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WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

TO: WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members
FROM: Abby Lorenzo, Senior Transportation Planner
DATE: August 8th, 2019
SUBJECT: August 13th, 2019 Meeting

A meeting of the WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee will take place on Tuesday, August 13th, 2019 at 2pm. The meeting will held on the 6th floor in Room 611 at 320 Chestnut St. The following is the agenda for the meeting:

- Call to Order
- Approval of the Agenda
- Public Comment Period
- Approval of minutes from June 11th, 2019
- Presentation on the WMPO's Bicycle and Pedestrian Web App
- Old Business
 - E-Bicycle Model Ordinance Development Status
- Reports and Discussion
 - NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grants
- Updates and Announcements
 - "Be a Looker" Campaign Update
 - Wilmington Bike Share Update
 - Cape Fear Cyclists Update
 - WMPO Project Updates (In Packet)
 - America's Transportation Infrastructure Act (Summary in Packet)
 - WMPO Technical Coordinating Committee, Wednesday, August 14th at 10am
 - WMPO Board Meeting, Wednesday, August 28th at 3pm
- Next Meeting
 - September 10th, 2019 at 2PM
- Adjournment

Attachments:

- Minutes from the June 11th, 2019 BPAC Meeting
- E-Bicycle Draft Model Ordinance
- WMPO August Project Updates
- America's Transportation Infrastructure Act BikePed Summary

Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Meeting Minutes*
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Date: June 11th, 2019

Members Present:

Carol Stein, Pender County
Steve Whitney, Brunswick County
Patrick Boykin, Town of Carolina Beach
Nick Cannon, WMPO
Duncan McCabe, City of Wilmington
Caitlin Marks, NCDOT Division 3
Matt Hogan, NCDOT
Barnes Sutton, Town of Navassa
Karin Mills, NC Board of Transportation
Mo Linqvist, Kure Beach
Joe Boyd, Town of Belville

Staff and Guests Present:

Zach Manfredi, WMPO
Abby Lorenzo, WMPO
Travis Henley, Pender County

1. Call to order

- C. Stein called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of the agenda

- Motion to approve D. McCabe, Second S. Spicer. approved

3. Approval of the minutes from April 9th, 2019

- Motion to approve K.Ryan, second N. Cannon. Approved

4. Old Business

- N. Cannon spoke on the E-Bicycle Model Ordinance Development Status. He is planning to have a draft ready for the next meeting, with time to discuss.
- C. Stein asked about the adoption of the ordinance by local government, and nick stated that it would be available for anyone to adopt.
- S. Whitney inquired about the importance of e-bicycle ordinances and C.Stien noted that class 1 is permissible in most places with other classes having more restriction.
- Z.Manfredi inquired about fines for different violations. And there wasn't much in the way of fines.

5. Reports and Discussion

- N. Cannon gave an overview of the River to sea ride. He stated that the woman that was in the accident was at the last meeting and gave her input to how the ride could be improved.

- The ride will continue at the same time and route but there will be extra precautions given to trying to limit the amount of riders and focus on safety. This year there were 600 riders. Possible improvements include wearing bibs to help identify riders, having incident forms, and vests for better sight.
- S. Whitney and C. Stein noted that they thought the ride went well and that the police officers thought the ride went well.
- N. Cannon gave a recap of bike to work month which had been extended from bike to work week. 208 people registered with 66 filling out a survey about their rides.

6. Updates and Announcements

- N. Cannon updated the state of “Be a Looker” and recommended everybody share the message to their social media. He encourages people to take the pledge because that is a good measurable way to see how many people the campaign is reaching. If anybody needs any promotional materials they are available in the WMPO office. C. Stein recommended bringing materials to the blueberry festival ride.
- N. Cannon updated the committee on the state of the Bike Share program. Zagster has still not secured a title sponsorship from the private sector to fund the program. The city is on contract for a year so if there is no funding by then the city can seek out other bikeshare programs. The committee inquired about how much money it would take to fund the program, Nick was not sure of an exact number.
- Cape Fear Cyclists
- The WMPO project updates showed a lot of funded projects that are currently being bid for construction. S. Whitney inquired about construction times. A. Lorenzo stated that because it is federal funding the money can be slower to move sometimes if the municipality is not set up to handle the process. Members inquired about where to find details on current construction projects. A. Lorenzo stated that the NCDOT website would have those resources. K. Ryan stated that it would nice to be have regular updates on completed construction projects.
- A. Lorenzo stated that the next WMPO Technical Coordinating Committee is Wednesday, July 17th at 10am.
- A. Lorenzo stated that the next WMPO Board Meeting is Wednesday, July 31st at 3pm.
- There was discussion on the meetings for the Cape Fear Crossing and A. Lorenzo updated the group on the current status of the decision making in that project. December is the date of the final EIS decision. There was concern over the inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian elements in the cape fear crossing. A. Lorenzo stated that bike and pedestrian facilities will be considered in the design phase and our long range plans will be used to support the inclusion of these elements. A resolution has also been written to support these facilities.
- C. Stein stated that cyclist groups attended meeting and that their voice was heard by the NCDOT but these efforts will have to continue for many years while the project is being designed.
- It was stated that there is a desire to find a representative for Leland on the BPAC.
- Mo Linquist was introduced to the group as the new Kure Beach representative. Everybody introduced themselves to Mo in the group.

