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:** November 3, 2011

**SUBJECT:** November 9, 2011 meeting

A meeting of the WMPO Technical Coordinating Committee will be held on Wednesday, November 9th 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. 10/12/11

3) Presentation
   a. FHWA Presentation

4) New Business
   a. Resolution Supporting the filing of the Hampstead Bypass Corridor Preservation Maps
   b. Resolution Adopting Hampstead Bypass Variance Procedures
   c. Resolution Requesting a Feasibility Study for the Cape Fear Riverway
   d. Resolution Supporting the Town of Wrightsville Beach Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning Grant Application
   e. Resolution Supporting the “Freedom Roads” Trail Program
   f. Opening of a 30-day public comment period for the MTIP/STIP Amendments
   g. Cancellation of the December meeting

5) Discussion
   a. Strategic Business Plan Review
   b. Wilmington MPO Organizational Analysis

6) Updates
   a. City of Wilmington/Wilmington MPO
   b. Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority
   c. NCDOT

7) Announcements
   a. Wilmington MPO Bike/Ped meeting-December 8th

8) Next meeting –January 2012
Attachments:

- Minutes 10/12/11 meeting
- Hampstead Bypass Transportation Corridor Official Maps
- Resolution Supporting the filing of the Hampstead Bypass Corridor Preservation Maps
- Hampstead Bypass Transportation Corridor Official Map Variance Procedures
- Resolution adopting the Hampstead Bypass Transportation Corridor Official Map Variance Procedures
- Map of the Proposed Cape Fear Riverway
- Resolution Requesting a Feasibility Study for the Cape Fear Riverway
- Resolution Supporting the Town of Wrightsville Beach Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning Grant Application
- Proposed “Freedom Roads” Trail background information
- Resolution Supporting the “Freedom Roads” Trail Program
- Proposed MTIP/STIP Amendments
- WMPO Strategic Business Plan -1st Quarter Review
- WMPO Organizational Analysis Final Report (www.wmpo.org)
- City of Wilmington/Wilmington MPO Project Update (October)
- NCDOT Project Update (to be distributed at the meeting)
AGENDA ITEM 2A:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 12, 2011 MEETING

ATTACHMENTS:

- MINUTES - OCTOBER 12, 2011 MEETING
Members Present:
Mike Kozlosky, City of Wilmington
Sam Burgess, New Hanover County
Shane York, NCDOT
Helen Bunch, Brunswick County
Robert Waring, Town of Leland
Ken Vafier, Pender County
Don Bennett, City of Wilmington
Sean Ryan, Town of Navassa
Julie Wilsey, Wilmington International Airport
Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports
Pat Walsh, Town of Belville
Allen Pope, NCDOT
Gary Ferguson, Town of Carolina Beach
Bill McDow, TDM Coordinator

1. Call to Order
Mr. Kozlosky called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

2. Approval of Minutes
The minutes from the September 14, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Presentation
a. NCDOT 2040 Transportation Plan

4. Old Business
a. Resolution Amending the Wilmington MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Bylaws
Ms. Rashid told members at the last TAC meeting, members directed staff to make sure the MPO is reaching out to all the bicycle/pedestrian clubs in the area to gage interest in participating in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. She said that she has contacted all the tri-clubs/bicycle clubs that she is aware of and invited them to participate. She noted that several of the clubs have asked to be on the email list. She told members the TAC also requested a change in language in reference to appointing an organization representing bicycling membership in the area. They requested that the chair of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee make that appointment.

Mr. Pope made the motion to support the resolution to amend the Wilmington MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Bylaws and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. New Business
a. Resolution Requesting the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee Strongly Encourage the North Carolina Department of Transportation to Prioritize and Accelerate the Construction of the Dow Road Corridor Plan Project
Mr. Kozlosky told members the resolution was submitted by Mayor Lambeth from the Town of Kure Beach in response to action by the TAC on August 18th that moved Dow Road to the unfunded list in order to cover the funding gap associated with the Military Cutoff Road extension project, as well as the necessary funding to replace the two bridges on the Causeway that were identified as “scour-critical” as part of the upgrade of the Causeway in Brunswick County.
Mr. Riddle noted that the Dow Road projects is ranked as number 13 on the local prioritization list and ranked number 4 on the SPOT list of projects.

Mr. Kozlosky told members the resolution is requesting that Dow Road be funded over Military Cutoff Road extension, or that the Department find some other means necessary in order to accomplish the project in a timely manner. Mr. Kozlosky told members if approved, this will delay the Military Cutoff Road extension project. Mr. Pope noted that there is no environmental document for the Dow Road project and they are close to completing the environmental document for Military Cutoff Road extension.

