The mission of the Wilmington MPO is to develop and implement a comprehensive multi-modal transportation plan that supports the existing and future mobility needs and economic vitality of the Wilmington Urban Area. This shall be accomplished by protecting the environment, safeguarding the social equity, improving the quality of life for the citizens of the community, improving the local economy and providing for the safe and efficient mobility throughout the region. This is achieved through the long range transportation planning process which includes a comprehensive, continuous and cooperative approach from citizens and participating members.

Technical Coordinating Committee
Meeting Agenda

TO: Technical Coordinating Committee Members
FROM: Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director
DATE: September 9, 2011
SUBJECT: September 14, 2011 meeting

A meeting of the WMPO Technical Coordinating Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 14th at 10:00 am. The meeting will be held in the Traffic Conference Room on the 4th Floor of 305 Chestnut Street in downtown Wilmington.

The following is the agenda for the meeting:
1) Call to Order
2) Approval of Minutes:
   a. 7/27/11
3) New Business
   a. Resolution Adopting the Village Road Phase II and Gordon Road Phase A Purpose and Need/Minimum Problem Statements
   b. Resolution Amending the East Coast Greenway Alignment
   c. Resolution Amending the Wilmington MPO Bike/Ped Committee Bylaws
   d. Resolution Supporting the Re-establishment of the Rail Line between Wallace and Castle Hayne
   e. Resolution Supporting the Dedication of portions of the Cross City Trail in honor of the Cameron Company, Oleander Company and Trask Families
   f. Opening of the 30-day Public Comment Period for the US 17/NC210 Corridor Study on October 1, 2011
4) Discussion
   a. Hampstead Bypass Transportation Official Corridor Maps
   b. Prioritization 2.0 Highway Project Prioritization
5) Updates
   a. City of Wilmington/Wilmington MPO
      a. Wilmington Multi-modal Transportation Center
   b. Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority
   c. NCDOT
6) Announcements
   a. Wilmington MPO Bike/Ped meeting-October 6, 2011
   b. Military Cutoff Road/Hampstead Bypass Public Workshop- October 17th
   c. Military Cutoff Road/Hampstead Bypass Public Workshop- October 18th
7) Next meeting—October 12, 2011
Attachments:

- Minutes 7/27/11 meeting
- Village Road Phase II Purpose and Need/Minimum Problem Statement
- Gordon Road Phase A Purpose and Need/Minimum Problem Statement
- Resolution Adopting the Village Road Phase II and Gordon Road Phase A Purpose and Need/Minimum Problem Statement
- Adopted East Coast Greenway Alignment Map (February 2009)
- Proposed East Coast Greenway Alignment Map
- Proposed East Coast Greenway Designation Map
- Resolution Amending the East Coast Greenway Alignment
- Revised WMPO Bike/Ped Bylaws
- Resolution Amending the WMPO Bike/Ped Bylaws
- Resolution Supporting the Re-establishment of the rail line between Wallace and Castle Hayne
- Resolution Supporting the Dedication of portions of the Cross City Trail in honor of the Camerons, Oleander Company and Trask Families
- Hampstead Bypass Transportation Corridor Official Maps
- Prioritization 2.0 Projects Considered for Ranking Map
- List of SPOT Highway Projects by Local Prioritization Process (LPP) Score
- City of Wilmington/Wilmington MPO Project Update (September)
- NCDOT Project Update
AGENDA ITEM 2A:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 27, 2011 MEETING

ATTACHMENTS:

- MINUTES JULY 27, 2011 MEETING
Members Present:
Mike Kozlosky, City of Wilmington
Sam Burgess, New Hanover County
Kyle Breuer, Pender County
Shane York, NCDOT
Helen Bunch, Brunswick County
Allen Pope, NCDOT
Robert Waring, Town of Leland
Albert Eby, WAVE Transit
Don Bennett, City of Wilmington
Travis Barnes, Town of Navassa
Julie Wilsey, Wilmington International Airport
Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports
Pat Walsh, Town of Belville
Bill McDow, TDM Coordinator

1. Call to Order
   Mr. Kozlosky called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2. Approval of Minutes
   The minutes from the June 15, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Presentation
   a. Complete Streets
      Mr. Kozlosky gave a presentation on the Complete Streets Framework document. The Policy was adopted in July of 2009 by NCDOT. The draft guidelines were released on June 17th and comments are being taken by the Department until August 17th. More information on the draft Complete Streets Framework document can be found on the WMPO website.

   b. CFPTA Service Expansion and Long Range Financial Plan
      Mr. Eby gave a presentation on the Service Expansion and Long Range Financial Plan for the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority. He told members that their goal is to gage community support and receive input from the community on the service expansion plan and to develop a long range financial plan.

