

**Wilmington Urban Area MPO  
Technical Coordinating Committee  
Wednesday, August 11, 2021  
Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present (in-person)**

Nick Cannon, MPO Go Coast Program  
Adrienne Harrington, Town of Belville  
Mike Kozlosky, WMPO Executive Director  
Barnes Sutton, Town of Navassa

**Members Present (remotely)**

Stephanie Ayers, NC State Ports Authority  
Ashli Barefoot, Town of Leland  
Helen Bunch, Brunswick County  
Patrick Flanagan, Cape Fear Council of Governments  
Vanessa Lacer, Pender County  
Marty Little, New Hanover County  
Caitlin Marks, NCDOT Division of Highways  
Megan Matheny, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority  
Robert O'Quinn, Town of Wrightsville Beach  
Nazia Sarder, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch  
Denys Vielkanowitz, City of Wilmington

**Members Absent**

Granseur Dick, Wilmington International Airport  
Ed Parvin, Town of Carolina Beach  
Mandy Sanders, Town of Kure Beach

**Others Present (in-person)**

Abby Lorenzo, WMPO  
Rebekah Roth, New Hanover County

**Others Present (remotely)**

Jeffrey Dayton, HDR  
Regina Hopkins, WMPO  
Raquel Ivins, Town of Wrightsville Beach  
Scott James, WMPO  
Paula Kempton, Town of Carolina Beach  
Lucy Kreuger, NC State Ports Authority  
Rachel McIntyre, WMPO  
Marie Parker, Wave Transit  
Trevor Stewart, WMPO

**1) Call to Order**

The meeting was delayed due to technical difficulties and was conducted at 305 Chestnut Street instead of 320 Chestnut Street.

Chairman Mike Kozlosky called to order the remote meeting at 10:05 a.m. and took a roll call pursuant to Section 4.31 of Senate Bill 704 (Session Law 2020-3). A quorum was present, as follows:

**Present:** Stephanie Ayers, Ashli Barefoot, Nick Cannon, Patrick Flanagan, Adrienne Harrington, Mike Kozlosky, Vanessa Lacer, Marty Little, Caitlin Marks, Megan Matheny, Robert O'Quinn, Nazia Sarder, Barnes Sutton and Denys Vielkanowitz. **Absent:** Helen Bunch, Granseur Dick, Ed Parvin and Mandy Sanders.

**2) Approval of the Agenda**

Ms. Harrington made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by roll call, as follows:

**Ayes:** Stephanie Ayers, Ashli Barefoot, Nick Cannon, Patrick Flanagan, Adrienne Harrington, Mike Kozlosky, Vanessa Lacer, Marty Little, Caitlin Marks, Megan Matheny, Robert O'Quinn, Nazia Sarder, Barnes Sutton and Denys Vielkanowitz. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Helen Bunch, Granseur Dick, Paula Kempton and Mandy Sanders.

**3) Election of Vice-Chair**

Mr. Kozlosky said that Ms. Roth sent him an e-mail last week informing him that Mr. Little will be the new representative for New Hanover County, and suggested that the TCC elect a new vice chair.

Ms. Roth explained that in her role as vice chair since last October, her responsibilities have included attending meetings and, in the singular absence of the chair, calling one meeting to order and then letting staff do the rest of the work. She encouraged anyone with an interest to volunteer.

Mr. Sutton volunteered in the absence of any others. Mr. Kozlosky nominated Mr. Sutton. Ms. Marks seconded the nomination and the motion carried unanimously by rollcall as follows:

**Ayes:** Stephanie Ayers, Ashli Barefoot, Nick Cannon, Patrick Flanagan, Adrienne Harrington, Mike Kozlosky, Vanessa Lacer, Marty Little, Caitlin Marks, Megan Matheny, Robert O'Quinn, Nazia Sarder, Barnes Sutton and Denys Vielkanowitz. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Helen Bunch, Granseur Dick, Paula Kempton and Mandy Sanders.

Mr. Kozlosky congratulated Mr. Sutton.