Ms. Bunch told members it seems we are being asked to do something that “policy wise” we are trying to steer away from. We are trying to look at what needs to be funded as opposed to whether or not some area gets transportation money. She made the motion to not support the Resolution Requesting the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee Strongly Encourage the North Carolina Department of Transportation to Prioritize and Accelerate the Construction of the Dow Road Corridor Plan Project. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion.

Mr. Ferguson told members he wanted to know how the committee determined what the priority is the Dow Road project. Mr. Kozlosky said the ranking was based on the local prioritization process developed by a sub-committee to the TCC. Dow Road ranked 13th on that prioritization list. It is up to the TCC to provide a recommendation to the TAC. The TAC will then provide the direction to the MPO on how they want to prioritize these projects.

Mr. Pope noted that the Dow Road project will have to go through the re-prioritization process regardless if the funding was taken away or not. Any project that is not funded prior to 2018 has to go through the prioritization process anyway. Mr. Pope told members it is a very valuable project but in his opinion there is no comparison regarding capacity and safety issues. Mr. Pope told members he would like to propose an alternative resolution. He recommended striking the Military Cutoff Road extension project and he would be willing to vote for the resolution.

Mr. Pope made a substitute motion to recommend that the TAC support the prioritization and acceleration of the Dow Road Corridor Plan, finding other alternative methods to complete the project in a timely manner. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion.

Mr. Kozlosky called for a vote on the original motion to not support the Resolution Requesting the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee Strongly Encourage the North Carolina Department of Transportation to Prioritize and Accelerate the Construction of the Dow Road Corridor Plan Project. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Mr. Ferguson told members that traffic accidents are becoming problematic due to the volume of traffic on Dow Road. They are approaching over a million visitors per year at the North Carolina Aquarium and Fort Fisher. Increased interest in bicycling, along with the lack of left turn lanes is contributing to the increase in accidents through the area.

Mr. Riddle noted that the Dow Road widening project is also on the list of safety project.

Mr. Kozlosky called for the vote on the substitute motion stating that the Town Councils of both Carolina and Kure Beaches have expressed concern that the Dow Road Corridor Plan is going to be stalled or moved from its priority ranking and the TCC recommends supporting the prioritization and acceleration of the Dow Road Corridor Plan and find other alternative methods to complete the project in a timely manner and strike “over Military Cutoff Road Extension project”. Mr. Pope stated that he would agree to the amendment to his motion. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion and it carried 13 to 1, with Ms. Bunch voting in opposition.
b. **Resolution for the Prioritization of Highway Projects for Submittal in Prioritization 2.0**

Ms. Rashid told members there are 43 highway projects for prioritization. She noted that there are 1300 points to be spread among the projects selected. She suggested two different strategies for the distribution of the points. The first is to assign the Top 25 projects according to the local prioritization. This would result in loosing the projects from the 26th project to the 43rd project. The second method is to review the Top 13 projects on the local prioritization process list and perhaps swap out projects on the Top 13 list. Ms. Rashid stated that after the projects are selected, the committee will re-order the projects to rank them in terms of their importance. Finally, the scores will be assigned based on the ranking.

Mr. Kozlosky suggested that the committee should first decide if they want to rank 25 or 13 projects and then move forward with the assignment of points. Mr. Pope told members in making the determination in assigning points, they should decide what TCC members want the community to look like from a transportation perspective. Mr. Kozlosky told members the list of projects came from the 3,200 surveys received from the community from the *Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan* and it represents what citizens want the community to look like.

Ms. Ayers suggested determining what projects the MPO must fund and award each of them 100 points. She said if projects are a major regional projects, then give it 100 points and at the end if any points remain, distribute those remaining points to other projects that are important.

The committee reviewed the complete list of project and selected the following projects and point allocation for submittal to the TAC for consideration:

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Ms. Bunch made the motion to support the point allocation list developed by the TCC and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. McDow seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

c. **Resolution for the Prioritization of Bicycle Projects for Submittal in Prioritization 2.0**

Ms. Rashid told members that the Department of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation quantitative evaluation ranked the South 17th Street multi-use path as the number one ranked project in the state.
They also awarded points to the Park Avenue Multi-use path, the Eastwood Road Multi-use path, the Greenville Loop Multi-use path and bicycle lanes on N. 23rd Street.

