.
- Primary cycling club in the Cape Fear region over this entire period.
- More than 400 members today.
- Encompass all type of riding and skill levels.
- Promote cycling education and safe cycling.



Goals

- Schedule frequent and varied rides.
- Welcome an enthusiastic group of Mountain Biking and Off-road riders.
- Support road racers and invite their active participation.
- Increase our visibility and outreach.
- Develop off-road bicycling facilities.



About Us

- CFC works with:
 - New Hanover County Parks Department
 - Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Bike / Ped Committee
 - New Hanover County Planning Department



Activities & Accomplishments

- Donated \$2000 to the East Coast Greenway
- Raised over \$2000 thru a Duathlon for the Fallen Police Officer's Fund in 2007 & 2008
- Conducted other fundraising events for:
 - Carolina Canines
 - Cystic Fibrosis
 - Wounded Warrior Soldier Ride
 - Pink Ribbon Project of NHRMC (October 19th, 2008).
- Recognized by NCDOT for 20 years of Adopt-a-Highway on a two mile section of River Road



Activities & Accomplishments

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- Cycling safety / awareness information booths at the NC Blueberry Festival, Holiday Flotilla, Leland Bike Fest and other events
- Worked with New Hanover County Parks and Recreation to present to the County Commissioners a plan to design and construct the Blue Clay Bike Park
- Obtained a \$10,000 grant money for the new bike park.
- Provide volunteers for the Wilmington YMCA Triathlon & Battleship Half Marathon



Activities & Accomplishments

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- Took 3rd place with a bike-powered float in the annual Wilmington Holiday Parade
- Worked with local schools on the “Safe Routes to School” program
- Promoting a plan to certify a number of bicycle educators through the League of American Bicyclists (LAB)
- Helping with plans for the city and county greenways network, and ways to use utility or railroad right-of-ways.
- Became a Charter Member of the NC Active Transportation Alliance (NCATA)
- Conduct the annual “Ride of Silence” remembering persons who have been injured or killed while bicycling.



Achieve Goals through Committees

- Advocacy
- Education
- Publicity
- Events
- Social
- Website management
- Racing
- Off-road riding (Sir-Bike-a-Lot)



Mountain Biking History

- In 2005 formed the off-road division of CFC.
- Worked with NHC Parks Dept. to establish the “Blue Clay Bike Park”.
- Area has grown from a handful of mountain bikers to hundreds today.
- Six miles of singletrack & new tracks being added.
- Frequent reasons why people come to Blue Clay to ride:
 - Health
 - Challenging Fun
 - Safe (don't have to worry about cars)



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**WILMINGTON METROPOLITAN
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA METROPOLITAN AREA BICYCLE MAP
HOLDERS FOR ALL WAVE TRANSIT BUSES**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee currently has \$1,916.22 in funds,

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation recently funded the production of 16,750 *Wilmington, North Carolina Metropolitan Area Bicycle Maps*, and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee has identified the need to educate and encourage non-competitive and non-recreational cyclists in the Wilmington area, and

WHEREAS, all WAVE Transit buses are equipped with bicycle racks and present a great opportunity to reach these cyclists.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Wilmington Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee shall purchase bicycle map holders for the interior of all WAVE Transit buses. These holders shall be installed and stocked by WAVE Transit staff.

ADOPTED by a vote of the Wilmington Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee on October 9, 2008.

Chris O'Keefe, Chair
Wilmington Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Joshuah Mello, Secretary

**WILMINGTON METROPOLITAN
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE APPLICATION TO THE
NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
2009 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANNING GRANT INITIATIVE BY THE
TOWN OF KURE BEACH**

WHEREAS, the Town of Kure Beach plans to apply to the North Carolina Department of Transportation Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Division for a grant to develop a bicycle plan; and

WHEREAS, this Wilmington Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is responsible for advising the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization in its efforts to plan for bicycle and pedestrian transportation facilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wilmington Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee endorses the application by the Town of Kure Beach to the North Carolina Department of Transportation 2009 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee on October 9, 2008.

Chris O'Keefe, Chair
Wilmington Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Joshuah Mello, Secretary

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**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE APPLICATION TO THE
NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
2009 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANNING GRANT INITIATIVE BY THE
TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH**

WHEREAS, the Town of Carolina Beach plans to apply to the North Carolina Department of Transportation Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Division for a grant to develop a bicycle plan; and

WHEREAS, this Wilmington Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is responsible for advising the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization in its efforts to plan for bicycle and pedestrian transportation facilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wilmington Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee endorses the application by the Town of Carolina Beach to the North Carolina Department of Transportation 2009 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee on October 9, 2008.

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**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE APPLICATION TO THE
NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
2009 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANNING GRANT INITIATIVE BY THE
TOWN OF NAVASSA**

WHEREAS, the Town of Navassa Beach plans to apply to the North Carolina Department of Transportation Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Division for a grant to develop a bicycle plan; and

WHEREAS, this Wilmington Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is responsible for advising the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization in its efforts to plan for bicycle and pedestrian transportation facilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wilmington Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee endorses the application by the Town of Navassa Beach to the North Carolina Department of Transportation 2009 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee on October 9, 2008.

Chris O'Keefe, Chair
Wilmington Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Joshuah Mello, Secretary

THE RIGHT CLOTHING



You don't have to wear specially made bike clothing like the image above. To be safe you should always wear white, bright, or fluorescent colors to stand out to drivers, especially at night.

BICYCLE SAFETY



Leah Anderson
Cristina Jackson
Mehegan Griffin

BIKE RIGHT AND RIDE



BIKE SAFETY

Check brakes, chain and tires regularly

Wear sneakers, not sandals, so your feet don't get caught on the pedals

Put reflectors on your bike to help be seen



Use hand signals

Obey traffic laws, such as red lights and riding on the right side of the road

Wear your helmet!

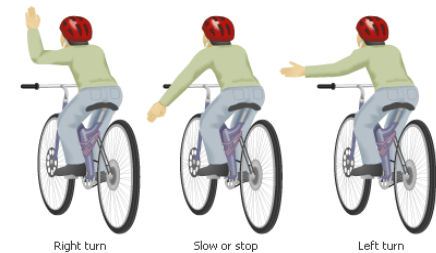
HELMET WEARING TIPS

- Make sure helmet is approved by the CPSC
- Helmet should fit perfectly, not too big, not too small
- Should be worn level and cover forehead



- Strap should be fastened
- Should be replaced after a big crash

HAND SIGNALS



RIGHT TURN-

(Left) Arm out, bend at elbow so hand is pointing up

OR

Right arm straight out to right

LEFT TURN-

Left arm straight out to left side

STOP-

(Right) Arm straight out, bend at elbow so hand is down

OR

(Right) Arm out, pointing down