

## **WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, August 14th, 2018 at 3pm

Room 611 at 320 Chestnut St.

### **Members Present**

Neal Andrew, NC Board of Transportation  
Duncan McCabe, City of Wilmington  
John Williams, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority  
Shawn Spencer, New Hanover County  
Carol Stein, Pender County  
Patrick Boykin, Town of Carolina Beach  
Barnes Sutton, Town of Navassa  
Jon Perrotto, Town of Kure Beach  
Sam Spicer, Cape Fear Cyclists  
Katie Ryan, Town of Wrightsville Beach  
David Beauregard, Disability Resource Center  
Vanessa Lacer, WAVE Transit  
Nick Cannon, TDM Coordinator WMPO  
Caitlin Marks, NCDOT- Division 3  
Steve Whitney, Brunswick County

### **Staff and Guests Present**

Abby Lorenzo, WMPO  
Katie Moore, WMPO  
Travis Hanley, Pender County

#### **1. Call to Order**

S. Spencer called meeting to order.

#### **2. Approval of Agenda**

N. Andrew made a motion to approve agenda, seconded by D. McCabe.

#### **3. Public Comment Period**

No public comment given.

#### **4. Approval of July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Minutes**

Revise the minutes to list Nick Canon as a "Member Present" rather than "Staff and Guests Present"  
N. Andrew made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by D. Beauregard.

#### **5. Discussion on Existing Conditions**

S. Spencer introduced the committee to the task of conducting a roll call of members in order to share information pertinent to the committee's responsibilities as a modal subcommittee for the MTP. Committee members, in-turn, shared roles, interests, and a brief description of what they see as the current condition of bicycle and pedestrian facilities and needs.

A. Lorenzo offered clarification on why the committee was asked to discuss existing conditions and promoted the committee to conduct an open discussion on problems and opportunities that may be addressed by the work of this committee within the context of the MTP.

S. Spencer asks about inspection of pathways and facilities that are resurfaced following an impact by a development project. A. Lorenzo stated knowledge of the City having standards and conditions applied to project activities permitted by the City. Work completed that does not meet permit requirements would be handled by code enforcement.

V. Lacer provided follow-up from the last meeting on the presence and use of bike racks on buses. Currently the buses (15 routes) and shuttles (10 UNCW) can carry 2 bikes and this is industry standard. Usage does vary based on UNCW being in session with more bike ridership during the academic sessions. From January-July of 2018 over 12,000 bikes (May 2,223; January 1,423). Bikes ride for free but must be placed on the bike rack and cannot be brought onboard. WAVE posted a video on the website for how to use the bike racks.

C. Marks provided follow-up from the last meeting on bicycle signal trips at stop lights and the ability to pick up bicycles by increasing the sensitivity of the sensor designed to detect metal above the loop.

Committee discussed enforcement of traffic violations by bicycles. WMPO will contact the City and County Police Department to learn about enforcement and allowances for bicycles.

## **6. Cape Fear Moving Forward 2045 Bicycle and Pedestrian Element Goals and Objectives Development**

S. Spencer presented the draft Pedestrian goals and objectives to the committee for review.

### **a. Discussion on Goal A. Safety Education and Enforcement**

Committee discussed safety concerns of wearing ear buds/head phones while bicycling and walking/jogging. This topic may be incorporated into the policies recommended in the Plan. Committee also may consider a policy on vegetation maintenance effecting sight-lines for cyclists on roads and trails.

Objective 5. Change the word "Support" to "Prioritize"

Objective 7. Add language on "adequate crossing times" to examples of designing for safety

### **b. Discussion on Goal B. Transportation Choice**

Committee considered the purpose of and data to support setting objective 4. "Use public transportation to mitigate gaps in pedestrian network." Conclusion to improve the pedestrian network rather than burden public transportation with providing the connection.

Remove objective 4.

### **c. Discussion on Goal C. Built Environment, Land Use, and Connectivity**

Objective 1. Increase the distance to 1 mile using the standard from UNCW parking rules.

Remove objective 8.

Objective 10. Remove language on "short" and "under 1,000 feet" to broaden the application.

### **d. Discussion on Goal D. Health**

Committee discussed the potential benefits of promoting health as a goal to encourage economic development by attracting companies/employers interested in wellness for employees. This may translate into a policy for the plan rather than a scoring metric.

### **e. Discussion on Goal E. Economic Development**

S. Spencer provided information on the State of North Carolina Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry (1<sup>st</sup> on east coast; 7<sup>th</sup> in nation). Goal to grow the economy with increased recreation being a product.

Committee discussed pedestrian malls and potential economic benefit of road closures for events and streets where the main focus is on pedestrians visiting shops and taking up the outdoor spaces.

N. Cannon question on the committees idea for Objective 4. “recognize pedestrian friendly development.” T. Hanley provided information on Lower Cape Fear Stewardship Development Coalition annual recognition for projects by presenting certificates and plaques. This objective may translate into a policy in the Plan.

Committee considered a new trend in uses of electric bikes and scooters (Raleigh/Cleveland). As part of the Bike Share selection, companies with electric bikes and scooters were considered although not selected. The City of Wilmington does have rules on uses of electric bikes and scooters.

S. Spencer presented the revised draft bicycle goals and objectives for review and approval.

a. Discussion of Goal A.

Committee discussed how the presence or absence of “dooring” laws or statutes could fit into the Safety goals as currently presented. Changing the law may work well as a policy for the Plan. C. Stein mentioned the role of S. Goodrich as a Bike/Walk advocate for North Carolina. WMPO staff presented a 7<sup>th</sup> goal option focused on rules and regulations. Committee approved addition.

b. Discussion Goal C.

Remove tunnels and viaducts from Objective 7.

Objective 6. Revise language to say “older adults, persons with disabilities”

Objective 8. Remove “short” and “under 1,000 ft.

c. Discussion Goal D.

Objective 2. Revise language to “Designate signed exercise routes for bicycling”

## **7. Approval of the Goals and Objectives**

S. Spencer asked if the committee is in agreement to approve the Goals and Objectives.

D. Beauregard made a motion to approve the Goals and Objectives, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Stein. Consensus reached.

The Goals and Objectives, as approved, will be provided to the Citizen Advisory Committee for review and approval as an agenda item for the September 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 regular meeting.

## **8. Cape Fear Moving Forward 2045 Bicycle and Pedestrian Project List**

A Lorenzo introduced development of the Project List the next task for the committee. Due to the large number of projects to be considered by this committee, the task will be broken down over several meetings. WMPO staff will strive to provide the committee with a complete list of projects by the end of August. Instructions on how to review the projects will be provided and the next meeting will focus on the process for determining a final project list for the 2045 MTP.

Committee members offered several requests for information and tools to assist in project review.

Requests: Projects to be grouped by jurisdiction, mapped with crash data and currently programmed projects, and notated if programmed (funded) and/or approved for design or construction. WMPO staff will determine how to provide the requested information and tools for the committee.

C. Marks shared that DOT has maps created that show the programmed projects by County.

## **9. Announcements**

N. Cannon announced a call for members to join the Go Coast Committee, an upcoming commuter challenge to be held in October, and the ability to utilize the Go Coast and WMPO social media accounts to promote bicycle and pedestrian events.

**10. Next Meeting**

September 11, 2018 at 3PM

**11. Adjournment**

S. Spencer asked to adjourn the meeting.

V. Lacer made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. Cannon.

**Follow-up and Action Items:**

- a. WMPO staff to provide a Working Project List to the committee prior to September 1, 2018
- b. WMPO staff to provide approved bicycle goals and objectives to Citizen Advisory Committee