Ms. Rashid noted that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee submitted a list of recommended Top 5 projects for ranking by the TCC. The projects are:

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Mr. Pope made the motion to accept the Top 5 project ranking recommendation from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

d. Resolution for the Prioritization of Pedestrian Projects for Submittal in Prioritization 2.0

Ms. Rashid told members the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee submitted a list of recommended pedestrian projects for ranking by the TCC. The projects are:

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Ms. Bunch made the motion to accept the Top 5 project ranking recommendation from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

e. Resolution for the Prioritization of Transit Projects for Submittal in Prioritization 2.0

Ms. Rashid told members the Transit Project Prioritization list came from Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and has recommended that the projects be ranked in the following order:

1. Replacement Bus
2. Expansion Bus - Trolley
3. Expansion – paratransit cutaway
4. Facility – Intermodal Center – new design, acquisition, construction
5. Facility – maintenance and ops – new design
6. Facility – transfer center – Monkey Junction
7. Facility – transfer center – Independence
8. Technology – veh. tracking, passenger info, data comm., traffic signal priority

She told members that the last item fell off the list and should not be considered for prioritization. Ms. Rashid noted that there is 550 points to be distributed between all the projects.
Mr. Kozlosky suggested that the Top 5 projects receive 100 points each and the remaining 2 projects receive 25 points each.

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Ms. Bunch made the motion to assign 100 points each to the Top 5 projects and 25 points each to the Facility-transfer center at Monkey Junction and Independence and forward the item to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Waring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

f. Resolution for the Submittal of the Safety Projects for Consideration by the North Carolina Department of Transportation for Prioritization 2.0

Ms. Rashid told members safety projects are not funded as part of the traditional project funding in SPOT. However, we are still requested to submit all safety projects to the SPOT office. They will forward the information to the NCDOT Mobility and Safety Division. The projects will be eligible for High Hazard SPOT Safety funding. Ms. Rashid told members the list was pulled from the adopted Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Long Transportation Plan. She suggested submitting the entire list and the list will not need to be ranked.

Ms. Ayers asked if another project could be added to the list. She told members there have been a number of accidents at the intersection of Shipyard Boulevard and Carolina Beach Road with trucks trying to navigate the turn lanes. Mr. Kozlosky told members intersection improvements at that location could be added to the list if the TCC members desire to add the project.

Ms. Ayers made the motion to submit the safety projects and also include intersection improvements at Shipyard Boulevard and Carolina Beach Road to improve the turn radius and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

g. Resolution Amendment to the Meeting Calendar to Schedule a November 9th Meeting

Mr. Burgess made the motion to amend the meeting calendar to schedule a November 9th meeting. Mr. McDow seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

h. Opening of the 30-day Public Comment Period for the City of Wilmington Collector Street Plan

Mr. Kozlosky told members the 30-day Public Comment Period for the City of Wilmington Collector Street Plan will open on October 26th.

Discussion
a. Hampstead Bypass Transportation Official Corridor Maps

Mr. Kozlosky told members there will be a public hearing for the Hampstead Bypass on November 15th during the next TAC meeting and also on November 16th in Pender County at Topsail High School Media Center at 245 N. St. Johns Road in Hampstead.

7. Updates

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

9. Adjournment
With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm.

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 4A:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FILING OF THE HAMPSTEAD BYPASS CORRIDOR PRESERVATION MAPS

ATTACHMENTS:

- HAMPSTEAD BYPASS TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR OFFICIAL MAPS
- RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FILING OF THE HAMPSTEAD BYPASS CORRIDOR PRESERVATION 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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RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR OFFICIAL MAPS FOR THE FUTURE HAMPSTEAD BYPASS (R-3300) AND DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE THESE MAPS WITH THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY AND PENDER COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

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 NC Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the US 17 Corridor Study includes the Hampstead Bypass (R-3300) and Military Cutoff extension (U-4751); and

WHEREAS, the US 17 Corridor study has been underway for several years and is part of the NC Strategic Highway Corridor Initiative to preserve and maximize long-term interconnectivity of core transportation corridors in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Hampstead Bypass (R-3300) extends from the Wilmington Bypass in New Hanover County to US 17 in Pender County; and

WHEREAS, various alternatives have been studied and opportunities for public input into the process have been extensive; and

WHEREAS, the number of alternatives under consideration has been reduced from thirteen to six with all options extending beyond the Topsail High School; and

WHEREAS, Alternative E-H has less residential and business displacements; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee recognizes that the corridor will be selected following the completion of the environmental study; and

WHEREAS, due to the possibility of encroaching development it is critical to protect and preserve a transportation corridor; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes 136.44-50 provides authority for local governments, North Carolina Department of Transportation, North Carolina Turnpike Authority, regional transportation agencies and the Wilmington MPO to preserve and protect transportation corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee held public hearings on November 15, 2011 and November 16, 2011 for the proposed corridor alignment.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Transportation Advisory Committee hereby adopts the Transportation Corridor Official Maps for Alternative E-H of the Hampstead Bypass (R-3300) and directs staff to file these maps with the New Hanover County and Pender County Register of Deeds.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners on November 16, 2011.

