



## WILMINGTON URBAN AREA Metropolitan Planning Organization

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### Meeting Agenda

Wilmington Urban Area MPO  
Transportation Advisory Committee

#### Members:

City of  
WILMINGTON  
Lead Planning Agency

Town of  
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:** Transportation Advisory Committee Members  
**FROM:** Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director  
**DATE:** April 23, 2009  
**SUBJECT:** April 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area MPO Transportation Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. **The meeting will be held in the Lord Spencer Compton Conference Room at City Hall.**

The following is the agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes:
  - a. 3/26/09
- 3) Public Comment Period
- 4) Presentation- Cape Fear Skyway Bridge Study  
Steve Dewitt, P.E. North Carolina Turnpike Authority
- 5) Old Business
- 6) New Business
  - a. Resolution supporting an administrative modification to the 2009-2015 State Transportation Improvement Programs to include the purchase of two 12-passenger vans (STIP# TA-5102)
  - b. Approval of the 2009-2010 Inter-local Section 5303 Agreement Between the Wilmington MPO and Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority
  - c. Resolution supporting the Congestion Relief/Intermodal Transportation Fund
  - d. Resolution opposing pending legislation transferring responsibility for state roads to local governments
  - e. Resolution supporting the City of Wilmington's Cross City Trail and other multi-use trails in the community
- 7) Updates
  - a. Citizen Advisory Committee- Cape Fear Commutes
  - b. Bike/Pedestrian Committee
  - c. NCDOT
- 8) Announcements
  - a. Citizen Advisory meeting- May 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm
  - b. Bike/Pedestrian meeting- May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm
- 9) Next meeting -May 27, 2009

#### Attachments:

- Minutes from 3/26 meeting
- Resolution supporting an administrative modification to the 2009-2015 State Transportation Improvement Programs to include the purchase of two 12-passenger vans (STIP# TA-5102)
- Inter-local Section 5303 Agreement Between the Wilmington MPO and Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority
- Resolution supporting the Congestion Relief/Intermodal Transportation Fund
- Resolution opposing pending legislation transferring responsibility for state roads to local governments
- Resolution supporting the City of Wilmington's Cross City Trail and other multi-use trails in the community
- NCDOT Project Update

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**Transportation Advisory Committee**  
**Date: March 26, 2009**

**Members Present:**

Lanny Wilson, Chairman, NCBOT  
Bill Sue, Brunswick County  
Tommy Wallace, Town of Leland  
Mac Montgomery, Town of Kure Beach  
Bill Saffo, City of Wilmington  
Alan Gilbert, Town of Carolina Beach  
Jonathan Barfield, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority  
Laura Padgett, City of Wilmington

**Staff Present:**

Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director  
Anthony Prinz, Transportation Planner  
Joshuah Mello, Transportation Planner

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The motion to approve the minutes for the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting carried unanimously.

**3. Public Comment Period**

None

**4. Presentation –**

**a. Cape Fear Bridge Speed and Crash Safety Analysis Study**

Mr. Shawn Troy, Safety Evaluation Engineer with NCDOT gave a presentation on a Speed and Crash Analysis report completed for the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge. Suggested measures recommended by the Safety Evaluation Group for improving the safety on the bridge were:

- Install Radar Units and Dynamic “Vehicle Speed Ahead Is” signs on Eastbound and Westbound approach to vertical crest of the bridge
- Make changes to Messaging on DMS sign to ensure most appropriate and useful information is being displayed for Drivers in Eastbound flow
- Contract Patrols with Towing Firm for Quick Removal of Crashes on Bridge, Section, and Causeway Area
- Model Ramp Metering Operational Characteristics of the Transportation Network in the affected Areas of Influence
  - Northbound NC 133 and Eastbound US 74-76
  - Southbound US 17-421 and Westbound US 74-76
- Solid Lane Lines and Sign for “Maintain Lanes” through Ramp Merge at Northbound NC 133 and Eastbound US 74-76
  - If Ramp Metering Model results are unacceptable
- Install Closed Circuit TV Cameras on Bridge and Signal System to Feed into the City of Wilmington’s Communication Office for quicker response times to Crashes

Following the presentation, Ms. Padgett made the motion to encourage NCDOT to consider installation of solid lane lines and signs to maintain lanes through the ramp merge, make changes to the messages on the DMS signs to warn motorists of conditions on the bridge and installation of

a DMS sign at the westbound approach on Wooster Street, contract with towing company for quick removal of crashes and installation of closed circuit TV camera on the bridge and signal system and feed these cameras into the City of Wilmington's Traffic Signal communication office. Mr. Sue seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**5. Old Business**

