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# WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

**TO:** WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members

**FROM:** Beth Doliboa, Associate Transportation Planner

**DATE:** April 5, 2017

**SUBJECT:** April 11, 2017 Meeting

A meeting of the WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee will take place on Thursday, April 11, 2017 at 3pm. The meeting will held on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor in Room 611 at 320 Chestnut St. The following is the agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Introductions (2 minutes)
- 2) Public Comment Period (5 minutes)
- 3) Approval of minutes from February 14, 2017 (3 min)
- 4) New Business
  - Prioritization 5.0 Bike/Ped Project Submittal (10 min)
  - Resolution of Support for Cape Fear Bicycle Plan (10 min)
  - Bike Map Distribution (10 min)
- 5) Discussion
  - Bike to Work Week Subcommittee (5 min)
  - River to Sea Bike Ride Subcommittee Update (5 min)
- 6) Announcements (2 minutes)
  - Cape Fear Cyclists
  - WMPO Technical Coordinating Committee, April 12, 2017 at 10AM
  - WMPO Board Meeting, April 26, 2017 at 3PM
- 7) Next Meeting
  - June 13, 2017 at 3PM
- 8) Adjournment

## **Attachments:**

- · February 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes
- · Prioritization 5.0 Bike/Ped Project Potential Submittal List
- · Cape Fear Regional Bicycle Plan Please use following link <a href="http://capefearbicycleplan.weebly.com">http://capefearbicycleplan.weebly.com</a>
- · Resolution of Support for Cape Fear Regional Bicycle Plan
- · River to Sea Bike Ride Information Flyer

# Meeting Minutes

Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Date: February 14, 2017

#### **Members Present:**

Chris O'Keefe, Cape Fear Public Transit Authority Katie Ryan, Town of Wrightsville Beach Allen Oliver, Town of Kure Beach Joe Boyd, Town of Belville Shawn Spencer, New Hanover County Matt Hogan, NC Board of Transportation Al Schroetel, Cape Fear Cyclists Nick Cannon, UNCW Karin Mills, City of Wilmington Beth Doliboa, BPAC Secretary

# **Additional Guests**:

Suraiya Motsinger, WMPO
Pat O'Mahony, Pender Country
Bastian Schroeder, Kittelson & Associates Inc.
Kathryn Zeringer, East Coast Greenway

#### 1. Call to order

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

# 2. Public Comment Period

Kellie Bearman voiced her concerns for Military Cutoff Rd and Eastwood Rd and requested that there be consideration of a diagonal pedestrian crossing at the intersection. She also pointed out the need for the installation of crosswalks at Sir Tyler Dr/Main St and Military Cutoff Rd and at Parker Farm Dr and Military Cutoff Rd.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes from January 17, 2016

C. O'Keefe made motion to approve the minutes, motion seconded and it carried unanimously.

### 4. New Business

- Crash Data Group Feedback: Using the map, data, and questions provided at the
  January BPAC meeting, each group presented feedback on data in their assigned
  sections. Findings and high risk areas will be recorded and reviewed during the final
  round of section reviews for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. B. Doliboa will
  follow up with representatives that were not present at the meeting and encourages all
  BPAC members to provide her with feedback on this analysis.
- East Coast Greenway Presentation Kathryn Zeringue did a presentation to overview the East Coast Greenway; she discussed their vision, upcoming ECG events, what they do at the ECG Alliance and how they are involved with the Cape Fear region. She discussed the interim route and their plans for on-road signage of 25 miles in New Hanover County. She discussed the alternate route around 17<sup>th</sup> St and Independence Blvd requesting the committee give feedback on other alternatives to this route. Unfortunately there are not many options for this area, she provided the committee with

her contact information and encouraged members to contact her if they have further information/ideas about this area.

# 5. Discussion

• R2SBR: The committee again discussed a good alternate date for the River to Sea Bike Ride and insurance needs for special events.

## 6. Announcements

 Al Schroetel discussed the roundabout at Sanders Rd and River Rd and how Cape Fear Cyclists are working with NCDOT to get media coverage on how to communicate with motorist and cyclist about how to safely approach roundabouts.