4. New Business
   a. Resolution Adopting the State/Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program
      Mr. Kozlosky told members the Board of Transportation adopted the State/Metropolitan TIP in July and we must mutually adopt the TIP.

      Ms. Wilsey made the motion to support the resolution adopting the State/Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

   b. Resolution Supporting the Amendments to the 10-Year Work Program
      Mr. Kozlosky told members there is a funding shortfall of $73.1 million within the WMPO boundary. The Department developed a proposal for a funding reduction strategy. The
strategy included value-engineering the Military Cutoff Road extension. Funding will also be needed to increase for the two bridges over the Brunswick River due to scour-critical issues.

The proposed strategy eliminates funding for the Village Road-Phase II project, the interchange at Kerr Avenue and Martin Luther King, Jr. intersection, Gordon Road widening, Market Street access management improvements, Dow Road widening, the Old Fayetteville Road interchange and the North College Road upgrade. These projects will be pushed out beyond the 10-year plan.

Mr. Pope told members the proposal still does not get the Department back to a balanced budget. Mr. Kozlosky stated that it is still $37.4 million over programed. Mr. Pope noted that the Department hopes to use any cost savings within the Division to apply toward that balance.

Mr. Eby made the motion to support the resolution amending the 10-year work plan and forward to the TAC for consideration. Ms. Wilsey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

c. **Resolution Adopting the Market Street Corridor Study**

Mr. Kozlosky told members the corridor study was funded by NCDOT and it was a collaborative effort between the City, NCDOT, County and MPO. It provided recommendations for land-use and transportation and will include a non-traversable median from Colonial Drive to Porters Neck; however, no funding is available right now. The study included an intersection re-design for Kerr Avenue and Market Street that NCDOT is working to implement. The Market Street Corridor Study has been adopted by the Wilmington City Council and the New Hanover County Commissioners. The next step in the process is to bring it to the TCC and the TAC for consideration.

Ms. Ayers made the motion to support the resolution adopting the Market Street Corridor Study and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

d. **Resolution Amending the 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Kozlosky told members that staff is proposing a modification to the 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program Special Studies line to hire a consultant to complete a Comprehensive Greenway Plan for the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County. He noted that the City of Wilmington has had great success with the Cross City Trail and there are opportunities to connect parks in the unincorporated areas. Olsen Park, Ogden Park and Smith Creek Park are in the northern part of the county and there are also several opportunities in the southern part of the county. Staff approached the County and they are willing to participate with a $20,000 contribution toward the development of a Comprehensive Greenway Plan to connect these parks. The City of Wilmington has also identified funding and may be willing to partner with the MPO and County for the development of the plan.

Mr. Kozlosky noted that we would need to amend the Unified Planning Work Program to complete a Comprehensive Greenway Plan for the City and County and appropriate $160,000 from the MPO budget to fund the development of the plan.

Mr. Burgess made the motion to support the resolution amending the 2011-2012 UPWP and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

e. **Resolution Appointing the Associate Planner as the Wilmington MPO Representative to the Lower Cape Fear Sustainable Communities Consortium (LCFSCC)**

Mr. Kozlosky told members based on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the LCFSCC, the elected board shall appoint a member to the committee. The resolution
recommends appointing an associate planner as the representative to the consortium, as designated by the executive director.

Mr. Eby asked who is acting as the lead-agency for the Consortium. Ms. Rashid stated that in the interim, the Council of Governments has taken the lead in pursuing the federal grant.

Mr. Kozlosky stated that resolution is asking to appoint an Associate Planner as the MPO representative to the consortium. Ms. Bunch made the motion to support the resolution to appoint the Associate Planner as the WMPO representative to the Lower Cape Fear Sustainable Communities Consortium. Mr. Eby seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

f. **Resolution Adopting the Purpose and Need Statements for Highway Projects submitted to NCDOT for Prioritization 2.0**
   Mr. Kozlosky told members the Purpose and Need/Minimum Problem Statement information is ready for submittal to the Department for Prioritization 2.0.

   Ms. Ayers made a motion to support the resolution adopting the Purpose and Need/Minimum Problem Statements for Highway Projects to be submitted to NCDOT for Prioritization 2.0. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

g. **Amendment to the Bylaws for Special and Emergency Meetings**
   Mr. Kozlosky told members the City Attorney suggested that the MPO include language in the bylaws regarding special and emergency meetings. The TAC members asked that the definition of “special and emergency” meeting be included in the bylaws.

