

2011_01_13_ WMPO BikePed Committee Minutes

A meeting of the WMPO BikePed Committee was held on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 4:15 pm. The meeting was held in the Traffic Conference Room on Floor 4 of 305 Chestnut Street.

The meeting was led by Chris O'Keefe and Bill McDow. Those in attendance included Chris O'Keefe, Jonnie Sharp, Brian Ennis, Mike Kirkbride, Paul Martinez, Neil Brooks, Katie Ryan, Bill McDow, Adrienne Walters, Al Schroetel (Cape Fear Cyclists), and Tamlyn Shields (Obesity Prevention Initiative).

The following is the agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Approval of minutes from October meeting [C. O'Keefe]

Chris discussed October 2010 meeting and minutes. The October meeting did not have a quorum, therefore no business was conducted.

- 2) Update on Eat Smart Move More and Safe Kids USA Walk This Way grant projects [A. Walters]

Adrienne discussed ongoing work on the Eat Smart Move More Grant, which is targeted for 9- 14 year old youth participants within the Vesta Village Housing area, Girls Inc., and Forest Hills Elementary School. The Safe Kids Walk This Way grant provides pedestrian safety improvements for two locations at Dawson St at 10th St and for Wooster St and 10th St. A traffic signal timing study is being conducted for the intersections.

- 3) Adopt a Trail Program [C. O'Keefe]

Chris discussed the creation of an adopt a trail program, which was reviewed in the past, without formal action from the committee. Al Schroetel discussed a similar program which Cape Fear Cyclists has with the NCDOT Adopt a Highway Program. Cape Fear Cyclists maintains a portion of River Road. Home Owners associations and other organizations could adopt a trail. The definition of a Trail would need to be clarified. Similar programs exist in our area, such as Adopt a Beach program. Program would need to incorporate best features of existing Adopt a Highway or Adopt a Beach guidelines, designate the area which would be under contract, the frequency the trail would be cleaned (at least quarterly), cleaning materials provided to the adopting agency, method of collecting and disposing of trash bags gathered during the clean up, minimum number of people required for the cleanup day. Committee will work with WMPO to develop a model for the Adopt a Trail program. Committee requested additional information on Parks and Recreation Department plans to remove pine needles and gravel from the Cross City Trail, maintenance of tree limbs on the trail, and installation of water and pet waste facilities on the trail. Item was tabled until next meeting.

- 4) Old Business [C. O'Keefe] There was no Old Business.

- 5) New Business [C. O'Keefe]

- a. Resolution supporting Cape Fear Breeze Ambassador Program [B. McDow]

Bill discussed Cape Fear Breeze Ambassador program, which promotes the use of alternative transportation usage in the WMPO and the bike outreach efforts within our area. The resolution requests that WMPO staff work cooperatively with Cape Fear Cyclists to identify funding for bicycle and pedestrian marketing design and materials for a vehicle used for the Cape Fear Breeze Ambassador program. Committee requested that the resolution be modified to remove the word "wrap" from the design materials, so magnetic materials could be used on the vehicle. The resolution was motioned by Mike Kirkbride and seconded by Jonnie Sharp. The resolution was adopted.

b. Revision of WMPO 2008 Bicycle Map. [C. O'Keefe]

Map is being revised to show new facilities and incorporate changes for our area. Committee is asked to bring list of new trails to next meeting. If you have potential sponsors to help offset the cost of printing the map, contact A. Walters.

c. Update on Carolina Planning Journal Article and Bikes Belong grant application and Bicycle Friendly Community application [A. Walters]

Adrienne discussed upcoming article in Carolina Planning Journal that features our area. Bikes Belong grant will complement the Safe Routes to School program and provide bike symbols for Greenfield Loop Road. A Bicycle Friendly Community designation is being pursued for the City of Wilmington, which is due Feb. 18. The designation would help our area apply for additional funding and recognize our efforts in creating a Bike Friendly Community.

d. Discussion of Draft paper requesting changes to NCDOT Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation, Laws and Policies on Rumble Strips. [A. Schroetel]

Al Schroetel of Cape Fear Cyclists discussed a draft paper that requests changes to the policy of NCDOT Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation, Laws and Policies on Rumble Strips. The committee discussed the draft policy. A final paper and resolution for the policy changes may be presented at a future meeting.

6) Adoption of proposed 2011 BikePed Meeting Calendar

After discussion of the dates, it was motioned by Paul Martinez and seconded by Katie Ryan. The 2011 BikePed meeting calendar was adopted.

7. The announcements were read by the chairman, and then the meeting was adjourned.