# 6. Next meeting

• April 11, 2017

# 7. Adjournment

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**TO:** Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Beth Doliboa, Associate Transportation Planner

**DATE:** April 4, 2017

SUBJECT: WMPO Prioritization 5.0 Potential Submittals: Bicycle and Pedestrian

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation (SPOT) released a schedule outlining the Prioritization 5.0 (P 5.0) process. The P 5.0 Process will include a submittal window in July 2017 through September 2017 to allow MPOs, RPOs and Division Engineers to submit projects for evaluation. The WMPO Board may submit up to 19 projects for each mode of transportation.

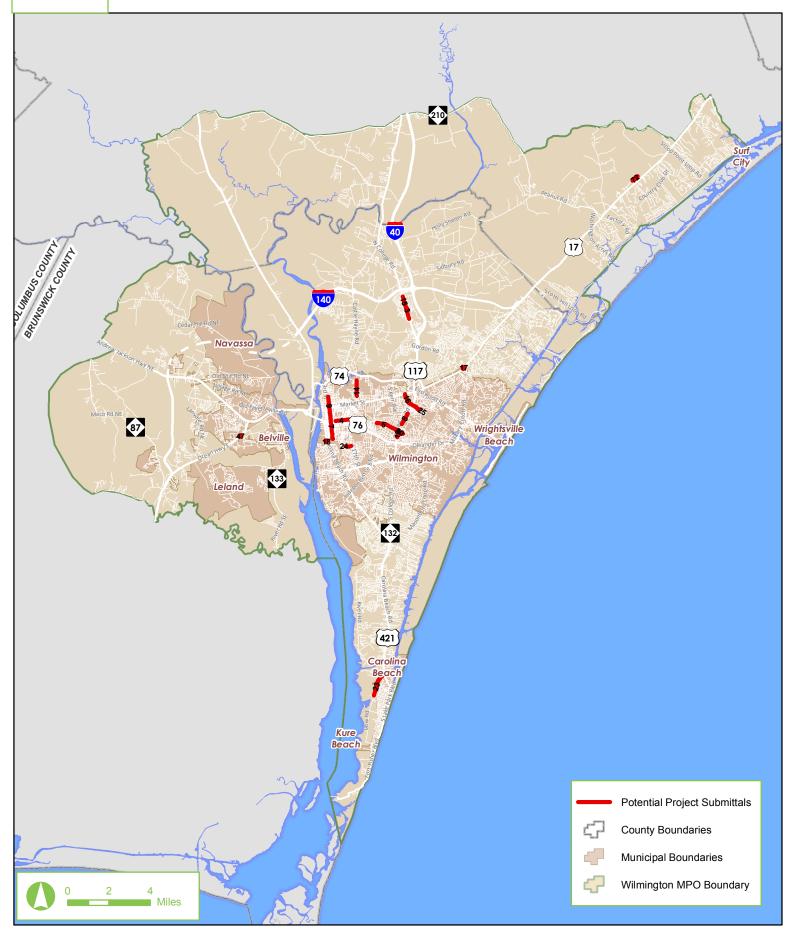
Below please find the recommendation for submittal to NCDOT for Prioritization 5.0 Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects. This list is derived from the draft *Cape Fear Transportation 2040* Plan.

#### **Bicycle and Pedestrian**

- 1. BP-3 N. College Rd (New Town Rd to Danny Pence Dr)
- 2. BP-4 Wooster St (S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street to Oleander Dr)
- 3. BP-5 Wilshire Blvd (Wrightsville Ave to Kerr Ave)
- 4. BP-6 College Rd & Wilshire Blvd Intersection
- 5. BP-7 5<sup>th</sup> Ave (Ann St to Greenfield Lake Park)
- 6. BP-8 College Rd (Hurst Dr to Randall Pkwy)
- 7. BP-9 5<sup>th</sup> Ave (Rail Line North of Campbell St to Ann St)
- 8. BP-10 Wilshire Blvd (Kerr Ave to MacMillan Ave)
- 9. BP-12 College Rd (Wrightsville Ave to Wilshire Blvd)
- 10. BP-14 23<sup>rd</sup> St (One Tree Hill Way to Princess Place Dr)
- 11. BP-15 N College Rd (NE Northchase Pkwy to New Village Way)
- 12. BP-16 New Centre Dr (Market St to College Rd)
- 13. BP-17 Market St & Gordon Rd Intersection
- 14. BP-18 Carolina Beach Rd & Front St/Burnett Blvd Intersection
- 15. BP-23 Dow Rd (Clarendon Ave to Lake Park Blvd)
- 16. BP-24 Hospital Plaza Dr Path (Lakeshore Dr to 17<sup>th</sup> St)
- 17. BP-25 New Centre Dr (College Rd to Proposed Trail to Clear Run Dr)
- 18. BP-47 US17 & Old Waterfold Way/Ploof Rd Intersection
- 19. BP-72 St. Johns Church Rd (Jenkins to End)