4) **Consent Agenda**

- a. **Approval of TCC Meeting Minutes- July 14, 2021**
- b. **Resolution approving 2020-2029 STIP/MPO TIP Amendment# 21-4**
- c. **Opening of the 30-day public comment period for 2020-2029 STIP/MPO TIP Amendments #21-6**
- d. **Resolution approving 2020-2029 STIP/MPO TIP Administrative Modifications #21-7**

Ms. Ayers made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Items 4a through 4d, as presented, and to forward the items to the MPO Board for consideration. Ms. Matheny seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously by roll call as follows:

**Ayes:** Stephanie Ayers, Ashli Barefoot, Nick Cannon, Patrick Flanagan, Adrienne Harrington, Mike Kozlosky, Vanessa Lacer, Marty Little, Caitlin Marks, Megan Matheny, Robert O'Quinn, Nazia Sarder, Barnes Sutton and Denys Vielkanowitz. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Helen Bunch, Granseur Dick, Paula Kempton and Mandy Sanders.

5) **Discussion**

- a) **2020-2029 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Modifications #21-8**

Mr. Kozlosky stated that this item is for information purposes only, to be brought back for consideration at the next meeting.

- b) **Prioritization 6.0**

Mr. Kozlosky said that rising right-of-way costs and construction costs are obstacles to programming the next Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He noted that the prioritization workgroup, composed of MPOs, RPOs, NCDOT staff, and others, met on July 19th. He asked if Ms. Ayers is still attending the workgroup. She responded that she is.

Mr. Kozlosky said that the workgroup recommended not moving forward with Prioritization 6.0 based on programming challenges. At the August 4<sup>th</sup> Board of Transportation meeting, the recommendation was presented, and the board concurred with the recommendation of the workgroup and has agreed to stop prioritization. He noted that once DOT releases the scores for the projects, prioritization will stop and the MPO Board will not be asked to adopt the Local Input Methodology and the MPO will not assign local input points. The next likely step will be to work through Prioritization 7.0.

Mr. Kozlosky said that Mr. Kimes will give a presentation on the programming challenges at the MPO Board's August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting and Ms. Marks will provide a similar presentation at the TCC's September meeting.

c) **Remote Participation Policy**

Mr. Kozlosky stated that MPO's attorney has drafted the remote participation policy and procedures included in the agenda packet. He noted that the MPO Board will discuss this at its next meeting. He added that if the Board will allow remote participation, it will also need to discuss how many meetings may be participated in remotely.

Ms. Roth requested that the list of reasons for allowable remote participation include policies adopted by member jurisdictions that encourage remote meetings. She asked if this policy is for the TCC as well as for the MPO Board.

Mr. Kozlosky responded that this policy is for the MPO Board only. He noted that the intent is to return to in-person meetings and that this policy will not go into effect until after the threat of the COVID pandemic has passed. He explained that once the Governor has lifted the Executive Order, the MPO Board will need to have a remote participation policy in place to allow remote participation.

6) **Updates**

- a. **Wilmington Urban Area MPO**
- b. **Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority**
- c. **NCDOT Division**
- d. **NCDOT Transportation Planning Division**

Mr. Kozlosky stated that the updates are included in the agenda packet.

7) **Announcements**

a. **Coronavirus Response & Recovery Supplemental Appropriations Act Applications**

Mr. Kozlosky noted that staff has received seven applications for the Coronavirus Response & Recovery Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) by the August 9th deadline. He commented that Mr. James is currently reviewing the applications and will bring forward a recommendation for awards at the TCC's September meeting.

b. **The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee met yesterday.**

c. **The next TCC meeting – September 15, 2021**

8) **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m. and a final roll call was taken as follows:

**Ayes:** Stephanie Ayers, Ashli Barefoot, Helen Bunch, Nick Cannon, Patrick Flanagan, Adrienne Harrington, Mike Kozlosky, Vanessa Lacer, Marty Little, Caitlin Marks, Megan Matheny, Robert O'Quinn, Nazia Sarder, Barnes Sutton and Denys Vielkanowitz. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Granseur Dick, Paula Kempton and Mandy Sanders.

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