   Mr. Burgess made the motion to support the amendment to the bylaws and forward to the TAC for consideration. Ms. Wilsey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

h. **Cancellation of the August 17th Meeting**
   Ms. Bunch made the motion to cancel the August 17th TCC meeting. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. **Updates**
   Project updates for the Wilmington MPO/City of Wilmington, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and NCDOT are included in the agenda packet.

6. **Announcements**

7. **Adjournment**
   With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13am

THE ABOVE MINUTES ARE NOT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS.
THE ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS ARE RECORDED ON A COMPACT DISC AS PART OF THIS RECORD.
AGENDA ITEM 3A:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE VILLAGE ROAD PHASE II AND GORDON ROAD PHASE A PURPOSE AND NEED/MINIMUM PROBLEM STATEMENTS

ATTACHMENTS:

• VILLAGE ROAD PHASE II PURPOSE AND NEED/MINIMUM PROBLEM STATEMENT
• GORDON ROAD PHASE A PURPOSE AND NEED/MINIMUM PROBLEM STATEMENT
• RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE VILLAGE ROAD PHASE II AND GORDON ROAD PHASE A PURPOSE AND NEED/MINIMUM PROBLEM STATEMENT
SR 1472/Village Road Widening Phase II (R-4063)

SR 1472/Village Road between SR 1438/Lanvale Road and SR 1435/South Navassa Road is projected to be over capacity by 2035. Improvements are needed to mitigate safety issues and projected traffic to prevent obtaining a Level of Service “E”.

SR 1472/Village Road currently has a two-lane, 20-foot cross-section with a capacity of 15,600 vehicles per day (vpd). The 2008 annual average daily traffic volume (AADT) was 9,700 vpd resulting in a Level of Service “C”. By 2035, the facility is expected to carry 15,200 vpd, which reduces the Level of Service to “E” on the existing cross section. Village Road is classified as a principle arterial and is the only road in the Town of Leland providing direct connectivity to US 74/76 towards the main employment centers in New Hanover County. In addition to capacity issues with high existing and projected traffic volumes, safety issues necessitate improvements to Village Road. Village Road experienced a crash rate 15% higher than the statewide average for similar facilities (based on October 2003- October 2006 NCDOT crash data). The most prevalent crash types included rear-end collisions and angle/turning movement crashes. These high crash rates are precipitated by the two-lane undivided cross-section and the lack of turn lanes.
SR 2048/Gordon Road Widening (U-3831) - Section A

SR 2048/ Gordon Road between I-40 and Wood Sorrell Road is currently over capacity. Improvements are needed to accommodate existing and projected traffic and improve the current Level of Service “F”.

Gordon Road currently has a two-lane, 33-foot cross-section with a two-way left turn lane and a capacity of 15,000 vehicles per day (vpd). The 2008 annual average daily traffic volume (AADT) was 22,500 vpd resulting in a Level of Service “F”. By 2035, the facility is expected to carry 19,000 vpd, which continues to produce a Level of Service “F” on the existing cross section. Gordon Road is the only urban cross-town facility between US 17 Market Street and I-40/NC 132/College Road. A mix of commercial, office, and residential land uses along this corridor and the corridor’s provision of easy access between I-40/College Road & US 17/Market Street account for the high traffic volumes on Gordon Road.
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, on January 23, 2009 Governor Purdue signed Executive Order #2 reforming the Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, this Executive Order identified that the Department of Transportation has an obligation to ensure that highway construction plans are developed and that projects are awarded based on professional standards designed to meet the needs of citizens and communities across the state fairly, efficiently and effectively; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation created the Strategic Planning Office of Transportation’s prioritization tool that will evaluate projects based on a quantitative and qualitative analysis and developed a selection process that is transparent and data driven; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation is updating the Prioritization Process and has created Prioritization 2.0; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has requested the development of Purpose and Need/Problem Statements for all highway projects submitted in Prioritization 1.0 and Prioritization 2.0; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee adopted the List of New Highway Projects (2011) on June 29, 2011 and adopted the Purpose and Need/Problem Statements on August 10, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee de-obligated funding for Village Road Phase II and Gordon Road Phase A on August 10, 2011 and a Purpose and Need/Problem Statement is now required for these projects.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Transportation Advisory Committee hereby adopts the Purpose and Need/Problem Statements for Village Road Phase II and Gordon Road Phase A for submittal to NCDOT as part of the Prioritization 2.0 process.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee on September 28, 2011.