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Jonathan Barfield Jr., Chairman
Transportation Advisory Committee
AGENDA ITEM 4B:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING HAMPSTEAD BYPASS VARIANCE PROCEDURES

ATTACHMENTS:

- HAMPSTEAD BYPASS TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR OFFICIAL MAP VARIANCE PROCEDURES
- RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE HAMPSTEAD BYPASS TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR OFFICIAL MAP VARIANCE PROCEDURES
Wilmington MPO Transportation Corridor Official Map Act Variance Procedures

NC General Statutes
§136-44.50 Transportation Corridor Official Map Act
Petitions for Variances Procedures

The purpose of this memorandum is to document the procedures used by Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization and local jurisdictions to respond to petitions we receive from owners or their representative for a variance of their property affected by a Transportation Corridor Official Map. This would occur when a property owner wishes to subdivide property or receive a building permit on property that is fully or partially impacted by an Official Map.

Petitions are sent to the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization. They can come in through the local government or directly from an affected property owner. Reviews of the proposed construction or subdivision of the affected property and the Transportation Corridor Official Map are made to identify any possible impacts on the protected corridor.

If the variance request appears to not have an adverse impact on the ability to advance the project, a letter is prepared from the Executive Director of the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization to the local government indicating the support for the local government granting the variance to the property owner. The owner is then able to proceed with the building permit application. All applicable local permits must be complied with. Any amendments to the original request or changes in property ownership will annul the variance, and an additional request must be submitted and approved before any construction or subdivision can proceed on the parcel.

If there is a negative impact on the future project, a letter is prepared from the Executive Director of the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization to the local government recommending denial of the variance and starting the three year reservation period. At the end of the reservation period, the property owner may request the Department to acquire their property. If the Department does not acquire the affected parcel, then the property can be developed by the property owner.

Copies of all variance determination letters are sent to the NCDOT Division Engineer; NCDOT District Engineer; NCDOT Right of Way Branch and NCDOT Program Development – STIP Branch
RESOLUTION ADOPTING VARIANCE PROCEDURES FROM THE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR OFFICIAL MAP

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 NC Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes 136.44-50 provides authority for local governments, North Carolina Department of Transportation, North Carolina Turnpike Authority, regional transportation agencies and the Wilmington MPO to preserve and protect transportation corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee adopted the Transportation Corridor Official Maps for Alternative E-H of the Hampstead Bypass (R-3300) and directed staff to file these maps with the New Hanover County and Pender county Register of Deeds; and

WHEREAS, variance procedures are required to be established for owners and their representatives to request a variance from the Transportation Corridor Official Map; and

WHEREAS, these procedures would be used by Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization and local jurisdictions to respond to petitions we receive from owners or their representative for a variance of their property affected by a Transportation Corridor Official Map; and

WHEREAS, this would occur when a property owner wishes to subdivide property or receive a building permit on property that is fully or partially impacted by a Transportation Corridor Official Map.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Transportation Advisory Committee hereby adopts the variance procedures to be used by Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization and local jurisdictions to respond to petitions we receive from owners or their representative for a variance of their property affected by a Transportation Corridor Official Map.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners on November 16, 2011.

Jonathan Barfield Jr., Chairman
Transportation Advisory Committee

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary
AGENDA ITEM 4C:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE CAPE FEAR RIVERWAY

ATTACHMENTS:

- MAP OF THE PROPOSED CAPE FEAR RIVERWAY
- RESOLUTION REQUESTING A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE CAPE FEAR RIVERWAY
WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides planning services and sets policies and priorities for transportation in 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 NC Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan recommends the Cape Fear Riverway between Independence Boulevard and the Snows Cut Bridge (US 421); and

WHEREAS, projects included in the Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan were evaluated based on Efficiency, Safety, Multi-modal, Appropriate, Integrated and Responsible criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear Riverway was recommended to provide 4 general purpose lanes, turn lanes, median, 1 multi-use path, pedestrian crossings and partial grade separation; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Transportation Advisory Committee hereby requests the North Carolina Department of Transportation complete a feasibility study to evaluate the Cape Fear Riverway from Independence Boulevard to the Snows Cut Bridge (US 421).

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee on November 16, 2011.

