

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
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. Stein 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.