



WILMINGTON URBAN AREA Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Meeting Agenda

Wilmington Urban Area MPO
Technical Coordinating Committee

Members:

City of
WILMINGTON
Lead Planning Agency

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CAROLINA BEACH

Town of
KURE BEACH

Town of
WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

NEW HANOVER
County

Town of
BELVILLE

Town of
LELAND

Town of
NAVASSA

BRUNSWICK
County

PENDER
County

CAPE FEAR PUBLIC
Transportation
Authority

North Carolina
BOARD OF
TRANSPORTATION

TO: Technical Coordinating Committee Members
FROM: Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director
DATE: February 6, 2009
SUBJECT: February 11th meeting

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area MPO Technical Coordinating Committee will be held on **Wednesday, February 11th at 10 am**. The meeting will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room at 305 Chestnut Street in downtown Wilmington.

The following is the agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes
 - a. 1/14/09
- 3) Old Business
- 4) New Business
 - a. Resolution requesting the City of Wilmington to amend the Transportation Official Corridor Map Act for the Cape Fear Skyway
 - b. Resolution requesting the North Carolina General Assembly amend NC G.S. 136-44.50 to permit the Wilmington MPO to file a Transportation Official Corridor map for the Cape Fear Skyway in Brunswick County
 - c. Resolution requesting NCDOT amend the 2009-2015 STIP to for bike/pedestrian improvements on Blue Clay Road, River to Sea Bikeway and Cross-City Trail
 - d. Resolution supporting a statewide TAC Chair Association
- 5) Updates
 - a. Market Street Corridor Study
 - b. Wrightsville Beach Draft *Walk Wilmington: Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan*
 - c. *Wrightsville Beach Bicycle Facilities Study*
 - d. Citizen Advisory Committee
 - e. Bike/Pedestrian Committee
 - f. NCDOT
- 6) Announcements
 - a. Wilmington MPO Bike/Pedestrian Committee meeting- February 12th
 - b. National Multi-modal Transportation Steering Committee meeting- February 12th
 - c. National Multi-modal Transportation Steering Committee meeting- February 13th
 - d. Citizen Advisory meeting- February 18th
 - e. Market Street Corridor Public Workshop- February 18th
 - f. Market Street Corridor Public Workshop- February 19th
 - g. C4 (Pine Valley) Neighborhood Traffic meeting- February 24th
- 7) Adjournment
 - a. Next meeting –March 11, 2009

Attachments:

- Minutes from 1/14 meeting
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- Resolution requesting the North Carolina General Assembly amend NC G.S. 136-44.50 to permit the Wilmington MPO to file a Transportation Official Corridor map for the Cape Fear Skyway in Brunswick County
- Resolution requesting NCDOT amend the 2009-2015 STIP to for bike/pedestrian improvements on Blue Clay Road, River to Sea Bikeway and Cross-City Trail
- Resolution supporting a statewide TAC Chair Association
- NCDOT Project Update (to be distributed at the meeting)

**Wilmington Urban Area
Technical Coordinating Committee
Meeting Notes for January 14, 2009**

Members Present:

Mike Kozlosky, City of Wilmington
Chris O'Keefe, New Hanover County
Patrick Riddle, NCDOT
Coke Gray, NCDOT
Ken Vafier, Pender County
Claudia Bray, Town of Navassa
Robert Waring, Town of Leland
Tim Owens, Town of Carolina Beach
Helen Bunch, Brunswick County

Others Present:

Joshuah Mello, City of Wilmington
Sam Burgess, New Hanover County
Anthony Prinz, City of Wilmington
Bill McDow, City of Wilmington
Allen Serkin, Town of Navassa

1. **Call to Order**

Mr. Kozlosky called the meeting to order at 10:08 am.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

With the correction of adding Mr. Albert Eby's name to the member's in attendance the motion to approve the minutes for the December 3, 2008 meeting carried unanimously.

