Meeting Minutes

Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Date: June 9th, 2020

Members Present:

Carol Stein, Pender County
Steve Whitney, Brunswick County
Al Schroetel, Cape Fear Cyclists
Mo Linquist, Town of Kure Beach
Joe Boyd, Town of Belville
Patrick Boykin, Town of Carolina Beach
Katie Ryan, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Karin Mills, NC Board of Transportation
Carly Wilson, New Hanover County
Duncan McCabe, City of Wilmington

Staff and Guests Present:

Abigail Lorenzo, WMPO
Zachary Manfredi, WMPO
Rachel McIntyre, WMPO
Luke Foreman, WMPO
Kathryn Zeringue, NCDOT
Sam Shore, Cape Fear Cyclists
Sam Spicer, Cape Fear Cyclists

1. Call to order

• C. Stein called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of the agenda

• Motion to approve by A. Schroetel, second by S. Whitney Approved.

3. Public Comment Period

• There was no sign-ins for the public comment period.

4. Approval of minutes from February 11th, 2020

Motion to approve by S. Whitney, second by P. Boykin Approved.

5. Presentation

- K. Zeringue presented on the NC Great State Trails Plan, this is a statewide plan that connects all counties by non-motorized modes.
- NCDOT is still collecting public feedback for the plan and is expected to be completed in 2020
- A. Schroetel stated that he would provide the survey to Cape Fear Cyclists
- Z. Manfredi asked if the relations hip with ECG and the State parks was addressed in the plan, K. Zeringue stated that it was mostly infrastructure based.

- S. Whitney noted that the plan included the proposed Cape Fear Crossing ,and K. Zeringue noted that that was in the regional plan, A. Lorenzo showed support for the inclusion of the crossing.
- Z. Manfredi presented on the results of Bike Month. There were 108 participants, 342 trips, and 5587 miles ridden.
- S. Whitney asked about a comparison of the numbers last year, and Z.Manfredi stated they would provide a comparison.
- D. McCabe noted that a lot of the cyclists aren't wearing helmets and it would be a good opportunity to promote safety.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

- B. Sutton shared the Resolution of Support for the Town of Navassa Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Application
- A. Schroetel stated that the Cape Fear Cyclists can write a letter of support for the grant.
- Motion to approve by M. Linquist, second by D. McCabe Approved by all
- A. Lorenzo presented on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Database Recon Assignment
- L. Foreman shared the GIS map used for the data collection
- Many commented on the quality of the map and usefulness
- Once the recon is completed the group will reconvene to discuss the results

8. Updates and Announcements

- The 31st Annual River to Sea Bike Ride is tentatively scheduled for September 26th, 2020
- A.Lorenzo presented on the results of the League of American Bicyclist designation
- Z. Manfredi presented on the state of the Bike Share RFP. There was only one response
 that would be of cost to the city and will be brought to council, where further guidance
 will be provided.
- D. McCabe asked about the cost of the program, and it was stated that it will be looked into
- Watch For Me NC is be prepared by GO COAST. They are partnering with the WPD, WFD, NHRMC, and Wilmington Engineering. The focus is on safety and enforcement of helmet laws and crosswalk laws.
- A. Schroetel updated the group on Cape Fear Cyclists and noted that all group rides have been cancelled. CFC is also producing safety videos and has ordered helmets
- NCDOT Project Updates are provided in the packet
- Abby presented on the status of NCDOT projects in the WMPO, noting that some are still continuing and others aren't and that NCDOT is trying to get back to its cash floor
- WMPO Technical Coordinating Committee, Wednesday, June 10th, 2020 at 10am
- WMPO Board Meeting, Wednesday, June 24th, 2020 at 3pm

9. Next Meeting

• C. Stein announced that the next meeting will be held on August 11th, 2020 at 2pm.

10. Adjournment

• D. McCabe made a motion to adjurn, seconded by A. Schroetel, and 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.