None

**6. New Business**

**a. Opening of 30-day public comment period for the purchase of (2) 12-passenger expansion vans and re-allocation of funds from state TIP to ARRA**

Mr. Kozlosky told members based on our Public Involvement Policy, the MPO is required to provide a 30-day public comment before amending the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) or Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). Staff is requesting to open the comment-period for the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority to purchase two 12-passenger vans and to move those funds from the STIP to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Program. Mr. Eby told members the van purchase was in the STIP but was not funded. Ms. Padgett made the motion to open the 30-day public comment period. Mr. Montgomery seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**b. Resolution supporting the new proposed route for the Beach to Battleship event**

Mr. Kozlosky told members the Beach to Battleship event committee is planning next years event to be held on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and they are looking at possible adjustments to the event route. The Department of Transportation is requesting a resolution of support from the MPO before considering the new proposed route. Mr. Bill Scott told members the organization committee recognized there were problems with last year's event. The event committee is proposing to close the southbound lanes on I-140 and divert the southbound US 17 vehicular traffic to Military Cutoff Road/Market Street/Oleander Drive and across the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge in order to alleviate the problems experienced last year. He told members if I-140 could not be closed for the day, then he would like to request closing it for three hours. From a safety standpoint, the event committee is proposing to cone the entire length of I-140.

Mr. Gilbert told members he is against any kind of full closure due to the interruption of commerce by closing a roadway down especially a major connector like I-140.

Mr. Montgomery asked if this must be voted on tonight. Mr. Wilson said the Department of Transportation would like to move forward with this because of its impact on traffic. DOT is requesting MPO input before making a recommendation to FHWA. Mr. Montgomery told members he cannot support closing the entire route. It concerns him that this would affect a major route and there will be a lot of ramifications to shutting I-140 down and rerouting the traffic feeding into Brunswick County. He asked staff if they have any traffic counts for I-140. Mr. Kozlosky told members they currently have the traffic count data for weekdays and could collect weekend data if needed.

Mr. Barfield said he agrees with the closure of only one-lane. That would lessen the impact on the public using I-140.

Mr. Montgomery asked if staff had a recommendation. Mr. Kozlosky told members staff feels it would be more feasible to keep one of the westbound lanes of I-140 open to traffic. Mr. Sue asked about the length of closure. Mr. Scott told members if the closure is only one-lane, they will only need it for three hours.

Mr. Sue made the motion to allow a one lane closed on I-140 and it is limited the closure until noon. Mr. Gilbert seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**c. Resolution amending the 2008-2009 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Kozlosky presented an amended budget for the 2008-2009 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Saffo made the motion to approve amending the 2008-2009 Unified Planning Work Program and Mr. Montgomery seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

**d. Resolution adopting the 2009-2010 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Kozlosky presented the 2009-2010 Planning work program that outlines the anticipated work plan and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Saffo made the motion to approve the 2009-2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Mr. Montgomery seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

**e. Resolution certifying the Transportation Planning Process for FY 2009**

Mr. Kozlosky told members that the MPO is required to annually certify that it is completing transportation planning activities in a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive manner and in accordance with Federal guidelines. Mr. Saffo made the motion to certify the Transportation Planning Process for FY 2009. Mr. Montgomery seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**f. Resolution amending the 2009-2015 Metropolitan and State Transportation Improvement Programs to include the Cross-City Trail (EB-5121) and Roadside Environmental (ER-5100)**

Mr. Kozlosky told members the 30-day public comment period was opened at the last meeting for amendments to the 2009-2015 Metropolitan and State Transportation Improvement Programs to include the Cross-City Trail and Roadside Environmental. There is a possibility the funding could be allocated to these improvements through the ARRA. Ms. Padgett made the motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Saffo seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**g. Resolution requesting the North Carolina General Assembly amend North Carolina General Statute 136-44.50 to permit the WMPO to file a Transportation Official Corridor Map Act for any project within the MPO's planning area boundary**

(removed from the agenda)

**h. Resolution Supporting the North Carolina Department of Transportation Relocating the Transportation Planning Branch's MPO Coordinator from the Central Bureau (Raleigh) to the City of Wilmington Offices**

(added to the agenda)

Mr. Wilson told members he would like to bring a resolution forward to request support for NCDOT to relocate the Transportation Planning Branch's MPO Coordinator from the Central Bureau (Raleigh) to the City of Wilmington Offices. He stated that this de-centralization will provide the statewide transportation planners with the opportunity to interact more closely with the community and provide a better understanding of the day-to-day issues.

