Meeting Minutes
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Date: April 11, 2018

Members Present:
Shawn Spencer, New Hanover County
John Carter, Town of Leland
Al Schroetel, Cape Fear Cyclist
Karin Mills, City of Wilmington
Barnes Sutton, Town of Navassa
Nick Cannon, UNCW
Carol Stein, Pender County
Abby Lorenzo, WMPO
Joe Boyd, Belville
Mike Hoffer, Town of Carolina Beach

Additional Guests:
Bethel Paris, East Coast Greenway and Cape Fear Cyclist
Pat O’Mahony, Pender County
Fred Royal, WMPO
Zoe Leonard, WMPO

Call to Order
S. Spencer called the meeting to order.
Approval of the Agenda

C. Stein motioned to approve the agenda, there was a second.

Public Comment Period

There were no sign-ins for the public comment. A. Lorenzo explained an email sent by B. Paris regarding a few projects in the area and what the role of BPAC would be.

S. Spencer and A. Schroetel asked at what point the committee should become involved in the process to give their support of specific projects.

A. Lorenzo explained that the most opportune time to become involved in a project is during the planning phase. She added that the WMPO staff will keep the committee up to date on projects in the area so the committee is able to make recommendations.

B. Paris expressed concern of Pender County Commissioners’ decision on their cost sharing decision for the super street.

P. O’Mahony explained the cost sharing component of the Pender County Super Street. The county will be supporting 40 percent of the costs. The project was not part of the STIP.

B. Paris discussed the possibility of the rail trail. B. Paris explained her email that the north-south travel pattern for bicyclists should be looked at as a whole and the projects are very time sensitive.

S. Spencer said he will share B. Paris’s email with the committee.

Approval of the minutes from February 13th, 2018

K. Ryan requested that a cap of 300 riders be added to the February 13th meeting minutes. All in favor with the request.

Old Business

A Lorenzo presented the model ordinance with TCC comments.

K. Ryan had a question regarding the section of model ordinance regarding the convenience of bike parking. A. Lorenzo explained that this would require the business/office work with the city.

J. Boyd asked about long/short term parking. A. Lorenzo explained that long term parking requires covering and is more secure. The town of Navassa is considering adopting a similar ordinance.

K. Mills expressed her concern about the requirements and would like to see more flexibility with the requirements.
S. Spencer asked to table the ordinance until next meeting. The committee will email any changes/comments/suggestions by the end of April.

Reports and Discussions

K. Ryan gave an update on the River to Sea Bike Ride.

A. Lorenzo gave an update on online registration and t-shirts for the ride. A. Lorenzo said there is a leaning towards 100 t-shirts and they will be sold at $10 per shirt.

A. Lorenzo updated that the group the next subcommittee will need to be moved from May 1st.

A. Lorenzo asked for additional volunteers for the River to Sea Bike Ride.

B. Sutton asked how the committee will handle the concerns of the ride that had been previously been mentioned will be handled in the future. The committee will review the event and how to proceed after this year’s R2S.

S. Spencer mentioned the idea of the new WMPO sponsored event. The committee discussed the idea of using a survey post event to gain feedback about difficulties of the event.

A Lorenzo provided an update on the MTP kick off meetings.

A Lorenzo went over the committee’s role in MTP. The committee will begin discussing this again in June.

Announcements

A Schroetel announced the proposal of a George Perkins Memorial Ride. A proclamation for May as Bike Safety Month will be presented at City Council Meeting May 1st.

A Lorenzo introduced Mike Hoffer as the new Carolina Beach representative.

An offer for the TDM position has been made and Fred Royal is the new project engineer for WMPO.

TCC Meeting will be April 11th at 10am.

WMPO Board meeting is April 18th at 3pm.

Next Meeting

June 12, 2018 at 3pm.