

WMPO Bike And Ped Meeting from September 9, 2010

The meeting was scheduled for 4:15 PM in the Traffic Conference Room on Floor 4, 305 Chestnut Street.

Those in attendance included Chris O'Keith, Paul Martinez, Susan Boyd, Bill McDow, and _____ . The meeting did not have a quorum, therefore no business was conducted. The committee talked about the following items:

Bill McDow talked about the Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Transportation Plan history and current status. He mentioned the fact that Paul Martinez serves on this committee and that the committee members have been asked to continue to function after the CAC 2035 Transportation plan has been adopted. He also discussed the presentation that the CAC will make at the September TCC and TAC meetings. Mr. O'Keith stated that it would be good for the Bike and Ped Committee to adopt the Bike and Ped portions of the CFC 2035 Transportation plan.

Susan Boyd asked questions about project C059 on Hurst Dr from S. Kerr Ave to Riegel Rd, and informed the group that as part of the University' Master Plan update that a complete street design for Riegel Road will be proposed(adjacent to Brooks Field). The purpose of the change was to make the street more bike and ped friendly.

Cross City Trail:

The committee asked the WMPO to address directional and way finding signage at Canterbury Rd and Independence Blvd, so cyclists using the Cross City Trail will be directed to cross over Independence Blvd in order to continue the trail to Park Ave. The committee also mentioned that user of the Cross City Trail will have to cross Independence Blvd at Park Ave to continue on the trail at Empie Park. The committee was concerned that without the signage riders would continue on the private section of multi-use path in front of the First Baptist Activity center and be forced back into traffic when this path ends prior to the Independence Mall.

The committee wanted to know if WMPO could discuss connections to Mall from CC Trail with Mall Staff, from the West side of Independence Blvd via the signal and from South Side of Independence Blvd via path at First Baptist Activity Center.

Facilities Deficiency and Maintenance Needs:

The committee discussed concern about bike safe grates at Mall. Bill will check grates during his Cape Fear Ambassador visits to location on Oleander Dr.

Committee reported a deficiency for the monthly Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Facility Deficiency and Maintenance Needs report on Pine Grove Dr at Oleander Dr and Greenville Loop Rd at Oleander Dr. Pine Grove Dr has overgrown shoulders and sand covering the bike lanes. Greenville Loop Rd has bike lanes that end prior to intersection of Oleander Dr, which force bikes to merge with traffic in this area.

Commuter Challenge:

Susan Boyd and Chris O'Keith discussed requests from their employees to restart the commuter challenge. Employees remarked on how the challenge caused them to get involved and get to work using alternative transportation and how they enjoyed the competition and number of people participating. UNCW employees stated challenge involved faculty and students while generating 700- 800 less vehicle trips during the challenge. NHC employees felt the challenge helped to build awareness of area facilities (bike lanes, transit, etc).

The committee felt that the Bike Ped committee should develop an Adopt a Bike Route and Trail Program to promote trail maintenance and awareness.

Bill McDow discussed the Cape Fear Ambassador program and the supplies required to get the program equipped with bike accessories. He gave a copy of an accessory list from the 2 to the committee members as a starting point for donations to the program.

The committee adjourned after these items were discussed.