Mr. Saffo made the motion to approve the resolution to support NCDOT relocating the Transportation Planning Branch's MPO Coordinator from the Central Bureau (Raleigh) to the City of Wilmington Office. Ms. Padgett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **7. Updates**

### **a. Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)**

Mr. Howard Loving, Co-chair for the committee, updated members on Cape Fear Commutes and the last meeting of the CAC.

### **b. Bike/Pedestrian Committee**

Mr. Mello updated members on the last meeting of the group.

### **f. NCDOT Project Update**

attached

## **8. Announcements**

- a. Citizen Advisory Committee meeting- March 18<sup>th</sup> at 4pm
- b. Cape Fear Commutes Press event- March 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm
- c. Bike/Pedestrian meeting- April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm

## **9. Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm

Respectfully submitted

Mike Kozlosky  
Executive Director  
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE  
2009-2015 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE  
OF (2) PASSANGER VANS BY THE CAPE FEAR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**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 passed the 2009 American Reinvestment and Recovery Act that would include investments in transportation infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, projects selected for funding under this economic stimulus package will require a State Transportation Improvement Program project identification number; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and North Carolina Department of Transportation have identified the purchase of two 12-passenger vans expansion vans (STIP# TA-5102) and re-allocation of funds from the State Transportation Improvement Program to American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization has conducted a 30-day public comment period to receive citizen input on these transportation projects.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Advisory Committee supports an administrative modification of the 2009-2015 State Transportation Improvement Program to include the purchase of two 12-passenger expansion vans (STIP# TA-5102) and re-allocation of funds from the State Transportation Improvement Program to American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funding.

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee on April 29, 2009.

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Lanny Wilson, Chairman  
Transportation Advisory Committee

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Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGREEMENT FOR THE  
WILMINGTON URBANIZED AREA**

**THIS AGREEMENT** made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 by and between the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority d/b/a Wave Transit (Authority), a North Carolina public transportation authority.

**WITNESSETH**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with 23 CFR § 450.306, the MPO was designated as the policy body for cooperative decision making in the Wilmington Urbanized Area (UZA); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 30, 2005 the MPO, including the City of Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina Department of Transportation and other urban area jurisdictions, adopted the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (Plan); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County recognize that traffic and transportation concerns are shared between jurisdictions regardless of jurisdictional boundaries, and effective July 1, 2004 established the Authority to provide public transportation services within the UZA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority is the provider of public transportation services in the UZA; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 22, 2005 the Secretary of Transportation for the State of North Carolina, in accordance with the authority vested by the Governor of the State of North Carolina, and in accordance with Title 49 of the United States Code § 5307(a)(2) and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, declared the Authority to be a designated recipient of federal Urbanized Area Formula Program funds for the UZA; and

**WHEREAS**, The Federal Transit Authority, pursuant to 49 CFR § 5303, provides 80% of transportation planning funds for the UZA, the North Carolina Department of Transportation provides 10% and the required 10% local match that is shared by the members of the MPO in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative, Comprehensive, and Continuing Transportation Planning dated October 24, 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPO is the recipient of Federal Transit Authority 49 CFR § 5303 transit planning funds for the UZA; and

**WHEREAS**, 23 CFR § 4510.310 requires an agreement between the Authority and the MPO specifying cooperative procedures for carrying out transportation planning and programming.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the premises and other good and valuable consideration set forth herein, the MPO and the Authority agree as follows:

1. **Cooperation.** The MPO and the Authority shall cooperate in long range planning for the provision of public transportation services in the UZA, including the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). The MPO and the Authority shall cooperate in estimating funds needed for such services recommended in the MTIP as adopted by the MPO and updated periodically, and as set forth in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as updated periodically.
2. **Planning.** The Authority shall have a major role in the public transportation planning process and the inclusion of projects in the public transportation service portion of the MTIP, as updated periodically.
3. **Tasks.** The Authority shall perform the program tasks assigned to it in the PWP.
4. **Funding.** The MPO will pay to the Authority sixty-five (65%) percent of its allocation of § 5303 planning funds for the term of this agreement.
5. **Duration.** Unless terminated as set forth hereinafter, this Agreement shall continue for as long as Federal and State funding for public transportation planning are provided to the UZA.
6. **Termination.** This Agreement shall terminate if Federal and/or State funding for public transportation services to the UZA is terminated. Either party may terminate this Agreement upon written notice to the other party at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of termination and specifying the effective date of termination.
7. **Amendment.** This Agreement may be amended at any time in writing signed by the parties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has caused this Agreement to be executed in its behalf through its Transportation Advisory Committee by its Chairman as authorized at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 and attested by its Secretary, and the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority d/b/a Wave Transit has caused this Agreement to be executed in its behalf by its Chairman as authorized at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009, attested by its Secretary and its seal to be hereto affixed.