Jonathan Barfield Jr., Chairman
Transportation Advisory Committee

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary
AGENDA ITEM 3B:

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE EAST COAST GREENWAY ALIGNMENT

ATTACHMENTS:

- ADOPTED EAST COAST GREENWAY ALIGNMENT MAP (FEBRUARY 2009)
- PROPOSED EAST COAST GREENWAY ALIGNMENT MAP
- PROPOSED EAST COAST GREENWAY DESIGNATION MAP
- RESOLUTION AMENDING THE EAST COAST GREENWAY ALIGNMENT
East Coast Greenway Alignment
Adopted by the Wilmington Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee in February 2009

Legend
- Spine Route [existing]
- Spine Route [funded]
- Spine Route [planned]
- NC Coastal Corridor [existing]
- NC Coastal Corridor [funded]
- NC Coastal Corridor [planned]
Proposed Future
East Coast Greenway Alignment

To Fayetteville
To Jacksonville
To Southport

Mode
- Green: Multi-Use
- Red: Bicycle
- Orange: Pedestrian

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East Coast Greenway Proposed 2011 City of Wilmington Submittals

Museum Drive  Independence Boulevard  Wrightsville Avenue  Oleander Drive  Park Avenue  Rosemont Avenue  Brailsford Drive  Randall Parkway

East Coast Greenway 2011 Proposed Designation

- Green: Completed Multi-Use
- Blue: Funded Multi-Use
- Red: Completed Bicycle
- Orange: Completed Pedestrian

Museum Drive

End 2011 nomination

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WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ALIGNMENT OF THE EAST COAST GREENWAY
THROUGH THE WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN ORGANIZATION
PLANNING BOUNDARIES

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 responsibility of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is to provide recommendations to the WMPO Transportation Advisory Committee with regards to bicycle and pedestrian accommodations; and

WHEREAS, the East Coast Greenway is a long-distance, urban, shared-use trail system that (once completed) will link 25 major cities along the eastern seaboard between Calais, Maine and Key West, Florida providing cyclists, walkers, and other muscle-powered modes of transportation a low-impact way to explore the eastern seaboard; and

WHEREAS, alignment of the East Coast Greenway will utilize local trails and local facilities with distinct local names while assuming a new additional identity as part of a larger trail system; and

WHEREAS, the WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee has reviewed and endorsed a proposed East Coast Greenway alignment through the WMPO planning area boundaries.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Transportation Advisory Committee endorses the WMPO East Coast Greenway Alignment to be submitted to the East Coast Greenway for official designation consideration.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee on September 28, 2011.

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Jonathan Barfield Jr., Chairman
Transportation Advisory Committee

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Mike Kozlosky, Secretary
AGENDA ITEM 3C:

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE WILMINGTON MPO BIKE/PED COMMITTEE BYLAWS

ATTACHMENTS:

- REVISED WMPO BIKE/PED BYLAWS
- RESOLUTION AMENDING THE WMPO BIKE/PED BYLAWS
ARTICLE I: CREATION; NAME; NUMBER OF MEMBERS
There is hereby created a committee composed of members, each appointed by one member of the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC); with one appointment each also from the Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and the President of the Cape Fear Cyclists. Also serving as Secretary for the committee and a voting member will be one staff member from the WMPO. This committee shall be known as the Wilmington Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee D/B/A WMPO BikePed Committee.

ARTICLE II: COMMITTEE; DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
The Committee shall advise the TAC regarding bicycle and pedestrian programs, projects, policies and safety.

The Committee shall assume the following duties: 1) develop and support bicycle and pedestrian education programs for youth and adults, 2) support the enforcement of traffic laws for all roadway users, 3) promote the use of bicycling and walking for transportation, fitness, and recreation, 4) develop safe bicycle and pedestrian facilities, 5) facilitate projects, plans, programs, and ideas that will promote a safer environment for bicycling and walking in the WMPO planning area.

ARTICLE III: APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEE
Section 1. Composition: The membership should have representation from a wide cross-section of the regional population.

Section 2. Appointments: One appointment will be made by each TAC member. Committee members will serve consecutively with their appointing TAC member. One appointment shall also be made by each the President of Cape Fear Cyclists and the Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. A staff member from the WMPO shall also serve as Secretary and a voting member.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS
Committee meetings shall be held on a monthly basis unless determined otherwise by the Committee. The Chair of the Committee or, in his absence, the Vice-Chair, may call a special meeting of the Committee at any time by giving each member 24-hour notice. Special meetings will be scheduled upon request by a majority of the Committee members. A quorum of the Committee shall be in attendance before action of an official nature can be taken. A quorum consists of 51% of active members, as defined in Article V.

