

## 2011\_07\_14\_ WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Minutes

A meeting of the WMPO BikePed Committee was held on Thursday, July 14, 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. Those in attendance included Mike Rush, Todd Brohaugh, Michael Kirkbride, Paul Martinez, Travis Barnes, Karyn Crichton, Suraiya Rashid, Tara Murphy (WMPO), Bill McDow (WMPO), Adrienne Walters (WMPO, Wilmington), Bethel Paris (East Coast Greenway), Sean Ryan (Navassa, New Hanover County), Sharon Boyd (UNCW), Jessi Booker (NCDOT), Katie Hite (NCDOT), Craig Mann (Cape Fear Cyclists), Robert Boyce (UNCW).

The following is the order of discussion for the meeting:

- 1) Approval of minutes from June meeting

Minutes were approved.

- 2) Old Business

- a. Bicycle & Pedestrian Project Prioritization for potential NCDOT funding

S. Rashid stated that recommendations from the Committee moved forward to TCC and were subsequently approved at TAC with a few changes. TCC recommended removing the bike lane project on 5<sup>th</sup> Street and adding a recommendation for a bicycle lane project along Village Road in Brunswick County. .

- b. Bicycle Friendly Community Designation

A. Walters stated that a ceremony was held to accept the Bicycle Friendly Community Designation from the League of American Bicyclists. Mayor Saffo accepted the designation from the President of the League of American Bicyclists, Andy Clarke. The LAB also submitted a set of recommendations for improving the environment for bicyclists in Wilmington.

- 3) New Business

- a. Elections

C. O'Keefe stated that the bylaws required elections to be held in July. He stated that the Bike Ped Committee was already in violation of the bylaws because a nominating committee was supposed to be appointed by June. A discussion continued with the larger group about the formality of the process in the bylaws and how that did not match the level of formality of the committee.

It was decided that the bylaws needed to be changed. A motion was passed to approve the following changes in the bylaws:

1. Elections would be postponed to September
2. A nominating committee would only be appointed if needed
3. The President of Cape Fear Cyclists would appoint a member to sit on the WMPO Bike Ped Committee
4. The Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington would appoint a member to sit on the WMPO Bike Ped Committee

Changes to the bylaws would not be formalized until TAC approved them. It was discussed that the deadline for July TCC Agenda item submittal had already passed, but it may be possible to get the item in the August TAC Agenda packet.

b. WMPO Bike Map

S. Rashid led the discussion and stated that she had been working on putting together a new WMPO bike map. A draft showing the existing inventory of facilities was included in the agenda packet. Ultimately, the final draft of the WMPO bike map would be given to a designer to make it more readable for the wider public. At this point, the WMPO was looking for feedback from the WMPO Bike Ped Committee on omissions/corrections to the inventory of facilities.

C. O'Keefe suggested that perhaps a small committee could be involved in the discussion with the designer before the WMPO Bike Ped map was finalized and distributed to the wider public. There was general consensus that this was a good idea and C.O'Keefe volunteered to be on that committee. C.Mann stated that a representative from Cape Fear Cyclists would also be on the committee.

c. Resolution requesting increased maintenance on River Road

US 421 was struck from the resolution and it was approved.

d. Resolution requesting additional bicycle signage along River Road

The resolution was approved as written.

e. Resolution requesting "Share the Road" public service announcements

The resolution was approved as written.

f. Resolution requesting additional police patrols of River Road to advance bicycle safety

US 421 was struck from the resolution and it was approved.

The resolution sparked a larger conversation about coordination with law enforcement on Bicycle/Pedestrian safety enforcement. A. Walters pointed out that one of the suggestions from the Bicycle Friendly Community Designation Report was that there be increased coordination with law enforcement on bicycle safety issues. M. Kirkbride suggested that law enforcement should sit on the Committee as well. There was general agreement for this idea, but it was recognized that there are a limited number of seats available at the Bike Ped Committee. It was decided that a safety summit should be organized to educate & discuss bicycle/pedestrian safety issues with law enforcement officers from all member jurisdictions.

The meeting was adjourned after announcements.