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Jonathan Barfield, Jr., Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

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Mike Kozlosky, Secretary
AGENDA ITEM 4D:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION

ATTACHMENTS:

- RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION
WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGNAIZATION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR A WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH PEDESTRIAN PLAN
APPLICATION TO THE 2012 NCDOT BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANNING
GRANT INITIATIVE

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, to encourage the development of comprehensive bicycle plans and pedestrian plans the NCDOT Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation (DBPT) and the Transportation Planning Branch (TPB) have created a matching grant program to fund plan development; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wrightsville Beach is considering the submittal of an application to the 2012 NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee passed a resolution of support for the application of the Town of Wrightsville Beach to the North Carolina Department of Transportation 2012 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Transportation Advisory Committee supports an application by the Town of Wrightsville Beach to the North Carolina Department of Transportation 2012 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee on November 16, 2011.

Jonathan Barfield Jr., Chairman
Transportation Advisory Committee

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary
AGENDA ITEM 4E:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE “FREEDOM ROADS” TRAILS PROGRAM

ATTACHMENTS:

- PROPOSED “FREEDOM ROADS” TRAIL BACKGROUND INFORMATION
- RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE “FREEDOM ROADS” TRAIL PROGRAM
Proposed “Freedom Roads” Trail  
To commemorate routes used by freedom seeking African Americans from the antebellum period to the end of the Civil War

“Freedom Roads” will recognize roads, rivers, and ports along North Carolina’s Scenic Byways* that were critical to the efforts of enslaved African Americans seeking access to freedom, and those who supported these freedom seekers. “Freedom Roads” will specifically highlight freedom seeking via the Underground Railroad as well as avenues of liberation created during the Civil War.

This initiative is especially salient at this time, with the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War and approaching 150th anniversaries of both the Emancipation Proclamation and the 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery in the U.S. The maritime and land routes of “Freedom Roads” will lead to and/or link documented sites** with evidence of high and/or exceptional runaway activity, including colonial towns, ports, rivers, plantations, Quaker communities, Union occupied territories, contraband camps, and freedmen’s colonies and settlements.

Educationally, this program will complement new Civil War educational and interpretive materials that support the Department of Public Instruction curriculum guidelines. These materials were developed by the Department of Cultural Resources Division of State Historic Sites and history education experts.

“Freedom Roads” will consist of on-line resources for travelers, signage for designated and appropriate sites, temporary and permanent exhibits, and training and professional development opportunities for affiliate sites. The project will undertake complete design of temporary and permanent exhibits and display kiosks for utilization at Welcome Centers and up to five selected “Freedom Roads” locations. “Freedom Roads” will utilize social media and web-based platforms for marketing the project.

Connecting twelve (12) different Scenic Byways* across the state, this effort will ultimately become a free-standing trail system overseen by the African American Heritage Commission, which is a commission of the Department of Cultural Resources. (See enclosure for the guiding legislation for the African American Heritage Commission.) The project will utilize both in-house and contract expertise to complete the creation of the trail by 2015.

* “Freedom Roads” include the following Scenic Byways that encompass documented transportation routes and sites used by sojourning freedom seekers and those who aided enslaved men, women, and children en route to freedom:

1. Roanoke Voyages Corridor  
2. Football Road  
4. Blue Gray Scenic Byway  
5. Brunswick Town Road  
6. Cape Fear Historic Byway  
7. Lafayette’s Tour  
8. Tar Heel Trace  
9. Edenton-Windsor Loop  
10. Perquimans Crossing  
11. Pamlico Scenic Byway  
12. Alligator River Route
Proposed “Freedom Roads” Trail
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** "Documented sites include designations in the National Park Service’s Network to Freedom (NTF) Underground Railroad program as well as sites and routes recognized by historians and/or archaeologists. Several of the latter are in the process of seeking designation in the Network to Freedom program. Designated and potential sites and routes are:

1. + Colonial Park at Historic Edenton State Historic Site (Harriet Jacobs Escape)—Edenton, North Carolina
2. **^ Ft. Fisher State Historic Site—Kure Beach, North Carolina
3. + Great Dismal Swamp
4. **# James City (“Trent River Settlement”)—New Bern, North Carolina
5. ^ Mendenhall Plantation—Jamestown, North Carolina
6. +# Neuse River
7. + New Garden (Guilford College)—Greensboro, North Carolina
8. + Old Town of Halifax at Historic Halifax State Historic Site—Halifax, North Carolina
9. *+ Orange Street Landing—Wilmington, North Carolina
10. + Pasquotank River
11. #^ "Freedom Hill" Princeville, North Carolina
12. + Rich Square, North Carolina
13. **+ Roanoke Island Freedmen’s Colony at Ft. Raleigh National Historic Site—Manteo, North Carolina
14. + Roanoke River
15. + Snow Camp, North Carolina
16. + Somerset Place State Historic Site—Creswell, North Carolina
17. ^ Stagville State Historic Site—Durham, North Carolina
18. #^ Tar-Pamlico River
19. *Goldsboro
20. *Plymouth
21. *+Elizabeth City
22. *The Lower Cape Fear River
23. #Brunswick Town/Ft. Anderson
24. *Kinston
25. ^Little Washington