# WMPO Prioritization 5.0 Potential Submittals: Bicycle and Pedestrian



# WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

#### RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CAPE FEAR REGIONAL BICYCLE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is to provide recommendations to the WMPO Board with regards to bicycle and pedestrian accommodations; and

WHEREAS, cities, towns, and regions around the country are increasingly recognizing the benefits that bicycle-friendly communities offer in terms of quality of life to residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, representatives from counties, municipalities, transportation agencies, planning agencies, bicycling clubs, trail organizations, and multiple NCDOT divisions in southeastern North Carolina have worked cooperatively for over a year on the Cape Fear Regional Bicycle Plan (the Plan) in order to make bicycling a safe and accessible form of transportation and recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, there were 487 reported bicycle crashes from 2007-2012 that have resulted in 254 or more injuries and eight fatalities in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan will improve the quality and safety of bicycling through new and improved infrastructure, policies and programs, for all types of bicyclists; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan will increase transportation choices by improving connectivity of the bicycle network while increasing accessibility to transit and key destinations throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, BlueCross BlueShield North Carolina has stated that every \$1 investment in trails for physical activity can save about \$3 in medical expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan will improve health and wellness by increasing access to bikeways, thereby offering more opportunities for recreation, active transportation, and physical activity.

**WHEREAS**, an NCDOT study in the neighboring coastal region of the Outer Banks has demonstrated the annual return on bicycle facility development is approximately nine times higher than the initial investment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan promotes bicycle-related tourism and economic development for communities in Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, and Pender Counties as well as southern Bladen, western Onslow, and southern Sampson Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, this Plan included an open and participatory process, with over 500 online mapping and public survey comments, with outreach at dozens of public events; and

**WHEREAS,** 97% of survey respondents said they would bike more often if more bicycle lanes, trails, and safe roadway crossings were provided for bicyclists; and

**WHEREAS**, it is envisioned that a more bicycle-friendly Cape Fear region would offer multiple quality of life benefits to residents and visitors by increasing public safety, supporting health and the environment, expanding choices for mobility, and diversifying the strength of tourism in local communities throughout the region, and;

**WHEREAS**, supporting this resolution does not replace any local plans nor dedicate any funding, but rather indicates a willingness to support the Plan's recommended bicycle projects and programs.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Bicycle and Pedestrian Bicycle Committee supports the Cape Fear Regional Bicycle Plan.

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Bicycle Committee on April 11, 2017

Chris O'Keefe, Chair

WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Bicycle Committee

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Beth Doliboa, Secretary WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Bicycle Committee



# 28th Annual River to Sea Bike Ride Saturday April 22, 2017

Join us for a 20 mile (round-trip) casual-paced bicycle ride from downtown Wilmington to Wrightsville Beach on Wilmington's River to Sea Bicycle Route.

All riders are welcome. No charge. **Helmets required.** 

Police support will be provided throughout the entire ride.

Wave Transit will be offering **limited** transportation back downtown for riders.

Please plan to bike back downtown or prepare to provide your own means of transportation.

This year there will be 2 start locations to accommodate all riders:

Option 1 - Confident Riders	20 miles (round-trip) - Estimated ride time 2 hrs 45 min Meet at 12 N. Front St. at 7:15AM Depart at 8:00AM
Option 2 - Inexperienced Riders Families Children	13 miles (round-trip) - Estimated ride time 2 hours Meet at Empie Park, 3405 Park Ave at 7:30AM Ready to Depart 8:15AM (Will join Option 1 riders as they pass Empie Park)

Refreshments, t-shirt sales/pickup, and prizes will be at Wrightsville Beach Park at 9:15AM Bring your friends and family!

For more information and for pre-registration visit

www.rivertoseabikeway.com

