

March 19, 2015 WMPO Bike/Ped Committee Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Committee Members

Adrienne Harrington, WMPO
Joe Boyd, Belville
Steve Whitney, Brunswick County
Matt Hogan, NC Board of Transportation
Katie Ryan, Wrightsville Beach
Trey Burke, Navassa*
Shawn Spencer, New Hanover County
Tom Campbell, Carolina Beach
Chris O'Keefe, Transit Authority/NHC
Al Sharp, City of Wilmington
Al Schroetel and Bethel Paris, Cape Fear Cyclists

Additional Guests

Megan O'Hare, Pender County
Andy Christy, Pender County
Ben Hughes, NCDOT
Alan Pytcher, NCDOT

*Pending appointee approval

- 1) Approval of Minutes – S. Whitney, second by T. Campbell, approved unanimously
- 2) Old Business
 - a. WMPO Bike/Suitability Map update – A. Harrington provided an update on the WMPO Bike Suitability Map. She thinks there will be a draft available for Bike Suitability Map Committee review by next Friday.
 - b. Cape Fear Transportation 2040 – Fiscally constrained bicycle and pedestrian projects – A. Harrington presented a list of 142 bicycle and pedestrian projects. The first 73 projects (in green on the list) are projects identified as high priority and currently proposed to be included in Cape Fear Transportation 2040. The remaining 68 projects (in red on the list) are identified as medium priority, but can not be included in CFT2040 due to fiscal constraints. A. Harrington informed the committee of the opportunity to make recommendations to the draft project list that most accurately reflects the priorities of the region. The committee was provided with the results from the 'homework' assignment with projects recommended to be moved from red to green (move above the line) and from green to red (move below the line). A. Harrington suggested limiting project suggestions to those only in the red and green project list (top 142) as those projects have already been identified as the committee as higher priority projects through previous 'homework' assignments. A. Harrington also discussed alternative funding available for two projects – BP72 and BP73. Both projects are outliers in regards to their 2014 cost estimate. One option would be to allocate alternative funding towards different projects. K. Ryan acknowledged BP72 as Wrightsville Beach's only project, and they do not have a red project, as all other WB projects are currently listed as low priority. A. Harrington suggested for the committee to try to limit project suggestions to red and green, but if needed, to use the low priority list as that would be the only option for WB. A. Harrington asked the committee to have final project suggestions emailed to her in two weeks (April 2nd).

3) New Business

4) Other Discussion

- a. WMPO Bike/Ped Official Voting Members Update – A. Harrington provided an update. Al Sharp is now the City of Wilmington representative, Shawn Spencer is now the New Hanover County representative, and Carol Stein is now the Pender County representative.
- b. Bike Month – the committee discussed bike month events to include the River to Sea Bike Ride, Bike to Work Week, and several rides organized by Cape Fear Cyclists. A. Harrington offered to email a copy of the City of Wilmington’s Proclamation declaring May as Bike Month. A. Schroetel will email a list of Cape Fear Cyclists events.