ARTICLE V: ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS
A member of the Committee who misses four consecutive regular meetings loses his active status and is no longer eligible to vote. The Secretary of the Committee will notify the respective TAC member that he must reappoint a new member to serve on the Committee. Absences due to sickness, death, or other emergencies of like nature shall be regarded as approved absences and
shall not affect the member’s status on the Committee except that in the event of a long illness, or other such cause for prolonged absence, the member may be replaced.

ARTICLE VI: COMPENSATION
Committee members shall serve without monetary compensation.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS
There shall be a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee. An annual election of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be held by the Committee members and shall occur at the regular monthly meeting in December July. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall serve for one year with the eligibility for re-election. A new Chair or Vice-Chair shall take office at the subsequent regular meeting in January August. In the event a Chair’s and Vice-Chair’s appointment to the Committee is terminated, a replacement to this office shall be elected by the Committee, from its membership, at the meeting following the termination.

ARTICLE VIII: OFFICERS DUTIES
The Committee Chair shall preside at all meetings and sign all documents relative to action taken by the Committee. The Chair shall appoint all subcommittees including a nominating committee if necessary composed of three committee members. A nominating committee shall be appointed at least thirty days prior to the July meeting.

When the Chair is absent, the Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair. When both the Chair and Vice-Chair are absent, the Secretary shall perform the duties of the Chair.

The Secretary shall e-mail all official reports and the official minutes of all regular and special meetings to all Committee members prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the committee’s actions.

ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES
Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

Section 2. Sub-committees may be appointed by the Chairperson as necessary.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS
The bylaws may be amended or repealed and new bylaws adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total membership of the committee at any regular or special meeting of the group, with subsequent approval by the TAC.
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 responsibility of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is to provide recommendations to the WMPO Transportation Advisory Committee with regards to bicycle and pedestrian accommodations; and

WHEREAS, the WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is governed by a set of bylaws adopted in February of 2008; and

WHEREAS, adopted bylaws of the WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee allow for the amendment of said bylaws by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total membership of the committee with subsequent approval by the WMPO Transportation Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee had unanimous approval for amendments to their bylaws at a special meeting held on August 25th, 2011; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee hereby approves the aforementioned amendments to the WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee bylaws.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee on September 28, 2011.
AGENDA ITEM 3D:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RAIL LINE BETWEEN WALLACE AND CASTLE HAYNE

ATTACHMENTS:

• RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RAIL LINE BETWEEN WALLACE AND CASTLE HAYNE
WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE RAILROAD TRACKS
BETWEEN CASTLE HAYNE AND WALLACE

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 Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization is charged with developing, in cooperation with NCDOT, long-range local and regional multi-modal transportation plans; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation is examining the potential for and impacts of reconstructing 27-miles of railroad tracks between Castle Hayne to Wallace in southeastern North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the 27-mile rail corridor is state-owned and links New Hanover, Pender and Duplin Counties; and

WHEREAS, the re-establishment of the railroad tracks would improve freight rail options to support the North Carolina State Port Authority, our military bases, improve access for moving products through the state’s most agriculturally active region and improve access to major population centers to the north and west; and

WHEREAS, the re-establishment of the rail line would provide access to serve the military installation at Camp Lejeune and also provide a second rail line out of the North Carolina State Port in Wilmington linking the Port to the interior of the state and supporting economic development; and

WHEREAS, these reconstructed railroad tracks would also allow the introduction of passenger rail between Wilmington and Raleigh via Goldsboro; and

WHEREAS, these reconstructed railroad tracks would have significant and profound positive economic benefits for southeastern North Carolina.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Transportation Advisory Committee hereby encourages the North Carolina Department of Transportation to reconstruct the railroad line between Castle Hayne and Wallace and also requests that the North Carolina Department of Transportation do everything in their power to double track this rail line for future freight and passenger service.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee on September 28, 2011.