**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING  
ORGANIZATION/Transportation  
Advisory Committee**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lanny Wilson, Chairman

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

**CAPE FEAR PUBLIC  
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
d/b/a Wave Transit**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Bryden, Chairman

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
George Dolan, Secretary

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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Catherine E. Cole, CPA  
Authority Finance Director

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, certify that Mike Kozlosky came before me this day and acknowledged that he is the Secretary of the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, and that by authority duly given and as the act of the Organization, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its Chairman and attested by himself as its Secretary.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, certify that George Dolan personally came before me this day and acknowledged that she is the Secretary of the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority d/b/a Wave Transit, and that by authority duly given and as the act of the Authority, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its Chairman, sealed with its seal and attested by herself as its Secretary.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING THE CONGESTION  
RELIEF/INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND (H148 AND S 151)**

**WHEREAS**, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Transportation Committee was established in 2007 to study the transportation infrastructure needs of the State of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Transportation Committee has recommended legislation entitled the Congestion Relief/Intermodal Transport Fund (H 148 and S151); and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would allow the ability to enact a one-half percent sales tax dependent upon a referendum to fund transportation improvements in a special transit district; and

**WHEREAS**, a regional public transportation authority that would administer the funds must have a developed financial plan that considers the identified needs of the local transportation systems, human services transportation systems and expansion of public transportation systems in the special transit district; and

**WHEREAS**, this financial plan must be approved by the board of commissioners in each county in the special transit district and by all Metropolitan Planning Organizations whose jurisdiction includes any of the area of the special transit district.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization that the North Carolina General Assembly is respectfully requested to support legislation establishing the Congestion Relief/Intermodal Transportation Fund (H148 and S 151).

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee on April 29, 2009.

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Lanny Wilson, Chairman  
Transportation Advisory Committee

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Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

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

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO PENDING LEGISLATION TRANSFERRING  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR STATE ROADS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1001, House Bill 881, and Senate Bill 758 are pending in the North Carolina General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, these bills are an attempt to shift the financial responsibility for thousands of miles of state roads from the State of North Carolina to local governments, reversing the state policy adopted by the General Assembly in the 1930s under which the State assumed control of the state highway system from local governments and North Carolina became known as the “Good Roads State”; and

**WHEREAS**, the current effort to divest the State from its responsibility for large portions of the state’s road system represents a shortsighted abdication of responsibility caused by the State’s inability or refusal to finance and manage it effectively, and merely shifts the responsibility back to local governments which lack the capacity to maintain the system; and

**WHEREAS**, the efforts to shift the State’s responsibility to local governments as set out in the these bills include:

- transferring tens of thousands of miles of state roads from NCDOT to local governments for improvement and maintenance without sufficient resources, essentially insuring the acceleration and degree of deterioration of the existing road system;
- delaying payment of Powell Bill Funds to municipalities next year in order to cover State budget deficiencies, which will lead to deterioration of municipal streets and is contrary to
- national efforts to spur construction activity;
- eviscerating the 50 year old Powell Bill municipal road maintenance support system by making payments under it optional by the State and therefore illusory, even as the State shifts its road responsibilities to local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments face their own daunting challenges in providing existing essential services with strained revenue sources without this attempted new unfunded mandate; and

**WHEREAS**, the state’s road system is fundamental and critical to the economic health of the State and the well being of its citizens, and it should not be sacrificed or abandoned for lack of determination by the State to continue to maintain its historical responsibility and stewardship;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Transportation Advisory Committee that the North Carolina General Assembly is respectfully and urgently requested to reject proposals such as those in Senate Bill 1001, House Bill 881, and Senate Bill 758 which would transfer responsibility for large portions of the state’s road system to local governments, and weaken or dismantle municipal Powell Bill street maintenance funding.

