

Meeting Minutes  
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
Date: February 25, 2016

**Members Present:**

Chris O'Keefe, Committee Chairman/NHC Planning and Inspections  
Al Sharp, City of Wilmington  
Steve Whitney, Brunswick County  
Al Schroetel, Cape Fear Cyclists  
Trey Burke, Town of Navassa  
Neil Brooks, Town of Leland  
Katie Ryan, Town of Wrightsville Beach  
Tom Campbell, Town of Carolina Beach  
Carol Stein, Pender County  
Joe Boyd, Town of Belville  
Karin Mills, City of Wilmington  
Shawn Spencer, New Hanover County  
Matt Hogan, NC Board of Transportation

**Additional Guests:**

Beth Doliboa, WMPO  
Suraiya Motsinger, WMPO  
Josh Lopez, WMPO  
Jerry Haire, Town of Carolina Beach  
Bethel Paris, East Coast Greenway  
Patrick Riddle, NCDOT  
Alan Pytcher, NCDOT  
John Townsend, NHC Planning

**1. Call to order**

C. O'Keefe called meeting to order at 3:02pm.

**2. Approval of Minutes from January 21, 2016**

There was a motion made to amend minutes with the following changes: In the Members Present Section "Cape Fear Cyclist" to "Cape Fear Cyclists", "Karen Mills" to "Karin Mills" and in the New Business Section "Mr." to "Ms." C. O'Keefe made motion to approve the minutes for January 21, 2016 with changes presented, motion seconded and it carried unanimously.

**3. New Business**

- Sections Draft Schedule: B. Doliboa presented the draft schedule to the committee and had each member confirm their presence for each section they were assigned to. All members confirmed with the exception of Al Sharp who will not be present for Section 8. Al Schroetel volunteered to assist Carol Stein with Section 4. No changes to the schedule were made.
- Sections Activity: B. Doliboa distributed an updated Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects List to help with referencing Project ID's as the sections are updated. B. Doliboa provided an overview of Section 3, mentioning Pender Commerce Park Development and the potential jobs it will create and the Water Hub that will be centrally located in the park. She also mentioned Castle Hayne's recent residential development and future roadway

projects in the area that includes Castle Hayne Road Widening and 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Widening; projects that are planned to include bike/ped facilities. There were no ranking changes suggested but C. O'Keefe suggested amending Project 631 to extend to Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy. The discussion turned toward the section's choke points, obstacles for bikers that enable them to cross a road or intersection. Project 42 had a choke point identified at the I-140 and N. College Rd intersection, and Smith Creek Crossing and I-74 were identified as choke points. B. Paris brought up Isabel Holmes Bridge saying that it was illegal to cross but bikers do still cross on a regular basis, S. Motsinger verified that it is listed as a controlled access bridge on the WMPO Bike Sustainability Map but it in fact is not a controlled access bridge and bikers can legally cross the bridge. There was further discussion directed towards the safety issues of the Isabel Holmes Bridge, if there are replacement options that will allow grates for the bridge and if Thomas Rhodes Bridge is or is not controlled access.

- East Coast Greenway Trail Resolution: C. O'Keefe proposed a resolution to submit the recently completed 3 mile multi-use path along River Road to the East Coast Greenway, a shared-use trail system that links 25 major cities along the east coast. N. Brooks made the motion to support the resolution, K. Ryan second the motion and it carried unanimously.
- WMPO 101: S. Motsinger presented the key responsibilities of the WMPO and the process transportation projects go through from concept to completion. She summarized the Comprehensive Transportation Plan, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, NCDOT SPOT Evaluation and STIP/MTIP, all important and necessary for the construction of a transportation project.
- Bike Month Preparation Presentation: B. Doliboa proposed to table discuss of this item for March's BikePed Committee meeting due to A. Harrington's absence. B. Doliboa gave a brief overview of the upcoming dates for the events in May for bike month. A. Schroetel also mentioned Cape Fear Cyclist events that will take place during bike month.

#### **4. Old Business**

- NC Bike Rules Committee Final Report: C. O'Keefe summarized the NCDOT recommendations the H 32 working group developed as per the twelve issues that were up for discussion.

#### **5. Announcements**

- River to Sea Bicycle Ride: B. Doliboa reminded the committee that the first volunteer meeting for the River to Sea Bike Ride would take place on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 10:00am.

#### **6. Next meeting**

- March 24, 2016

#### **7. Adjournment**

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THIS RECORD.