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Jonathan Barfield Jr., Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

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Mike Kozlosky, Secretary
AGENDA ITEM 3E:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEDICATION OF PORTIONS OF THE CROSS CITY TRAIL IN HONOR OF THE CAMERONS, OLEANDER COMPANY AND TRASK FAMILIES

ATTACHMENTS:

• RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEDICATION OF PORTIONS OF THE CROSS CITY TRAIL IN HONOR OF THE CAMERONS, OLEANDER COMPANY AND TRASK FAMILIES
WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY OF WILMINGTON DEDICATE THE THREE
DISTINCT SECTIONS OF THE GARY SHELL CROSS-CITY TRAIL IN HONOR OF THE
CAMERON COMPANY, OLEANDER COMPANY AND TRASK FAMILIES

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 responsibility of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is to provide recommendations to the WMPO Transportation Advisory Committee with regards to bicycle and pedestrian accommodations; and

WHEREAS, the WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is responsible for the following duties: 1) develop and support bicycle and pedestrian education programs for youth and adults, 2) support the enforcement of traffic laws for all roadway users, 3) promote the use of bicycling and walking for transportation, fitness, and recreation, 4) develop safe bicycle and pedestrian facilities, 5) facilitate projects, plans, programs, and ideas that will promote a safer environment for bicycling and walking in the WMPO planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail is a core trail in a developing a city-wide trails and greenways system which will make alternative transportation in Wilmington a safer, more convenient option for every citizen; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail is to provide residents and visitors with an amenity that provides opportunities for recreational use, physical activity and alternative transportation; and

WHEREAS, once complete, the trail will traverse the City of Wilmington from Wade Park in south Wilmington to the Heide-Trask drawbridge at Wrightsville Beach and will provide a significant benefit to the quality of life for the residents of the greater Wilmington community; and

WHEREAS, easements provided by the Cameron Company, Oleander Company and Trask Families have assisted in the development of the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail; and

WHEREAS, without these easements, the progression of the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail would not be possible, and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington MPO’s Transportation Advisory Committee recognizes and values the significant community benefits fostered by public-private partnerships with the Cameron Company, Oleander Company and Trask Families; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adopted a resolution on September 8, 2011 requesting the City of Wilmington dedicate the three distinct sections of the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail in honor of the Cameron Company, Oleander Company and Trask Families to be commemorated with permanent signage along the trail.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee hereby commends the contributions by the Cameron Company, Oleander Company and Trask Families to the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail; and
2. Supports the Wilmington MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee’s recommendation and request the City of Wilmington dedicate the three distinct sections of the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail in honor of the Cameron Company, Oleander Company and Trask Families to be commemorated with permanent signage along the trail.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee on September 28, 2011.

Jonathan Barfield Jr., Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary
Transportation Advisory Committee
AGENDA ITEM 4A:

HAMPSTEAD BYPASS TRANSPORTATION OFFICIAL CORRIDOR MAPS

ATTACHMENTS:

• HAMPSTEAD BYPASS TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR OFFICIAL MAPS
TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR OFFICIAL MAP
PROJECT R-3300

HAMPSTEAD BYPASS

NEW HANOVER & PENDER COUNTIES, NORTH CAROLINA
FROM INTERCHANGE WITH US 17 WILMINGTON BYPASS TO EXISTING US 17

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PRIORITIZATION 2.0 HIGHWAY PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

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AGENDA ITEM 5A:

UPDATE FOR THE CITY OF WILMINGTON/WILMINGTON MPO

ATTACHMENTS:

• CITY OF WILMINGTON/WILMINGTON MPO PROJECT UPDATE
**WILMINGTON BYPASS**

**Project Description/Scope:** Construct the Wilmington Bypass from US 421 in New Hanover County to US 17 in Brunswick County.

**Current Status:** NCDOT has let the design and construction of the Wilmington Bypass Section “A” from US 17 to US 74/76 as a “design-build” project. They anticipate completing this section of the Bypass in 2013. The Wilmington Bypass “Section B” is funded from FY 2013 through 2020. All of the municipalities and counties within the Wilmington MPO adopted resolutions encouraging NCDOT to explore funding options to accelerate the “B” section of the Wilmington Bypass.

**Next Steps:** On September 7th the Governor announced the acceleration of the Bypass and a new expected completion date of 2016.

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**CAPE FEAR COMMUTES 2035 TRANSPORTATION PLAN (no Significant Change)**

**Project Description/Scope:** Cape Fear Commutes 2035 is a federally-mandated assessment of the current and future transportation needs of people and goods within the Wilmington MPO area.

**Current Status:** The MPO’s Transportation Advisory Committee adopted *Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Transportation Plan* on December 15th. All municipalities and counties have formally adopted the plan.

**Next Steps:** The Wilmington MPO has completed the 2011-2012 Wilmington MPO Strategic Business Plan. The plan was adopted by the TAC on June 29th. Staff will utilize this plan to track the implementation of the Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Transportation Plan.