*=U.S. Colored Troops or U.S. Navy Presence
#=Civil War-Era Freedmen’s/Contraband Settlement
+=NPS Network to Freedom Sites
^=Potential sites with documented freedom seeking history
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MPOs:
2. Goldsboro MPO (U.S. Colored Troops Occupation)
3. High Point MPO (Abolitionist Quaker Supporters of Freedom Seekers)
4. Greensboro MPO (New Garden Abolitionist Quakers and Supporters of Freedom Seekers)
5. Burlington-Graham MPO (Abolitionist Activity)
6. Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO (Walker family Seeks Freedom from Enslavement)

RPOs:
1. Albemarle RPO (the Harriet Jacobs story at Colonial Park at Historic Edenton, Freedom Seekers’ maroon colonies in the Great Dismal Swamp, Roanoke Island Freedmen’s Colony, Resistance to Slavery at Somerset Place, U.S. Colored Troops at the Battle of Plymouth, U.S. Colored Troops Recruitment and Enlistment (Ex: Elizabeth City) Substantial Freedom Seeking Activity)
2. Down East RPO (James City/Trent River Freedmen’s Camp, Abraham Galloway, U.S. Colored Troops Recruitment at New Bern, Substantial Freedom Seeking Activity)
4. Upper Coastal Plain RPO (Encampment/Settlement for Freedom Seekers During Civil War, Freedom Seeking)
5. Peanut Belt RPO (Substantial Freedom Seeking Activity, Abolitionist Activity)
6. Kerr-Tar RPO (Freedom Seeking)
7. Cape Fear RPO (Escape Behind Union Lines, Ongoing Presence of U.S. Colored Troops, Contraband/Freedmen’s Encampment)
8. Mid-East RPO (Union Military Action by African Americans)
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE “FREEDOM ROADS” TRAILS 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 “Freedom Roads” trails program will recognize roads, rivers and ports along North Carolina Scenic Byways that were critical to efforts of enslaved African Americans seeking access to freedom and those who supported the freedom seekers; and

WHEREAS, “Freedom Roads” will significantly highlight freedom seeking via the underground Railroad as well as avenues of liberation created during the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, “Freedom Roads” is not requesting funding but rather the “Freedom Roads” will support economic growth in communities through heritage tourism opportunities along North Carolina’s Scenic Byways; and

WHEREAS, there are several sites within the Wilmington MPO planning area boundary that include: William Gould’s Escape into Union Navy, Escapes using the Cape Fear, U.S. Colored Troops at 2nd Battle of Ft. Fisher, Escape Behind Union Lines and Ongoing Presence of U.S. Colored Troops.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Transportation Advisory Committee hereby supports the “Freedom Roads” Trails Program in the state of North Carolina.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee on November 16, 2011.

Jonathan Barfield Jr., Chairman
Transportation Advisory Committee

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary
AGENDA ITEM 4F:

OPENING OF A 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE MTIP/STIP AMENDMENTS

ATTACHMENTS:

- PROPOSED MTIP/STIP AMENDMENTS
PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 2012-2020 STIP
HIGHWAY PROGRAM

STIP MODIFICATIONS

DIVISION 3

1. R-4063 SR 1472 (Village Road), West of SR 1437 to SR 1438, Brunswick County. Widen to multi-lanes. Project Unfunded and reprogrammed for Planning and Environmental Study Only to address funding shortfall within the Division and reflect MPO priorities.

Scheduled for Planning and Environmental Study Only

2. R-4708 SR 1573 (Dow Road), US 421 in Carolina Beach to US 421 in Kure Beach, New Hanover County. Widen to multi-lanes. Project Unfunded and reprogrammed for Planning and Environmental Study Only to address funding shortfall within the Division and reflect MPO priorities.

Scheduled for Planning and Environmental Study Only

3. U-3338C SR 1175 (Kerr Avenue) Interchange at SR 2649 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway), New Hanover County. Construct Interchange. Project Unfunded and reprogrammed for Planning and Environmental Study Only to address funding shortfall within the Division and reflect MPO priorities.

Scheduled for Planning and Environmental Study Only

4. U-3831A SR 2048 (Gordon Road), NC 132 Interchange Ramp to SR 2270, New Hanover County. Add additional lanes. Project Unfunded and reprogrammed for Planning and Environmental Study Only to address funding shortfall within the Division and reflect MPO priorities.