- A. Lorenzo stated that the WMPO will be bringing forward fiscally constrained projects to the CAC and TCC the next month.

7. Next Meeting

- August 13th, 2019 at 2PM

8. Adjournment

- D. McCabe made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by M. Linquist. All were in favor.

*The above minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings. The entire proceedings are recorded on a compact disk as part of this record.

Definitions

- Electric bicycle or electric-assist bicycle: a bicycle that uses an electric component to augment human power.
- Class 1 Electric Bicycle: a bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour or greater.
- Class 2 Electric Bicycle: a bicycle that is equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches speeds of 20 miles per hour or greater.
- Class 3 Electric Bicycle: a bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 28 miles per hour or greater, and is equipped with a speedometer.

Regulations pertaining to riding electric assist bicycles on (member jurisdictions) facilities

It shall be unlawful for any person to ride an electric assist bicycle on any pedestrian designed facility including sidewalks, boardwalks, and crosswalks. Electric-assist bicycles that are in class one are permitted to be ridden on designated off-road bicycle routes, on designated park trails, and on multiuse paths and greenways.

It shall be unlawful for electric assist bicycles in class two and class three to be ridden on any designated off-road bicycle route, in a park, or on a multiuse path.

OR

Electric assist bicycles in class two and class three are only permitted to be ridden on private property or the public roadway, excluding fully controlled access highways.

Every person operating any form of electric or electric-assist bicycle shall wear a helmet or hard shell head cover secured to the head by a strap or retention device that complied with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 2018. The failure to wear a helmet shall be considered an infraction and is subject to a penalty of twenty five dollars and fifty cents (\$25.50) plus the following court costs.

Commented [NC1]: Currently in Wilmington, bicycles are permitted to ride on sidewalks but this ordinance will not allow e bikes to be ridden on sidewalk or similar ped facility

Commented [NC2]: One of the two of these?

Commented [NC3]: Taken from NC general statute for motorcycles and mopeds laws

WILMINGTON MPO
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
AUGUST 2019

2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Project Description/Scope: The Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is required by federal law to update the Metropolitan Transportation Plan every 5 years. The last plan was adopted by the MPO Board on November 18, 2015. The next update is required to be adopted by November 2020. This plan will guide the regional transportation priorities and actions, and be used for project selection in the State/Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Programs. The MPO Board appointed a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) to help guide the development of this plan. A four month public outreach period was held between April 3, 2018 and July 31, 2018. During this period, there were 2,287 transportation survey responses, 563 comments on the public input map tool, and 4,554 votes on map comments, totaling 7,404 responses collected. In July 2018, the six modal subcommittees began meeting with the initial task of developing modal goals and objectives, which were completed in October 2018 and officially adopted by the Board in November 2018. The Modal Subcommittees have completed scoring criteria, evaluation of projects and development of the draft policies. The CAC, TCC and Board received the financial forecasts and potential alternative funding sources in March 2019. The consultant completed the project cost estimates and alternative funding forecasts in June 2019.