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**CAPE FEAR SKYWAY (No significant change)**

**Project Description/Scope:** Construct the Cape Fear Skyway that will link from in the vicinity of US 17 to Independence Boulevard and Carolina Beach Road.

**Current Status:** The NHC Board of Commissioners, Brunswick County Board of Commissioners and Wilmington City Council passed resolutions supporting the preservation of the potential northern route and directed staff to work with the MPO to file a map for the potential northern alignment. On November 18th, the Town of Leland voted to decline to approve a transportation official corridor map for the Cape Fear Skyway within the Town of Leland. The North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA) held a public workshop on March 22nd in Brunswick County and March 24th in New Hanover County.

**Next Steps:** The NCTA continues to work through the environmental review process.

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**CITY OF WILMINGTON COLLECTOR STREET PLAN**

**Project Description/Scope:** Complete a city-wide area collector street plan including Monkey Junction.

**Current Status:** The Steering Committee met on April 5th to discuss the plan and street cross-sections. Staff has received and reviewed a draft of the final report. **The Consultant continues to revise the draft based on comments provided by the City.**

**Next Steps:** A public workshop will be held in October. Staff plans to present the plan to City Council in October/November.
**COMPREHENSIVE GREENWAY PLAN**

Project Description/Scope: Complete a Comprehensive Greenway Plan for the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County. The greenway plan would lay the foundation for a comprehensive greenway network throughout the community.

Current Status: The Wilmington MPO has amended the Unified Planning Work Program to include the Comprehensive Greenway Plan and the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County have each committed $20,000 for the development of the plan. The funding has been appropriated and staff has prepared the Request for Proposals (RFP).

Next Steps: Distribute the RFP and advertise the project.

**MARKET STREET CORRIDOR STUDY**

Project Description/Scope: Develop a corridor plan for Market Street from Colonial Drive to the Pender County line.

Current Status: The Market Street Corridor Study was adopted by the TAC on August 10th. The Wilmington MPO, City and County will now begin the process to vet the “draft” ordinances in an effort to implement the plan.

**MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER (No significant change)**

Project Description/Scope: Purchase right-of-way, develop design plans and construct the Wilmington Multi-modal Transportation Center between N. 3rd, N. 4th, Hanover and Red Cross streets.

NCDOT hired Moffit & Nichol Associates and Ko & Associates to complete the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Wilmington Multi-modal Transportation Center. NCDOT is continuing the development of the EA. The work group has decided to separate the environmental documents for the rail and public transportation elements. The EA for the public transportation element is expected to be completed by the end of the calendar year. NCDOT is pursuing securing an option on the U-Haul property until completion of the EA.

**NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – PINE VALLEY EAST**

Project Description/Scope: Construction of long-term neighborhood traffic management in the Pine Valley East neighborhood.

Current Status: The project is complete.

**N. 3rd STREET CORRIDOR STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS**

Project Description/Scope: In May 2006, a transportation bond referendum was approved that included $5 million in improvements to the North 3rd Street corridor.

Current Status: The City Council awarded the construction contract to Sealand Contractors on June 7, 2011 in the amount of $8,493,574.60. This award included the base bid and Alternate 2 (utilities north of the bridge) and Alternate 6 (straight edge curb-and-gutter). On August 16th Council amend the North 3rd Street Streetscape Enhancement Project(07ST10) to include Bid Alternate 1 - $142,477 (median north of the bridge); Bid Alternate 3 - $18,000 (variable message board); Bid Alternate 5 - $224,900 (install granite curbing at the intersections); and redesign of the section north of the bridge - $21,630. The contractor has begun construction at the intersection of Market and North 3rd Streets.
AGENDA ITEM 5C:

NCDOT PROJECT UPDATE

ATTACHMENTS:

- NCDOT PROJECT UPDATE
TIP Projects:

U-3462: Town of Shallotte, SR 1357 (Smith Avenue) extension from West of US 17 Business to NC 130. Under construction and funded by stimulus. Work Complete

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. Estimated Contract Completion Date September 2011

W-5104 – NC 132 (College Road) from US 421 (Carolina Beach Road) to US 117 (Shipyard Blvd.) construct various safety improvements at 10+ intersections. Estimated Contract Completion Date December 2011

W-5103 – US 421 (Carolina Beach Road) from George Anderson Road to SR 1100 (River Road) construct various safety improvements at 20+ intersections. Estimated Contract Completion Date July 1, 2012

