

Meeting Minutes
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Date: March 24, 2016

Members Present:

Chris O'Keefe, Committee Chairman/NHC Planning and Inspections
Al Sharp, City of Wilmington
Steve Whitney, Brunswick County
Trey Burke, Town of Navassa
Neil Brooks, Town of Leland
Katie Ryan, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Tom Campbell, Town of Carolina Beach
Allen Oliver, Town of Kure 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
Adrienne Harrington, WMPO
Josh Lopez, WMPO
Bethel Paris, East Coast Greenway
Alan Pytcher, NCDOT
John Townsend, NHC Planning
Shahnee Haire, Region 8 Safe Routes to School
Bastian Schroeder, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.

1. Call to order

C. O'Keefe called meeting to order at 3:05pm.

2. Approval of Minutes from February 25, 2016

C. O'Keefe made motion to approve the minutes for February 25, 2016, motion seconded by S. Whitney and it carried unanimously.

3. New Business

- Sections Activity: B. Doliboa did an overview of Section 2 which includes the Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, and Town of Belville, mentioning the mass commercial and residential development that has happened along and around US 17. B. Doliboa discussed the Town of Leland Pedestrian Plan which was developed by Alta Planning and Design; she incorporated data from this plan onto the section map to reference as a guiding tool in reviewing this section. S. Whitney discussed the development of the Pedestrian Plan and how other members of the BikePed Committee, Niel Brooks, Trey Burke and Joe Boyd, attended meetings in developing this plan. S. Whitney pointed out that projects 351 and 352 are currently in the "design phase" and may need to be taken off the project list. A. Harrington questioned as to what point in the development of a project should it be taken off the project list and turned into an existing facility. S. Whitney proposed moving project 110 Fletcher Road to a high priority because of its close proximity to the ball park. It was also proposed that the project be modified to start

at Fletcher Road and end at Mount Misery Park. S. Whitney identified Hazel Branch Road as a new road that would be a good project to add to the project list. S. Whitney discussed Kay Todd Road and how making a connection between Kay Todd Road and Hewett Burton Road on US17 would allow for there to be a continuous safe bike path from Zion Creek to project 416 Brunswick Forest Parkway. Project 53, 112, and 111 need to be modified and redefined to match up with the Leland Pedestrian Plan data. J. Boyd proposed moving project 53 to medium since it is connecting two projects that are yet to exist. S. Whitney proposed removing Project 141 since the developer of Mallory Creek are building a road that includes a multi-use path and A. Harrington suggest using project 141 as justification for the multi-use path. Projects 418, 334, 419, and 533 need to be removed from the project list, there is currently an existing multi-use path where those projects are identified. Project 420 was considered for removal but will stay as a low rank project, there are sidewalks on both sides of the road but it does not include any bike lanes or a multi-use path. A. Harrington suggested moving 357 to high ranking since it is between a high priority project and proposed roadway project. She also discussed how the initial projects were formed by referencing existing plans and that using the Leland Pedestrian Plan or any recent or new plans that involve each section is important. There was a discussion on how prioritizing these projects effect the region and how accuracy is important to be projected to other plans or projects that could use the recommendations as a tool.

- Bike Month Preparation Presentation: A. Harrington did a presentation on the events that will take place in May for Bike Month. River to Sea Bike Ride will be the first Saturday of the month, May 7th. Bike to School day is Wednesday, May 4th, and Bike to Work Week is the Monday, May 16 through Sunday, May 22.

River to Sea: There is usually approximately 250 people that participate in the 22 mile ride from downtown Wilmington to Wrightsville Beach. There will be police support and Wave Transit will have a bus for people to ride back downtown after the ride to Wrightsville Beach. A. Harrington discussed the options for how to participate in the event through promotion and support. This year the ride will depart at 8:00 am as opposed to the following years where everyone departed at 8:30am.

Bike to School Day: Schools register online to participate, Lets Go NC curriculum is being taken and given to elementary school PE teachers to train them how to teach bicycle and pedestrian safety to kids. They get professional development for this as an incentive and Tammy Brown will be doing the training as a certified instructor.

Bike to Work Week: Participants will have a survey monkey link sent to their email to register. Once registered emails will go out to inform participants of updates and a spreadsheet that will track employees and mileage. As of now there are 18 employers participating who will be evaluated in two ways, the total number of people participating and the percentage of employers who participated, giving a fair measurement to small and large employers. A. Harrington stressed the point of informing people of this opportunity and encourage people in the region to participate.

Cape Fear Cyclist Group Rides: Ride of Silence May 18th, a world-wide event conducted on the same date at over 350 locations, the intent is to honor those who have been injured or killed, to raise awareness, and to ask that we all share the road. Six Park Metric Century, May 21st, approximately 75 participants and the entire route is 62 miles.

Parks included in this ride are Halyburton Park, River Road Park, Snows Cut, Ft. Fisher, Empie Park, Greenfield Lake Park

5. Announcements

- River to Sea Bicycle Ride: B. Doliboa reminded the committee the follow up meeting is Thursday, March 31, 2016
- NC Bike Summit: This event will take place in Asheville on September 16th and 17th at New Belgium Brewing Company.
- East Coast Greenway approved the 3 miles of the River Road multi-use path to be designated as part of the East Coast Greenway Trail System.
- C. O'Keefe informed the committee that CFCOG got a grant to develop the Cape Fear Regional Bike Plan that covers five counties, the Bike and Pedestrian Committee is encouraged to participate and get involved in this plan.
- A. Harrington informed the committee that there was an approval of Watch for Me NC and we will start a training session for law enforcement agencies and safety training webinars.

6. Next meeting

- April 28, 2016

7. Adjournment

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THIS RECORD.