Scheduled for Planning and Environmental Study Only
5. U-4902  US 17 Business (Market Street), Colonial Drive to SR 1402, New Hanover County. Access Management Improvements. Project Unfunded and reprogrammed for Planning and Environmental Study Only to address funding shortfall within the Division and reflect MPO priorities.

STIP DELETIONS

DIVISION 3
1. U-3337  US 74/76, SR 1437 (Old Fayetteville Road), Brunswick County. Convert grade separation to Interchange. Project Unfunded and Scheduled for Reprioritization to address funding shortfall within the Division and reflect MPO priorities.

2. U-5300  US 117-NC 132 (College Road), SR 1272 to SR 2048, New Hanover County. Widen to multi-lanes. Project Unfunded and Scheduled for Reprioritization to address funding shortfall within the Division and reflect MPO priorities.
AGENDA ITEM 5A:

STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW

ATTACHMENTS:

- WMPO STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN – 1ST QUARTER REVIEW
PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

MODE: ROADWAY

- **Goal:** To promote roadway projects included in *Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Transportation Plan*

**Objective:** Promote education of *Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Transportation Plan* by presenting to the public and citizens organizations (public meetings, civic organizations, planning and technical boards, board of education, realtor and builder organizations, and other groups, such as Home builders, BASE, American Institute of Architects, etc., as listed in Appendix 2, page 3).

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**Accomplishments:**
Quarter 1: Staff presented the Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Transportation Plan to the Sr. Men's Club on July 15, 2011.

MODE: ROADWAY

- **Goal:** To ensure all new roadways and bridges within the Wilmington Urban Area include bicycle, mass transportation, and pedestrian accommodations and facilities (as per complete streets policies adopted by the WMPO and the North Carolina Board of Transportation); and that they are designed and constructed in a context sensitive manner with design speeds based on the context zones included in Appendix 10 of Cape Fear Commutes 2035.

**Objective 1:** Prepare a complete streets policy that municipalities and counties will adopt.

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**Accomplishments:**
Quarter 1: No significant progress achieved during the first quarter.
Objective 2: To ensure projects are designed in a context sensitive manner in compliance with design speeds as outlined in Appendix 10 of Cape Fear Commutes 2035 plan.

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Accomplishments:
Quarter 1: Staff has been working with the North Carolina Department of Transportation to design and implement the Hampstead Bypass, Independence Boulevard extension and Kerr Avenue widening.

Mode: Roadway

- **Goal**: To develop a policy to preserve transportation corridors as designs for transportation projects are finalized by the North Carolina Department of Transportation and other agencies.

Objective: Prepare a policy to preserve transportation corridors for transportation projects within the MPO.

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Accomplishments:
Quarter 1: The Wilmington MPO has developed a Transportation Corridor Official Map amendment for Military Cutoff Road extension and developed a Transportation Corridor Official Map for the Hampstead Bypass. These maps are anticipated to be adopted during the second quarter of the year. In light of the recent changes in legislation for the Transportation Corridor Official maps, staff and NCDOT have been reviewing this new law. The WMPO has not drafted a policy to preserve transportation corridors.
**MODE: MASS TRANSIT**

- **Goal:** To work to support Transit Oriented Development (T.O.D.) by ensuring land use plans in all member counties and municipalities support mass transportation projects identified in Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Transportation Plan.

**Objective:** To develop a transit oriented development ordinance (T.O.D.), which ensures land use plans are consistent with Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Transportation Plan.

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<td>Number of municipalities that adopt the T.O.D. ordinance</td>
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<td>50% of municipalities</td>
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**Accomplishments:**
Quarter 1: No significant progress achieved during the first quarter.

**MODE: TDM/TSM**

- **Goal:** To establish a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program and implement recommended strategies outlined in Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Transportation Plan.

**Objective 1:** To establish a strategic TDM plan for the WMPO

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**Accomplishments:**
Quarter 1: Staff has participated in joint meetings with NCDOT, Parsons Brinckerhoff and WMPO staff to plan October TDM meeting. This meeting will include representatives from New Hanover, Pender, and Brunswick Counties, COW, NHRMC, CFCC, UNCW, Corning, PPD, Brunswick County Schools, NHC Schools, GE and Wells Fargo. Staff plans to launch the TDM Strategic Business Plan in November.
**Objective 2:** To establish Park and Ride Lots for the WMPO

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**Accomplishments:**
Quarter 1: Staff is evaluating the proposed Leland Park and Ride lot in the Food Lion parking lot located on Mt. Misery Road and checked location of businesses in the lot and proximity to current WAVE bus stop. Staff will set up a meeting with store representatives and town representatives to discuss a possible plan to share parking spaces and install signage to designate the location as a Park and Ride lot.