Memorial Bridge – painting of the Memorial Bridge. Lane closures are not allowed from Memorial Day to Labor Day (fall/winter time) for the following times: 5:00 AM to 7:00 PM Lane closures are not allowed from Memorial Day to Labor Day (spring/summer time) for the following times: 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM Monday thru Thursday Contractor will be allowed to completely close the bridge for the following times: April 13, 2010 to June 11, 2010 from 7:00 PM to 5:00 AM Estimated Contract Completion Date Fall 2011

R-2633 AA & AB: Construction of I-140 (Wilmington Bypass) from US 17 to US 74/76. Availability Date March 29, 2010 Estimated Contract Completion Date July 2013
U-3338 B: Widening of Kerr Ave. from Randall Parkway to Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway.
Start Date March 2014

U-4434: Independence Blvd. Extension from Randall Parkway to MLK Parkway.
Post Year

R-3601 US 17/74/76: Widening across the “causeway”, between Leland and Wilmington.
Start Date July 2013

R-3432 – SR 1163 (Georgetown Road) extend from SR 1184 (Ocean Isle Beach Road) to NC 179.
Start Date June 2013

R-3324 – Long Beach Road Extension construct a 2-lane, 2-way roadway on new location from NC 211 to NC 87.
Start Date of February 2013

R-3434 – SR 1500 (Midway Road) and SR 1401 (Galloway Road) widening Midway Road from NC 211 to US 17 Bypass.
Post Year

R-2633 B: Construction of I-140 (Wilmington Bypass)
R-2633 BA construct I-140 from US 74/76 to SR 1430 (Cedar Hill Road).
Start Date September 2013
R-2633 BB construct I-140 from SR 1430 (Cedar Hill Road) to US 421.
Let Date September 2013

R-5021: NC 211 widening, from NC 87 to SR 1500 (Midway Road).
Start Date January 2019

R-4063: widen SR 1472 (Village Road) from SR 1435 (South Navassa Road) to SR 1438 (Lanvale Road).
Military Cutoff Road Extension (U-4751): extending Military Cutoff Road from Market Street to the Wilmington Bypass, with an interchange at the Bypass.
Start Date December 2016

R-3300 Hampstead Bypass: extending from Wilmington Bypass to US 17 north of Hampstead.
Post Year

U-5300: NC 132 (College Road) from SR 1272 (New Center Drive) to SR 2048 (Gordon Road) widen to multi-lanes.
Start Date March 2022

Resurfacing Projects:

Brunswick County contract:
   SR 1500 (Midway Road) widen, mill & resurface from NC 211 to US 17 Business.
   SR 1401 (Galloway Road) widen, mill & resurface from US 17 Business to US 17 Bypass
   Estimated Contract Completion Date September 2011

Brunswick, New Hanover & Pender contract:
   NC 904 milling & resurfacing from NC 179 to East/West Second Street at Ocean Isle Beach
   SR 1331 (Mill Branch Rd) resurfacing from NC 130 to SR 1335 (Big Neck Rd)
   SR 1143 (Brick Landing Rd) resurfacing from NC 179 to end of system
   US 17 Business (Market Street) milling & resurfacing from 0.206 miles south of SR 2251 (Barclay Hills Drive) at CSX RR tracks to 0.223 miles north of US 74 (MLK Parkway) intersection at the end of the curb & gutter
   US 17/US 421 milling & resurfacing from 0.091 miles south of US 74/NC 133 intersection at new pavement joint to 0.208 miles north of I-140 overpass at "new" pavement joint
   Wilmington Bypass leveling courses, at various locations: @ bridge approaches, @ CSX RR fly-over, & @ low areas around interchange of US 17 and US 17 Bus.
   SR 1175 (Kerr Ave.) resurfacing from NC 132 to 0.14 mile south of Randall Pkwy
   SR 1402 (Edgewater Club Rd) resurfacing from SR 1491 (Porter's Neck Rd) to end of system
   SR 2127 (Judges Rd) resurfacing from US 17 Bus. to SR 2213 (Albemarle Rd)
   SR 2219 (Green Meadows Rd) resurfacing from US 117 Bus. to SR 2281 (Spicewood St)
   SR 1002 (Holly Shelter Rd) mill patch from US 117 to Pender Co. line
US 117 resurfacing from New Hanover County line at Northeast Cape Fear River Bridge to 0.30 mile north of NC 210

NC 53 milling & resurfacing from 0.53 miles west of SR 1400 (North/South Smith Street) to 0.03 miles east of US 117 Business in Burgaw

Estimated Contract Completion Date November 2011

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Patrick Riddle: priddle@ncdot.gov