3. **Old Business**

None

4. **New Business**

a. Election of Officers

Mr. Riddle nominated Mr. Bennett for Vice-chairman of the TCC. Mr. O'Keefe seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Keefe nominated Mr. Kozlosky for Chairman and Ms. Bunch seconded the motion. Mr. Kozlosky was elected by unanimous vote.

c. Resolution supporting the 21st Century Transportation Committee recommendations to the NC General Assembly (moved ahead)

Mr. Riddle made the motion to support the 21st Century Transportation Committee recommendations to the NC General Assembly and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Owens seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

b. Resolution supporting the Castle Hayne Small Area Plan

Mr. O'Keefe gave a presentation on the Castle Hayne Small Area Plan. He told members the New Hanover County Commissioners approved the plan at their December meeting. Following the presentation, Mr. Serkin made the motion to support the Castle Hayne Small Area Plan and

forward to the TAC for consideration. Ms Bunch seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

d. Resolution of Support for the West Pender Rail Trail

Mr. Mello told members staff has been working with the East Coast Greenway Alliance, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, the Pender County Planning Department and some local residents to preserve the abandoned railroad corridor that runs parallel to US 421 from the USS North Carolina north to Fayetteville. They are investigating the feasibility of a greenway to connect the Moore's Creek Battlefield with the USS North Carolina. The rail corridor has been completely abandoned and portions have reverted back to the adjacent property owners. Pender County is requesting a resolution supporting the preservation of the corridor due to pending development along a portion of the corridor. The developer has already agreed to dedicate a portion of his property for the corridor. Mr. O'Keefe told members that New Hanover County has also been working with the East Coast Greenway on the project and would like to be listed in paragraph three of the resolution. Mr. Mello agreed to make that addition. Mr. Riddle made the motion to support the development of the West Pender Rail Trail and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. O'Keefe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

e. Resolution of Support for Bicycle Lanes on North 23rd Street and Wrightsville Avenue

Mr. Mello told members NCDOT staff has put together a resurfacing package for certain roadways in New Hanover County. The package was let in December 2008 and they have already received bids. Construction has been postponed until July due to budget issues. The City and the WMPO staff would like to see bicycle lanes on North 23rd Street, between Princess Place Drive and Market Street, and Wrightsville Avenue, between Military Cutoff Road and Eastwood Road. The North 23rd Street project already has enough existing pavement in place to stripe bicycle lanes and it would just need pavement marking after the resurfacing occurs. The Wrightsville Avenue project also has sufficient roadway pavement along most of the road that is wide enough to accommodate bicycle lanes. However, there is one small section that will need pavement added. The resolution is asking the NCDOT local division office to work cooperatively with NCDOT Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation and the City of Wilmington to identify funding and amend the resurfacing package to include continuous bicycle lanes on these two roadways.

Mr. Riddle told member DOT staff have discussed this project since receiving Mr. Mello's email. Mr. Riddle said adjustments to the pavement markings should not be a problem, but anytime you start looking at adding additional pavement it can create problems.

Mr. Mello told members that the resolution is to request that we all work together to identify funding.

Mr. O'Keefe made the motion to support the request for bicycle lanes on North 23rd Street and Wrightsville Avenue and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried 8 to 1.

5. Discussion

a. Draft Walk Wilmington: Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan

Mr. Mello told members the city has received a grant from the North Carolina Department of Transportation to complete a city-wide pedestrian plan. The plan will look at sidewalk projects, traffic signals, crosswalks, the land development code and possible speed limit reductions. The plan has broken the city into character zones. The plan is on the WMPO website for review and comment. The next step after receiving comments will be to send the plan to NCDOT Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation and then brought to the Wilmington City Council in March.

b. Wrightsville Beach Bicycle Facilities Study Alternatives

Mr. Mello told members about 60 people attended the first public meeting held in Wrightsville Beach Monday to discuss the Wrightsville Beach Bicycle Facilities Study. The plan is available on the WMPO website for review and comment.

6. Project Updates

a. Market Street Corridor Study

Mr. Mello told members that Kimley Horn and Associates continues to work on the Market Street Corridor Study. The next step is to draft the plan and begin public meetings.

b. Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

Mr. Mello updated the group on CAC activities. The group is currently working on the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan.

d. Bike/Pedestrian Committee

Mr. Mello updated the group on CAC activities. The members saw a presentation on Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan at their last meeting.

e. NCDOT Project Update

attached

7. Announcements

Mr. Serkin told members he has accepted a position with the Town of Shallotte and he introduced Ms. Claudia Bray who is the Town Administrator for the Town of Navassa. Ms. Bray will be filling in for the interim as their representative to the group.

a. WMPO BikePed Committee meeting: January 8 at 5:15pm

b. *Wrightsville Beach Bicycle Facilities Study* Open House: January 12 at 5:30pm

c. Citizen Advisory Committee meeting: January 21 at 5:30pm

8. Adjournment

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am.