**MODE: BICYCLE**

- **Goal:** To support the coordination and linkage of the bicycle transportation and mass transportation systems with the Wilmington Urban Area.

**Objective:** To Analyze bicycle and mass transportation facilities to coordinate the usage of each mode

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**Accomplishments:**
Quarter 1: Staff has created a preliminary report outline, performed geographic analysis on 5 bus routes for sidewalks & 2 bus routes for bicycle facilities. Staff is also working on this UNCW and WAVE transit. We are planning to have the report finished by December.
**Mode: Roadway**

- **Goal:** To promote roadway projects included in the CFC 2035 Plan.

**Objective:** Complete and implement long range plan initiatives to promote projects in Cape Fear Commutes.

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Accomplishments:

Quarter 1:

- **Safe Routes to School Plan** - Staff has developed a program plan, a data collection plan, and a pilot project timeline. Staff has coordinated all these initiatives with the New Hanover County Schools, the Sheriff's Office on the Crossing Guard Program and met with the principal of a proposed pilot school: Alderman Elementary. Staff is still awaiting confirmation of participation from the principal of Alderman Elementary School. The pilot school may change to either Roland-Grise or Trask Middle Schools should the program not fit into this year's timeline for Alderman Elementary.

- **Belville-Leland Collector Street Plan** – Staff has coordinated with the Towns of Leland and Belville on the study boundary, examined the existing relevant plans, and is in the process of drafting an RFQ document.

- **City of Wilmington Collector Street Plan**- Staff has been working on the completion of the City of Wilmington Collector Street Plan. The last plan was completed for the City of Wilmington in the early 1990s. This DRAFT plan will be live on the project website in October. Additionally, the WMPO will host an Open House on October 20, 2011 from 5-7 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. A 30-day public comment period will begin on October 26, 2011.

- **US 17/NC 210 Corridor Study**- Staff has worked with the North Carolina Department of Transportation and consultant Martin/Alexiou/Bryson to develop the US 17/NC 210 Corridor Study. This study recommends improvements along US 17 and NC 210 to improve mobility and safety along these corridors. The “draft” report will be presented to the Pender County in October. A 30-day public comment period began on October 1,
2011. The MPO will present the plan to the Pender County Planning Board on November 1, 2011 and the Pender County Board of Commissioners on November 21, 2011.

E. WMPO Organizational Analysis- The Wilmington MPO contracted with KPMG to complete an Organizational Analysis of the WMPO. This analysis included a comparative analysis with MPOs in the State of North Carolina and across the country. The analysis provides recommendations for short and long-term improvements of the Organization. The recommendations will be presented to the Transportation Advisory Committee in November 2011.
AGENDA ITEM 5B:

WILMINGTON MPO ORGANIZATIONAL ANALYSIS

ATTACHMENTS:

- WMPO ORGANIZATIONAL ANALYSIS FINAL REPORT (WWW.WMPO.ORG)
AGENDA ITEM 6A:

CITY OF WILMINGTON/WILMINGTON MPO UPDATES

ATTACHMENTS:

- CITY OF WILMINGTON/WILMINGTON MPO PROJECT UPDATE (SEPTEMBER)
**Wilmington Bypass (No Significant Changes)**

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

**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. 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. Staff presented the first quarter status to the CAC on October 19th.

**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.

**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 report. The Consultant continues to revise the draft based on comments provided by the City.

**Next Steps:** A public workshop was held on October 20th with 31 residents in attendance. Staff is reassessing the schedule. Staff anticipates additional work and an additional public workshop before presenting the Collector Street to the Wilmington City Council and TAC early next year.
**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). **The MPO received proposals from Alta/Greenways, Stewart and Susan Hatchell. A selection committee from the City, WMPO and County are currently reviewing the proposals. Proposal rating sheets are due November 8th and then the MPO will determine to select or interview firms.**

**Next Steps:** Kick off the planning effort after the beginning of the calendar year.

**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.

**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. **Kimley-Horn is currently re-designing the section north of the bridge to place the street trees back of sidewalk instead of back of curb. The Contractor has been installing water, sewer, conduit and storm drain improvements between Market Street and Grace Street.**

**TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

**Project Description/Scope:** The Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) is undertaking an effort to re-establish the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program.

**Current Status:** The WMPO held a meeting on October 12th to further discuss the TDM Program with several stakeholders. The meeting brought leaders from the top employers in Brunswick, New Hanover, and Pender Counties for the purpose of re-establishing the TDM program for our area. The WMPO will hold a public “kick-off” event for the TDM Strategic Business Plan at CFCC on November 15th.
AGENDA ITEM 6C:

NCDOT UPDATES

ATTACHMENTS:

• NCDOT PROJECT UPDATE (TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE MEETING)