Next Steps:

- A red line, fiscal constraint analysis of ranked modal projects have been prepared and presented by staff to the CAC, TCC, and Board. The WMPO Board is currently reviewing and will propose any changes at its August Board meeting. Revised lists are planned for adoption in September 2019.
- Projects considered for potential funding by identified alternative funding forecasts will be identified by staff and reviewed and approved by the CAC, TCC, and Board in September and October 2019.
- Approval of complete fiscally constrained project lists is expected to be completed by end of October 2019.
- Release of Draft Plan to public anticipated for end of January 2020
- Adoption of final plan in November 2020

SITE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

Project Descriptions/Scope: The Wilmington Urban Area MPO assists with site development and Transportation Impact Analysis review for the MPO's member jurisdictions. During the last month, staff has reviewed the following development proposals:

- New Hanover County Development Plan Reviews: 0 reviews
- New Hanover County Informal Plan Reviews: 0 reviews
- New Hanover Concept Reviews: 0 review
- Town of Leland Formal Reviews: 1 reviews
- Town of Leland Informal Reviews: 0 reviews
- Town of Navassa Formal Reviews: 4 reviews
- Town of Navassa Informal Reviews: 1 reviews
- Town of Navassa Concept Reviews: 0 reviews
- Town of Carolina Beach Formal Reviews: 0 reviews
- Town of Carolina Beach Informal Reviews: 0 reviews

- Brunswick County Formal Plan Reviews: 0 reviews
- Brunswick County Informal Plan Reviews: 0 reviews
- TIA Reviews: 28 total (New Hanover County 7, City of Wilmington 15, Carolina Beach 0, Leland 1, Navassa 1, and Pender County 3, Brunswick County 1) ; new 6 and ongoing 22
- Pender County Development Plan Reviews: 0 reviews
- Pender County Informal Plan Reviews: 0 reviews
- Pender County Concept Reviews: 0 reviews
- City of Wilmington Formal Reviews: 60 (8 new, 52 on-going)
- City of Wilmington Informal Reviews: 30 (6 new, 24 on-going)
- City of Wilmington Concept Reviews: 12 (9 new concept reviews- 3 on-going concept)
- COW Project Releases: 14 Full releases

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U-5534C - WRIGHTSVILLE AVENUE/GREENVILLE AVENUE TO HINTON AVENUE

Project Descriptions/Scope: The project is for construction of intersection re-alignment improvements at the intersection of Wrightsville Avenue/Greenville Avenue and bike lanes and sidewalks along Greenville Avenue from Wrightsville Avenue to Hinton Avenue.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Complete review of final design package and submit to NCDOT for review– Summer 2019
- NCDOT final design approval and City to request Construction Funds Authorization – Fall 2019
- Begin Construction – Spring 2020
- Complete Construction – Winter 2020

U-5534D - TOWN OF LELAND - OLD FAYETTEVILLE ROAD MUP

Project Descriptions/Scope: This project is for design and construction of a ten foot (10') wide multi use path, separate but adjacent to Old Fayetteville Road, beginning at or around the corner of the Leland Town Hall Campus and ending at the driveway of the North Brunswick High School.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- 100% Plan approval received
- ROW certification has been issued
- Construction funds have been requested for release
- Updated PCE approved on December 4, 2018
- Davenport identified potential utility conflicts; The Town has authorized Level A – S.U.E. services to be performed to verify where conflicts exist; AECOM will revise plans to reflect any utility relocations that must be done; revised plans must then be approved by NCDOT.
- S.U.E. information has been sent to AECOM for revisions.
- Supplemental Agreement #3 dated March 28, 2019 extends project completion deadline to July 1, 2020.
- Bid and award timeline will depend upon Davenport’s findings from SUE; prefer to bid this and projects U-5534I, J and K at the same time.

U-5534F – CITY OF WILMINGTON – PARK AVENUE MUP – PHASE II

Project Descriptions/Scope: This project is for the design and construction of an off-road multi-use path between Audubon Boulevard and Kerr Avenue. The right of way certification was received November 2, 2016.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Complete review of final design package and submit to NCDOT for review – Summer 2019
- NCDOT final design approval and City to request Construction Funds Authorization – Fall 2019
- Begin Construction – Winter 2019
- Complete Construction – Fall 2020

U-5534G –CITY OF WILMINGTON- HOOKER ROAD MULTI-USE PATH

Project Descriptions/Scope: The project consist of the construction of a 10' wide multi-use path along Hooker Road from Wrightsville Avenue to Mallard Drive/Rose Ave intersection

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Complete final design package and submit to NCDOT for review– Summer 2019
- Update/renew permits – Fall 2019
- NCDOT final design approval – Fall 2019
- Right of way acquisition complete – Spring 2020
- Begin Construction – Winter 2020
- Complete Construction – Winter 2021