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE CITY OF WILMINGTON TO AMEND THE
TRANSPORTATION OFFICIAL CORRIDOR MAP FOR THE CAPE FEAR SKYWAY AND FILE A
MAP FROM THE INTERSECTION OF CAROLINA BEACH ROAD/INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD
TO THE CAPE FEAR RIVER**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and the N.C. Board of Transportation, and

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear Skyway is a proposed 9.5 mile facility crossing the Cape Fear River that will provide a future connection from US 17 in Brunswick County to US 421 in New Hanover County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Cape Fear Skyway is a regional transportation project that will provide increased benefits to the community that include: additional access to the Port for commercial deployments, direct access to the west side of the Cape Fear River; reduction of future traffic demand on the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge, allow for uninterrupted travel across the Cape Fear River, allow for emergency response vehicles to travel across the Cape Fear River without the possibility of delay, decrease evacuation times during natural disasters, improve access to the Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point and provide for improved access to the Port facilities for military deployments; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) acknowledges the essential need for the Cape Fear Skyway to provide the aforementioned benefits and alleviate congestion in the Wilmington Urban Area; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2006 the city of Wilmington filed a Transportation Official Corridor map in Highway Map Book 2 page 256 to preserve the Cape Fear Skyway corridor from the encroaching Madison Place Apartment complex; and

WHEREAS, due to the possibility of other encroaching developments in the corridor, the Wilmington MPO would encourage the City of Wilmington to amend the existing Transportation Official Corridor Map Act and preserve a corridor from the intersection of Carolina Beach Road/Independence Boulevard to the Cape Fear River.

NOW THEREFORE, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Advisory Committee encourages the City of Wilmington to amend the transportation official corridor map for the Cape Fear Skyway and file a map from the intersection of Carolina Beach Road/Independence Boulevard to the Cape Fear River.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area MPO Transportation Advisory Committee on February 25, 2009.

Lanny Wilson, Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND G.S.
136-44.50 TO PERMIT THE WILMINGTON MPO TO FILE THE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR
OFFICIAL MAP ACT FOR THE CAPE FEAR SKYWAY (U-4738) IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and the N.C. Board of Transportation, and

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WHEREAS, the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) acknowledges the essential need for the Cape Fear Skyway to provide the aforementioned benefits and alleviate congestion in the Wilmington Urban Area; and

WHEREAS, per NC General Statute 136-44.50 only municipalities, the Board of Transportation, regional public transportation authorities, NC Turnpike Authority and Wilmington MPO as identified in G.S. 136-179 have the authority to file the Transportation Corridor Official Map Act; and

WHEREAS, due to the possibility of encroaching developments within a corridor, the Wilmington MPO would encourage the North Carolina General Assembly to amend G.S. 136-44.50 to permit the Wilmington MPO to file a Transportation Corridor Official Map Act for the Cape Fear Skyway (U-4738) in Brunswick County.

NOW THEREFORE, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Advisory Committee encourages the North Carolina General Assembly to amend G.S. 136-44.50 to permit the Wilmington MPO to file the Transportation Corridor Official Map Act for the Cape Fear Skyway (U-4738) in Brunswick County.

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Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE AMENDMENT OF THE
2009-2015 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and the North Carolina Board of Transportation, and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee has found that the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is conducting transportation planning in a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive manner; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Board of Transportation adopted the 2009-2015 State Transportation Improvement Program on June 5, 2008; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the 2009-2015, the United States Congress has proposed an economic stimulus package that would include investments in transportation infrastructure, including bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and

WHEREAS, bicycle and pedestrian projects selected for funding under the economic stimulus package will require a State Transportation Improvement Program project identification number.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Advisory Committee supports amending the 2009-2015 State Transportation Improvement Program to include the Blue Clay Road Bicycle Facilities, as identified in the 2008 *Bicycle Facilities Study for the Blue Clay Corridor*, Improvements to the River to the Sea Bikeway between downtown Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach, and the construction of the Cross-City Trail as adopted by the Wilmington City Council in June 2008.

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Transportation Advisory Committee

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A STATEWIDE
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and the North Carolina Board of Transportation, and

WHEREAS, There are numerous transportation issues common to both rural and urban areas across North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, a forum to effectively address these issues does not currently exist; and

WHEREAS, the formation of a statewide association of Transportation Advisory Committees would provide MPOs and RPOs with a state-level forum to develop joint legislative agendas, share best practices, and address state and federal issues; and

WHEREAS, while challenges exist in forming such an organization, the potential benefits are substantial.

NOW THEREFORE, Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Advisory Committee hereby supports the formation of a statewide association of Transportation Advisory Committees, and further commits to actively participate in such an organization, should it be formed.

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