

Meeting Minutes
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Date: December 15, 2016

Members Present:

Chris O'Keefe, Cape Fear Public Transit Authority
Steve Whitney, Brunswick County
Tom Campbell, Town of Carolina Beach
Carol Stein, Pender Country
Al Schroetel, Cape Fear Cyclists
Katie Ryan, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Allen Oliver, Town of Kure Beach
Joe Boyd, Town of Belville
Matt Hogan, NC Board of Transportation
Karin Mills, City of Wilmington
Trey Burke, Town of Navassa
Al Sharp, City of Wilmington
Adrienne Harrington, WMPO
Beth Doliboa, WMPO

Additional Guests:

Bethel Paris, East Coast Greenway
Pat O'Mahony, Pender Country

1. Call to order

Chris O'Keefe called meeting to order at 3:07pm.

2. Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2016

A. Oliver made motion to approve the minutes, motion seconded by T. Campbell and it carried unanimously.

3. New Business

- Section 11 Update: T. Campbell recommended that projects 51, 63 and 67 be move to low priority. The committee discussed project 51 and how it is in need of sidewalks on both sides of the road and should stay listed as a high priority. A. Harrington reminded the committee that projects identified on the list includes areas that need not only bicycle but also pedestrian facility improvements. The committee discussed project 102 and if there was a need to move it to high priority since it connects to the Island Greenway project. Discussion moved to projects 381 and 382, questioning if they could be combined to one project and moved to high priority, for funding purposes they will stay as separate projects. The final priority changes included moving 63 and 67 to low priorities and to moving 381 and 382 to high priority, making note that once ground breaks on project 20, that project 102 will then be moved to high priority.
- 2017 BPAC Work Plan: B. Doliboa discussed changes made to the draft work plan; in March and May there was additional content added in reference to the subcommittee meetings that will take place and the addition of a STBG-DA presentation in April. A motion was made to approve the work plan and it carried unanimously.

- 2017 BPAC Calendar: B. Doliboa presented the committee with two options for the 2017 committee meeting dates. K. Ryan made motion to go with Option 2, C.O'Keefe made a point to ask if the option 2 dates had any major conflicts, no conflicts were identified and it carried unanimously. A discussion on meeting structure followed, this topic will be further discussed during the January BPAC meeting.
- South Front Street – Bicycle Highways 3 and 5: B. Doliboa did a quick review of the events leading to the suggested realignment of Bicycle Highways 3 and 5; the WMPO brought letter of concern from NC Ports Authority before BPAC and organized a subcommittee, WMPO met with NCDOT Bike and Pedestrian Division, and the subcommittee met and developed the best suggested realignment for routes 3 and 5 for the WMPO region. B. Doliboa presented the committee with a map that illustrated the new route. The new bicycle highway would direct bike traffic to 5th Ave to Lake Shore Dr for a safer and more scenic route that will better serve the region. A. Schroetel brought up the point that the goal of this route is to not only to serve and benefit expert cyclist but to accommodate all groups of cyclist. The new route also better correlates with the Bike Suitability map developed by the BPAC. A. Sharp moved a motion to go with recommendation of the subcommittee, T. Campbell seconded motion and it moved unanimously. B. Doliboa stated that there will be a resolution of support for this revised route alignment during the January BPAC meeting.
- Elections: C. O'Keefe reviewed bylaws regarding elections. A. Sharp moved a motion to accept current Chair and Vice-Chair for another year, S. Whitney seconded motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Discussion

- Recent Bike Crashes: No crashes were identified. The committee discussed the benefits and fall backs of coordinating with the local police departments in regards to recent crashes.
- 2017 NC Bike Summit: B. Doliboa informed the committee that the 2017 NC Bike Summit will be held in Wilmington the first weekend in November.

5. Announcements

- Cape Fear Cyclists: A. Schroetel announced that Adopt-A-Highway is taking place the upcoming weekend (Dec. 17th).

6. Next meeting

- January 17, 2017

7. Adjournment

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