U-5534H –CITY OF WILMINGTON- HINTON AVE MULTI-USE PATH

Project Descriptions/Scope: This project consists of the construction of a 10' wide multi-use path along Hinton Avenue from Park Avenue to Greenville Avenue.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Complete final design package and submit to NCDOT for review– Summer 2019
- Update/renew permits – Fall 2019
- NCDOT final design approval – Fall 2019
- Right of way acquisition complete – Spring 2020
- Begin Construction – Winter 2020
- Complete Construction – Winter 2021

U-5534I –TOWN OF LELAND- VILLAGE ROAD MULTI-USE PATH EXTENSION

Project Descriptions/Scope: The construction of a 8 foot wide concrete path from the connection at the Brunswick Center in Leland across the front of the library property, down Village Road, ending on the western edge of the First Baptist Church property before the Sturgeon Creek Bridge.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- 100% Plans approved by NCDOT
- Right of way acquisition underway
- Right of way Certification- TBD
- Encroachment agreement needed once right-of-way finalized
- Let date will be delayed to match up with “J” project

- Davenport review identified potential utility conflicts; SUE inspection has been authorized and any subsequent plan revisions will be resubmitted for approval. SUE scheduled for July.
- S.U.E. information has been sent to AECOM for revisions.

U-5534J – TOWN OF LELAND- OLD FAYETTEVILLE LOOP ROAD PEDESTRIAN LOOP

Project Descriptions/Scope: The construction of sidewalks in three locations: 1) The construction of an 8 foot concrete sidewalk along Village Road from Town Hall Drive to the apartment complex and widening the existing 5 foot sidewalk in front of the apartment complex to 8 feet. 2) The construction of a 6 foot sidewalk along Town Hall Drive from Village Road NE to the sidewalk that exists by the new Town Hall. 3) The construction of a 5 foot sidewalk along Old Fayetteville Road from the existing sidewalk in front of the apartment complex to Village Road NE.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- 100% Plans approved by NCDOT
- Right of way acquisition underway
- Right of way Certification- TBD
- Encroachment agreement needed once right-of-way finalize
- Davenport review identified potential utility conflicts; SUE inspection has been authorized and any subsequent plan revisions will be resubmitted for approval. SUE scheduled for July.
- S.U.E. information has been sent to AECOM for revisions.

U-5534K – TOWN OF LELAND- LELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL SIDEWALK

Project Descriptions/Scope: The construction of 5 foot wide concrete sidewalk adjacent to Old Fayetteville Road from Ricefield Branch Road to the US Hwy 74/76 overpass after Glendale Drive with connections to Leland Middle School and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- 100% Plans approved by NCDOT
- Right of way acquisition underway
- Right of way Certification- TBD
- Encroachment agreement needed once right-of-way finalized
- Let date will be delayed to match up with “J” project
- Davenport review identified potential utility conflicts; SUE inspection has been authorized and any subsequent plan revisions will be resubmitted for approval. SUE scheduled for July.
- S.U.E. information has been sent to AECOM for revisions.

U-5534N –CITY OF WILMINGTON- SHIPYARD BOULEVARD SIDEWALK

Project Description/Scope: The construction of a sidewalk and bus pull-out along Shipyard Boulevard between Vance Street and Rutledge Drive. This will be a partnership between the City of Wilmington, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and Wilmington MPO.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Let Date: March 14, 2019
- Additional funds have been received and the contract is being routed for signatures
- Preconstruction meeting will be held within the next 30 days

U-5534Q –CITY OF WILMINGTON- S. COLLEGE/HOLLY TREE CROSSWALKS

Project Description/Scope: The project will install sidewalk, ADA ramps, curb and gutter, markings and traffic signal revisions required to install actuated pedestrian crossings of S. College Road and crossings on Holly Tree Road.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- The project has been put on hold until NCDOT's College Road resurfacing project occurs
- The City is providing survey information to NCDOT

U-5534S (FORMERLY U-5534M)- TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH- CORAL DRIVE SIDEWALKS

Project Descriptions/Scope: The construction of sidewalks along Coral Drive will install approximately 954 linear feet of 5 foot wide sidewalk on Coral Drive adjacent to Wrightsville Beach Elementary. The Town hired SEPI to complete the design.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- The Town is working on acquiring the easements
- Plans have been approved. The PCE and Specs have been sent back to the engineer for corrections.
- Anticipated Let Date: Fall 2019

U-5534T –CITY OF WILMINGTON- TRAFFIC SIGNAL PREEMPTION

Project Description/Scope: This project will install traffic pre-emption equipment at 27 locations throughout the City of Wilmington and GPS devices on fire apparatus.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Plans and specification approved by NCDOT on February 19, 2019.
- Construction Authorization and funding request in progress.
- Bid opening to be held on August 8, 2019.

