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 23rd 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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