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Lanny Wilson, Chairman  
Transportation Advisory Committee

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Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

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

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF WILMINGTON'S CROSS-CITY TRAIL AND OTHER  
MULTI-USE TRAILS IN THE COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization is committed to maintaining and enhancing quality of life for the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County and recognizes that the Cross-City Trail and other multi-use trails will contribute to quality of life by connecting schools, cultural destinations, workplaces, and parks via an active transportation network; and

**WHEREAS**, trails and their green buffer areas will help improve the quality of the air we breathe by preserving trees and vegetation and by promoting non-motorized transportation, and will enhance the quality of our water through natural buffers and mitigation of storm water run-off; and

**WHEREAS**, trails have significant impact on the economic viability of the region through increased levels of tourism, enhanced property values, added jobs related to the construction of and along the trail, as well as enhanced ability to attract and retain businesses to the region due to improved quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, trails and greenways provide key amenities to neighborhoods and safe areas for our citizens and children to travel, exercise, play and connect with nature away from heavily trafficked areas; and

**WHEREAS**, trails and greenways provide a built environment which encourages healthy lifestyles and active living and which is vital in the fight against the growing obesity epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, trails and greenways are freely accessible community assets providing safe places for people to experience a sense of community and create stronger social and family ties; and

**WHEREAS**, the current citizens of Wilmington and New Hanover County recognize this unique opportunity through partnership and collaboration to provide a lasting, invaluable resource for our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization supports the Cross-City Trail and other multi-use trails and is committed in concept to working with neighborhoods, developers, government agencies, and other stakeholders to ensure the success and completion of the trail network.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE  
GOVERNOR

EUGENE A. CONTI, JR.  
SECRETARY

April 23, 2009

**TIP Projects:**

**B-4223:** replace Bridge # 21, over the Northeast Cape Fear River.  
Under construction

**Contract Completion Date December 31, 2009**

**R-2245:** Second bridge to Oak Island over the intercoastal waterway.  
Under construction

**Contract Completion Date December 31, 2009 (approximate delay of 3 months)**

**B-0682:** Bridge to Sunset Beach over the intercoastal waterway. Under construction.

**Estimated Contract Completion Date December of 2010**

**U-4903:** resurfacing of US 76 (Oleander Drive) from 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Streets to Independence Boulevard. Work to be completed at night. Additional work will be let with this contract; Milling & resurfacing of Oleander Drive, from Independence Boulevard to Pine Grove Road. Also modifying the lane configuration of the intersection, by adding dual left turns on Oleander Drive.

**Estimated Contract Completion Date Summer 2009**

The milling and resurfacing work from 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Streets to Independence Blvd. has been completed.

**U-4733:** intersection improvements SR 1411 (Wrightsville Avenue), from Forest Hills Drive to SR 2313 (Wilshire Boulevard). Daytime work

**Estimated Contract Completion Date Winter 2009 (utility delays)**

**B-4031:** replace Bridge #72 over Jinny's Branch and construct approaches, on NC 179.

**Estimated Contract Completion Date 5/15/2009**

**U-5017A: Letting Date 10/21/2008** Wilmington Computerized Signal System  
**U-5017B: Letting Date 11/18/2008** Wilmington Computerized Signal System  
**U-5017C: Letting Date 12/16/2008** Wilmington Computerized Signal System  
**Work to begin March/April 2009**

**R-4002:** widen SR 1472 (Village Road) from SR 1437 (Old Fayetteville Road)/SR 1435 (South Navassa Road) to east of US 17 Interchange ramps, to a 4-lane divided facility.  
**Letting date 2009**

**U-3462:** Town of Shallotte, SR 1357 (Smith Avenue) extension from West of US 17 Business to NC 130. **Letting 3/17/2009**

**R-3324:** Long Beach Road extension, two lane road on new location, from NC 211 to SR 1525 (Bethel Road)  
**Letting date 7/21/2009**

**B-4030:** replace Bridge #9 over Bear Branch, on NC 130.  
**Letting date 7/21/2009**

**Military Cutoff Road Extension (U-4751) and Hampstead Bypass (R-3300):** extending Military Cutoff Road from Market Street to the Wilmington Bypass, with an interchange at the Bypass. NCDOT and the merger team are scheduled to have selected a preferred alternative by Spring 2009 and complete the final environmental impact statement by fall 2009. Right of way is scheduled for 2012.

