

Citizens Advisory Committee
6th Floor Conference Room, 320 Chestnut Street
Wednesday, November 7, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Laura Padgett, Chair, City of Wilmington
Web Bostic, New Hanover County
Harold King, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Stuart Smith, Town of Belville
Brayton Willis, Town of Leland
Vanessa Lacer, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority
Neal Andrew, North Carolina Board of Transportation

Members Absent:

Patrick Boykin, Town of Carolina Beach
John Cawthorne, Vice Chair, Town of Kure Beach
Valorie Hatten, Town of Navassa
Sallie Rochelle, Pender County
Jason Windham, City of Wilmington

Others Present:

Abigail Lorenzo, Senior Transportation Planner, WMPO
Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director, WMPO
Katie Moore, Associate Transportation Planner, WMPO
Zach Manfredi, Associate Transportation Planner, WMPO
Michael Madsen, GIS Analyst, WMPO
Nazia Sarder, NCDOT - Transportation Planning Branch

1. Call to Order

Ms. Padgett called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – August 8, 2018

Mr. Andrew made a motion to approve the minutes of August 8, 2018, seconded by Mr. King, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Presentation of Existing Conditions and Future Needs of the Region's Transportation Network

Ms. Lorenzo introduced new Transportation Planner Zachary Manfredi. She noted that the MPO is now fully staffed.

Ms. Moore stated that a summary of existing conditions and trends for each mode has been distributed to Committee members. She noted that the information was gathered in October from stakeholder representatives on each subcommittee, and staff research. She then gave an overview of the MPO Transportation System and demands.

Mr. Manfredi and Ms. Moore gave an overview of the vision and trends for each of the six modes of transportation: Aviation, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Ferry, Freight and Rail, Public Transportation, and Roadway. See the attached presentation.

In other words, the MPO area has a lot of facilities and heavy demand. Of note, Public Transportation is experiencing the challenge of a gradual decline in community ridership, which is further complicated by increasing operating expenses.

A brief question/answer and discussion period was held regarding existing conditions and trends for the system in general and each of the modes.

4. Presentation of Modal Subcommittee's Goals and Objectives

Ms. Padgett requested that the goals and objectives for each of the modes be approved today in order to advance them to the MPO Board at the end of this month, since the Board will not be meeting in December.

Ms. Lorenzo stated that the subcommittees have worked diligently and thoroughly on these goals and objectives since July.

a. Aviation

Mr. Bostic gave an overview of the Aviation Subcommittee's goals and objectives. He explained that the State advised making them as general as possible. Highlights of the objectives included targeting present and future industries for economic development, and the Wallace to Castle Hayne corridor, which was added to support future air/freight-rail service. He noted that the primary objective is to improve the airport for the airlines and the region. Additionally, the goals seek to integrate the new airport layout plan, currently in progress, and the airport's update to its master plan in 2021.

Mr. King made a motion to approve the Aviation Subcommittee's goals and objectives, seconded by Mr. Smith.

Following a brief question/answer and discussion period, Ms. Padgett called the question and the motion carried unanimously.

b. Bicycle and Pedestrian

Ms. Lacer gave an overview of the Bicycle and Pedestrian goals and objectives, which were split into separate categories.

In response to an inquiry by Ms. Padgett, Ms. Lacer stated that the subcommittee only discussed bike racks, not bike parking. Ms. Padgett pointed out that cities are beginning to designate secure parking lots for bicycles.

A question/answer and discussion period was held regarding biking to school, and alternative funding sources.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Hollis, Ms. Lorenzo stated that projects would be weighted 50% for bicycle, and 50% for pedestrian, and combined modes would score higher.

A brief question/answer and discussion period was held.

Mr. Smith pointed out the importance of synergy between modes, such as crosswalks with roadway improvements. Mr. Hollis responded that multi-modal consideration is one of the objectives of the Roadway Subcommittee.

Ms. Padgett cautioned that it's important to avoid barriers to development.

Mr. Willis recommended that lighting and emergency call boxes be added.

Mr. Bostic made a motion to approve as amended the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee's goals and objectives, seconded by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Hollis requested that the two items be added to Pedestrian Goal A: Safety, Education, and Enforcement, Objective 7.

There being no objection, Ms. Padgett called the question and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Padgett expressed concerns that all the goals and objectives be approved today.

Mr. King suggested that motions be made, followed by discussion and then a vote.

c. Ferry

Mr. Bostic made a motion to approve the Ferry Subcommittee's goals and objectives, seconded by Mr. Smith, and the motion carried unanimously.

d. Freight/Rail

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Freight/Rail Subcommittee's goals and objectives, seconded by Mr. King.

Following a brief clarification, Ms. Padgett called the question and the motion carried unanimously.

e. Public Transportation

Mr. King made a motion to approve the Public Transportation Subcommittee's goals and objectives, seconded by Mr. Bostic, and the motion carried unanimously.

f. Roadway

Following a brief inquiry and discussion regarding accommodating transit on roadway corridors, Mr. King made a motion to approve the Roadway Subcommittee's goals and objectives, seconded by Mr. Bostic, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Additional Items

Ms. Padgett stated that the next meeting of the CAC will be held on December 12th.

6. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby Lorenzo
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Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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