

Meeting Minutes
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Date: August 11th, 2020

Members Present:

Carol Stein, Pender County
Steve Whitney, Brunswick County
Al Schroetel, Cape Fear Cyclists
Mo Linqvist, Town of Kure Beach
Barnes Sutton, Town of Navassa
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
Ann Carbone, Town of Leland
Carly Wilson, CFPUA
Nick Cannon, TDM Coordinator

Staff and Guests Present:

Abigail Lorenzo, WMPO
Zachary Manfredi, WMPO
Rachel McIntyre, WMPO
Luke Foreman, WMPO
Sarah Sanford, ECG
Dylan McDonnell, NHC Planning

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 D. McCabe, second by M. Linqvist, Approved.

5. Presentation

- S. Sanford presented on the East Coast Greenway organization, the section of the route in Wilmington, the website, ECG standards, and recent studies done on trails and greenways.
- A study has shown increased trail use between March 2019 and March 2020 throughout the nation, this has led to ECG proposing a greenway stimulus to fund 400 million in shovel ready projects along the East Coast Greenway

- ECG has pursued State Trail designation in North Carolina and will propose a Bill in the long session, and is looking for local support
- A. Schroetel recommended reaching out to local news organizations to inform them of ECG efforts in the state and region. K. Ryan noted that they have contacts at star news that she could share with committee.
- A. Schroetel showed concern for some of the on-road sections of the ECG, and Sarah noted that they are identified in the map to alert people that are on the section and help them plan accordingly. Unfortunately on such a long trail on-road sections are unavoidable.
- C. Stein noted that the ferry is now operational and it can be updated in the ECG map
- M. Lindquist noted that they are looking to reduce the speed limits of certain corridors in the region, some of which are part of the East Coast Greenway.

6. Old Business

- A. Lorenzo shared that the WMPO staff is currently updating the Bicycle and Pedestrian database and incorporating fieldwork done by members
- N. Cannon updated that the 31st Annual River to Sea Bike Ride has been cancelled for 2020
- D. McCabe made a motion to postpone the River to Sea Bike Ride to 2021, seconded by S. Whitney, and all were in favor.

7. New Business

- N. Cannon announced that the commuter challenge 2020 would be recorded through the Share the Ride NC app.

8. Updates and Announcements

- A. Lorenzo stated that in July the board made a resolution to adopt the final draft of the plan and the plan will be presented to elected bodies and adopted later in the year.
- A. Lorenzo mentioned the Star news article on the plan and opened the floor for comments or questions. The funding in the plan is based on historical funding amounts.
- C. Stein mentioned including a rebuttal to star news and A. Schroetel mentioned supported the idea. It was noted that Cape Fear Cyclists or another organization could write the rebuttal
- A. Schroetel noted that there are still no club rides for Cape Fear Cyclists
- A. Schroetel noted that the Terry Benjey Foundation is identifying funding sources and creating a resource for all to use.
- WMPO July Project Update: S. Whitney requested an update on the Leland project bids. A. Lorenzo noted she would look into it and get back to the group, and the NCDOT cash flow problems have held up some of our funding.
- S. Whitney brought up the recent E-bike accident and brought up the discussion of future planning for E-bike policy.
- A. Carbone introduced herself to the group and gave a brief history of her experience in bicycle and pedestrian planning.
- WMPO Technical Coordinating Committee, Wednesday, September 16th, 2020 at 10am
- WMPO Board Meeting, Wednesday, September 30th, 2020 at 3pm

9. Next Meeting

- C. Stein announced that the next meeting will be held on October 13th, 2020 at 2pm.

10. Adjournment

- N. Cannon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by D. McCabe, 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.