**R-3601 US 17/74/76:** Widening across the “causeway”, between Leland and Wilmington. Just beginning the planning process. We will move into the merger process afterwards and then to design. A scoping meeting will be held in the next couple of months. The TIP schedule has R/W for 2011 and Construction for 2012

**U-4902 B:** construct a concrete median island from SR 1402 (Porter’s Neck Road) to Colonial Drive (non-system road). Project is in the planning process and awaiting the completion of the Market Street Corridor Study.

**R-5021:** NC 211 widening, from NC 87 to SR 1500 (Midway Road).  
Right of Way 2013

**R-4063:** widen SR 1472 (Village Road) from SR 1435 (South Navassa Road) to



SR 1438 (Lanvale Road).  
Right of Way 2012 and Construction 2013

**Feasibility Studies for NC 211 & NC 904:**

NC 211 – from SR 1500 (Midway Road) to US 17

NC 904 – from NC 179/904 (Beach Drive) to US 17

**FS-0203C Feasibility Study for College Road:** from SR 1327 (Gordon Road) to US 17  
(Market Street).

**R-2633 A:** Construction of I-140 (Wilmington Bypass) from US 17 to US 74/76.  
Right of Way 2008 (Has begun) and Construction Post Year

**R-2633 B:** Construction of I-140 (Wilmington Bypass) from US 74/76 to US 421.  
Right of Way 2008 (Has begun) and Construction 7/19/2011

**Division Projects:**

**NC 133 (River Road)** from SR 1551 (Blackwell Road/Main Street) to the intersection with US 74/76 eastbound on ramp, in Belville, convert the existing thru lane to a right turn lane which will establish a dual right turn at the intersection with US 74/76 on ramp. Install a concrete island to convert the intersection with SR 1551 to directional left turns.

**On Hold**

**Wrightsville Beach Draw Bridge** repair scour damage. Night time closures of the entire bridge, approximately 6 times. These will be done at night from 11:30 PM to 5:00 AM. The dates for these closures have not been determined, yet. Once they have been, it will be advertised.

**Availability Date 2/20/2009**

**Estimated Contract Completion Date 4/5/2009**

**Resurfacing Projects:**

These roads are in this Brunswick County contract: **Let Date 11/18/2008 awarded April 2009**

**NC 211** mill patching and resurfacing from SR 1500 (Midway Road) to SR 1114 (Zion Hill Road).

**SR 1539 (East Boiling Springs Lake Road)** resurfacing from NC 87 to RR tracks.

**SR 1115 (Stone Chimney Road)** mill patching and resurfacing from NC 211 to US 17.

**SR 1119 (Stanley Road)** mill patching and resurfacing from end of maintenance to SR 1120 (Sabbath Home Road).

**SR 1527 (Wescott Road)** resurfacing from NC 211 to SR 1526 (Jabbertown Road).

**SR 1527 (Wescott Road)** patching and resurfacing from SR 1526 to SR 1528 (East Moore Street).

These roads are in this Pender County contract: **Let Date 11/18/2008 awarded April 2009**

**NC 50** resurface from North Topsail Drive/Roland Drive to 0.09 miles north of NC 210, no work on swing bridge over the intercoastal waterway.

These are in this New Hanover County contract: **Let Date On-Hold**

**US 421** milling and resurfacing from Snows Cut Bridge to Carolina Sands Drive.

**US 117/NC 132** resurfacing from SR 1322 (Murrayville Road) to bridge over I-40.

**SR 1574 (Service Road)** milling and resurfacing from SR 1573 to SR 1573.

**SR 1592 (Landsdowne Road)** mill patching and resurfacing from NC 132 to SR 1516 (Navaho Trail).

**SR 1516 (Navaho Trail)** mill patching and resurfacing from SR 1592 to SR 1492 (Masonboro Loop Road).

**SR 1492 (Masonboro Loop Road)** patching and resurfacing from SR 1517 (Trails End Road) to SR 1505 (Beasley Road).

**SR 1411 (Dawson Street Extension)** resurfacing from US 76 (Oleander Drive) to SR 1411 (Wrightsville Avenue).

**SR 1411 (Wrightsville Avenue)** patching from SR 1411 to Independence Boulevard.

**SR 1411 (Wrightsville Avenue)** patching from Huntington Road to US 76.

**SR 1411 (Wrightsville Avenue)** milling and resurfacing from US 76 to US 74.

**SR 2313 (Wilshire Boulevard)** patching from SR 1411 to SR 1175 (Kerr Avenue)

**SR 1302 (North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street)** milling and resurfacing from US 17 Bus. To north of RR Tracks.