U-5534U – TOWN OF NAVASSA- NAVASSA PARK MULTI-USE PATH

Project Description/Scope: This project will construct bike lanes on both sides of Brooklyn Street, a multi-use path connecting Brooklyn Street to the Navassa Park, and a multi-use path through the Navassa Park forming a loop within the park.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Scoping meeting held with NCDOT
- PE funds were released at the December 2017 Board of Transportation meeting
- The Town and Engineer have agreed to a fee. The Town working to complete the contract. The contract is in the process of being executed.

EB-6025- TOWN OF BELVILLE- RICE HOPE MULTI-USE PATH

Project Description: The project consists of the construction of a multi-use path of eight feet (8') wide located at the western side of NC 133 between Morecamble Blvd and Rice Hope Run.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- The agreements have been executed
- The Town is working on request for PE funds and Letter of Interest

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U-5527B CITY OF WILMINGTON – 5th AVE INTERSECTION UPGRADES

Project Descriptions/Scope: This project is for the construction of high visibility crosswalks, curb ramps, and pedestrian activated signals on 5th Ave at the Dawson Street and Wooster Street intersections.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- City Council awarded the contract on February 4, 2019. The City is currently working on executing the contract.

U-5527C NEW HANOVER COUNTY – MIDDLE SOUND GREENWAY – EXTENSION TO MIDDLE SOUND VILLAGE

Project Descriptions/Scope: This project is for the construction of a multi-use path along Middle Sound Loop Road from Oyster Lane to the Middle Sound Village property line.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- 90% plans comments have been received and have been corrected
- Construction funds requested on July 1, 2019
- Anticipated construction bid Fall 2019

EB- 6026- TOWN OF BELVILLE- BELVILLE ELEMENTARY- MULTI-USE PATH

Project Description: The project consists of the construction of a multi-use path of twelve feet (12') wide located along NC 133 connecting north and south entrances of Hawks Water Development to Belville Elementary School.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- The agreements have been executed
- The Town is working on request for PE funds and Letter of Interest

EB-6027 – NEW HANOVER COUNTY -MIDDLE SOUND GREENWAY

Project Description: Design only of the Middle Sound Greenway connection to Ogden Park

Project Status and Next Steps:

- The agreements have been signed
- PE funds are being requested

EB-6028 —CITY OF WILMINGTON- 21st Street/Market HAWK SIGNAL

Project Description: Design and construction of a HAWK signal at the pedestrian crossing at Market Street and 21st Street

Project Status and Next Steps:

- NCDOT agreements were approved on at the July 16th City Council meeting
- The agreement is being routed for signatures

EB-6029 – TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH – CLARENDON AVENUE MULTI-USE PATH

Project Description: Construction of the Clarendon Avenue multi-use path from 4th Street to Dow Road

Project Status and Next Steps:

- The agreement has been executed
- Existing plans have been submitted to DOT for review. Comments have been received by the Town.

TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Project Description/Scope: UNCW is taking the role as lead employer for the Cape Fear region. The WMPO will coordinate with UNCW to work with other major employers in the region to identify opportunities for public outreach, marketing, carpooling, vanpooling, alternative/compressed work schedules, Emergency Guaranteed Ride Home, park and ride lots, etc. The MPO adopted “Work Cape Fear: Expanding Commuter Options in the Cape Fear Region” TDM Short Range Plan on January 28, 2015 and also authorized staff to apply for a TDM grant through NCDOT that funded a full-time TDM Coordinator position. The Agreement with NCDOT for the full-time TDM Coordinator position was approved on November 4, 2015. The TDM program works to increase active transportation initiatives and increase community knowledge of commuter options. The MPO finalized the Strategic Marketing Plan for the “Go Coast” program. In addition, the WMPO has been working with the City of Wilmington to implement a bike share program. The TDM program has continued to grow and progress and below are project status and next steps.

