

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**  
**October 13, 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  
Duncan McCabe, City of Wilmington  
Nick Cannon, TCM Coordinator

**Staff and Guests Present**

Abigail Lorenzo, WMPO  
Zachary Manfredi, WMPO  
Rachel McIntyre, WMPO  
Terry Lanford, Bike Walk NC

**1. Call to order**

- C. Stein called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

- Motion by Al Schroetel
- Second by Steve Whitney
- Unanimous approval of the agenda

**3. Public Comment Period**

- Tom Favor, New Hanover County resident, proposed to the committee the consideration of a bike lane or multiuse path for the entirety of Middle Sound Loop road. Mr. Favor expressed the need for safety features for bicyclists and pedestrians along Middle Sound Loop road. Mr. Favor expressed desires connectivity to areas adjacent to Middle Sound Loop road that would be made possible through a multiuse path such as schools, Mayfaire Town Center, and more.
- Al Schroetel made the comment that he agrees this would be a great feature in the area
- C. Stein recommended having additional discussions at later date pertaining to funding issues and the current project list in New Hanover County

- C. Stein recommended that WMPO staff contact NCDOT Division 3 staff to improve safety signage along Middle Sound Loop road

#### **4. Approval of the Minutes from August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting**

- Abby Lorenzo noted that Dylan McDonnell was not listed in the guests attended in the minutes and has made that change
- Motion by Duncan McCabe
- Motion seconded by Steve Whitney
- Unanimous approval of the agenda

#### **5. Presentations**

- Executive Director of Bike Walk NC, Terry Landsell shared with the committee that the Annual Bike Walk NC Summit will be held virtually in November 5-6, 2020. T. Landsell shared that this is a critical time as a non-organization to reach out to elected officials to share desires for bicycle and pedestrian facilities in your area.
- C. Stein asked that the Bike Walk Summit would be offering continuing education credits. T. Landsell verified continuing education credits would be offered.
- M. Linqvist asked if the session would be recorded. T. Landsell verifies that sessions would be recorded.
- N. Cannon presented to the committee on Direct Attributable funds that are provided to the WMPO by the FHWA, funneled through the NCDOT, annually as opportunities for WMPO member jurisdictions to help fund alternative transportation projects.
- A. Lorenzo shared with the committee that updates to all projects currently being funded through Direct Attributable funds are included in the WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee agenda packets.

#### **6. Old Business**

- Z. Manfredi shared the progress WMPO staff has made on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Database and indicated future goals for the database to include an up-to-date scope of each project as well as a cost estimate.
- A. Lorenzo added that this database will be evaluated and updated by WMPO staff annually.
- C. Stein asked when there will be a new update to the database. Z. Manfredi indicated between January and April 2021.
- M. Linqvist shared a future project on Kure Beach to connect Spot Lane and Settlers Lane.
- C. Stein asked if crash data would be in the Bike Ped Database Map. Z. Manfredi indicated that data is on a separate map.
- M. Linqvist and A. Schroetel shared their efforts to have a positive outreach effort on bicycle and pedestrian improvements through the media.
- N. Cannon shared with the committee the plans for the 2020 Go Coast Commuter Challenge. The challenge is to be held October 16-30, 2020 and will encourage WMPO area residents to use alternative transportation to have a positive impact on traffic in their community. Participants will track their participation through the Share the Ride NC mobile app.

- N. Cannon presented on the City of Wilmington's recent designation by the League of American Bicyclists as Bronze Level. In February 2020, the LAB received the City of Wilmington's application and in June responded with the Bronze Designation. The LAB provides a report card to all communities who apply for a bicycle friendly award. N. Cannon shared the report card with the committee and shared opportunities to become more bicycle friendly before the next application in 2024.
- D. McCabe recommended looking into communities who have scored high in "education" and copy some of their initiatives.
- C. Stein recommended to reach out to the silver communities in North Carolina to see if we can mimic their efforts.

## 7. New Business

- A. Lorenzo shared with the committee a recommended change to the East Coast Greenway from following the artery road of Independence Blvd southward into New Hanover County to follow safer, secondary roads.
- A. Schroetel shared that the Cape Fear Cyclists and Terry Benjey Foundation support this recommendation. D. McCabe agreed that this is an improvement for safety of cyclists and recommended a slight change that routes through a new development.
- A. Lorenzo agreed to write up an amendment to include this in the official recommendation to the East Coast Greenway.
- During discussion for 2021 committee officers, C. Stein was nominated for committee chair and K. Ryan was nominated for vice-chair of the committee.
- D. McCabe made a motion to elect C. Stein and K. Ryan as WMPO Bike Ped Advisory Committee chair and vice chair for 2021.
- The motion was seconded by M. Linquist.
- The motion was passed unanimously.
- A. Lorenzo opened discussion to submit items for the 2021 Bike Ped Committee Work Plan. A. Lorenzo asked that ideas be thought of between the October and December meetings.
- S. Whitney asked for an update on contracts that have been approved for future projects.

## 8. Updates

- A. Lorenzo shared that the 2045 MTP will be adopted by the WMPO Board in the November 2020 meeting.
- N. Cannon shared the next Go Coast Meeting will be Thursday November 19 and that the Short-Range TDM plan is to be adopted by the WMPO Board in February.
- A. Lorenzo shared there are still come vacancies on the committee.
- A. Lorenzo shared that Prioritization 6.0 projects will be scored over the next 9 to 12 months but that NCDOT financials have been negatively affected by COVID.
- The next TCC Meeting is November 11 at 10 am
- The next WMPO Board meeting is November 18 at 3 pm
- The next BPAC meeting is December 8 at 2pm

## 9. Adjournment

- Motion made by N. Cannon
- Seconded by M. Linqvist
- Motion passed unanimously