Project Status and Next Steps:

Initiatives

1. Be A Looker Campaign
 - a. Initiating a 6 month bicycle and pedestrian safety campaign to take place April to September 2019
2. Bike Share
 - a. Completed agreement with Zagster. Contract has been signed.
 - b. Zagster is in process of securing “title sponsors” to fund the program
3. New Go Coast Website
 - a. New website is being created
4. Social Media
 - a. Posting at least three times per week
 - b. WMPO Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter and Go Coast Instagram
5. NCDOT has selected a new vendor for Share The Ride NC. Vendor will be announced July 2019
6. Scooters
 - a. Waiting on direction from NC General Assembly for policy on electric scooter share programs
 - b. General Assembly currently defining “scooter” in Bill 553 which it not yet passed. Bill will not determine where scooters can be ridden.
7. Writing a model ordinance for regulation of electric bicycles to be presented to the Bike/Ped Advisory Committee in August
8. Developing TDM portion of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Abigail Lorenzo

From: Carol Stein <csteinmove@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2019 5:44 PM
To: Abigail Lorenzo
Subject: FW: Federal Transportation Bill

Please add to agenda.

Positive news for a change 😊

From: Terry Lansdell <director@bikewalknc.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 4:58 PM
To: Kenneth.Withrow@campo-nc.us <Kenneth.Withrow@campo-nc.us> <Kenneth.Withrow@campo-nc.us>; Bill Hulbert <bwnncpresident1@gmail.com> <bwnncpresident1@gmail.com>; bwnctreasurer@gmail.com <bwnctreasurer@gmail.com> <bwnctreasurer@gmail.com>; completestreetsroger@gmail.com <completestreetsroger@gmail.com> <completestreetsroger@gmail.com>; csteinmove@gmail.com <csteinmove@gmail.com> <csteinmove@gmail.com>; juliewbikes@gmail.com <juliewbikes@gmail.com> <juliewbikes@gmail.com>; steven.goodridge@gmail.com <steven.goodridge@gmail.com> <steven.goodridge@gmail.com>; biketed@gmail.com <biketed@gmail.com> <biketed@gmail.com>; ANN@bikelaw.com <ANN@bikelaw.com> <ANN@bikelaw.com>; debra@bicycleoven.com <debra@bicycleoven.com> <debra@bicycleoven.com>; heidiperov@gmail.com <heidiperov@gmail.com> <heidiperov@gmail.com>; lvulinec@gmail.com <lvulinec@gmail.com> <lvulinec@gmail.com>; swalker19@live.com <swalker19@live.com> <swalker19@live.com>; Terry Lansdell <director@bikewalknc.org>; todd delk <tdelk@stewartinc.com>; Deana Acklin <deanaacklin@gmail.com>; Ritchie Rozzelle <rrozelle@gmail.com>; Steven Hardy-Braz <hardybraz@coastalnet.com>; Joe Whitehouse <joe@cueinc.net>
Subject: Federal Transportation Bill

While we have seen this transportation reauthorization process continue for years, this is the first time I can recall that we are recognizing like the rest of the world, that bicycles are vehicles to slow climate change. For NC, this means that more money can come back to the state and stop this deficit financing and help develop a more sustainable transportation network!

This week, a U.S. Senate committee passed [America's Transportation Infrastructure Act \(ATIA, S. 2302\)](#) to reauthorize funding for federal transportation policy and support projects including bike paths, multi-use trails, bike parks and safety incentives. ATIA would allow states to more easily move forward with projects that make biking better, safer and more accessible for all riders. The current authorization of the federal transportation policy is set to expire at the end of September 2020.

While this process remains in its early stages, we're excited about the direction of this bill and the promise it holds for increased federal funding for bikes. Some details of the bill that we support include:

- **More money for bike paths:** The bill would increase funding for bike infrastructure (bike lanes, paths, trails, bridges, etc.) – from **\$850 million** to **\$1.2 billion** in the first year and give more local control to planners to make the best decisions for their communities' needs.
- **Better data for trail funding:** The bill would authorize a study to better assess funding for recreational trails. Currently slated at **\$85 million per year**, the recreational trails program investment could double or triple. This would help build and maintain more trails, trailheads and bike parks.
- **Incentives for safer roads:** Better biking requires safer roads. States and localities would get an additional **\$500 million** to improve road safety for all users and more grants would be available for those that can measure and show the success of new safety measures.
- **Bike projects eligible for climate change funds:** For the first time, this bill includes money for climate change and incorporates bikes into the solution. It offers **\$600 million** to states and localities to pay for low-carbon transit options, including biking and walking.

Sincerely,

Terry Lansdell

Executive Director

BikeWalkNC

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League Cycling Instructor #5979

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