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# Meeting Minutes Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee August 10, 2021

## **Members Present:**

Steve Whitney, Brunswick County
Karen Mills, City of Wilmington
Steven Zinder, Board of Transportation
Carol Stein, Pender County
Joe Boyd, Town of Belville
Mo Linquist, Town of Kure Beach
Ann Carbone, Town of Leland
Barnes Sutton, Town of Navassa
Katie Ryan, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Sam Burgess, Cape Fear Cyclists
Carly Wilson, UNCW
Nick Cannon, WMPO
Abby Lorenzo, WMPO

# **Staff and Guests Present**

Zachary Manfredi, WMPO
Trevor Steward, WMPO
Vanessa Lacer, Pender County
Terry Lansdell, Bike Walk NC
Dylan McDonnell, New Hanover County Planning

## 1. Call to Order

• C. Stein called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm and roll was called.

## 2. Approval of the Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda made by Steve Whitney
- Motion was seconded by Katie Ryan
- Motion passed unanimously

## 3. Public Comment Period

- No public comments
- 4. Presentations

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 Terry Lansdell, Director of Bike Walk NC, presented to the committee on the organization's attempt to increase bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure amid funding limitations

# 5. Approval of minutes from June 8, 2021

- Motion made to approve minutes from the June 2021 meeting made by Katie Ryan
- Motion was seconded by Nick Cannon
- Motion passed unanimously

## 6. **Old Business**

- Z. Manfredi presented the Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Requirement Model Ordinance to the committee
- Z. Manfredi requested BPAC members to provide edits to the draft model ordinance by end of business day Friday August 13<sup>th</sup>
- N. Cannon led a discussion on the draft WMPO Bike Suitability Map. The committee provided recommendations to change the score of some roadways and add roadways to be scored on the map:
  - i. The score of Market Street from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> will be changed from Intermediate 2 to Advanced
  - ii. The score of Covil Avenue will be changed from Advanced to Not Recommended
  - iii. The score of Oleander Drive from 17<sup>th</sup> to S. College Road will be changed from Advanced to Not Recommended
  - iv. The score of Burnett Blvd east of Carolina Beach Road will be changed from Intermediate 2 to Advanced
  - v. The score of 17<sup>th</sup> Street from Independence to S. College will be changed from Advanced to Not Recommended
  - vi. The score of the entirety of River Road will be changed to Advanced
  - vii. Washington Street, Southern Blvd, Northern Blvd, Physicians Drive, Yaupon Drive, Canterwod Drive, Gillette Drive, S. Churchill Drive, Savannah Court, Belfairs Drive, Graymont Drive, Riegel Road, Pine Hills Drive, N. Wallace Avenue, Wallace Avenue South, Hoggard Drive, Hurst Drive, Hamilton Drive, MacMillian Avenue, St. James Drive, Peach Tree Avenue, and Pine Grove Drive will all be scored
- The committee renamed the categories of the roadways and provided context for bicyclist that would feel comfortable utilizing each category
- Easy
  - Roads scored as "easy" have posted speed limits of 25 MPH or less and have generally low vehicle traffic. Road scored as "easy" are suitable for families with young children and inexperienced cyclists that prefer a leisurely bike ride.

#### Moderate

 Roads scored as "moderate" have posted speed limits between 20 and 30 MPH and may have a bit more vehicular traffic than "easy" roads. Roads scored as moderate are suitable for families and cyclists with some experience.

#### Experienced

- Roads scored as "experienced' have posted speed limits between 30 and 45 MPH and have a steady flow of vehicles. Roads scored as "experienced" are suitable for skilled cyclists who are confident riding among cars.
- Advanced

 Roads scored as "advanced" have posted speed limits of 35 MPH or higher and have a generally heavy flow of vehicles. Roads scored as "advanced" are suitable for cyclists who are confident riding among cars traveling at speeds to accommodate faster traffic flow.

## • Not Recommended

 Roads scored as "not recommended" have posted speeds of 35 MPH or higher and have a consistently significant flow of traffic. Roads scored as "not recommended" should be avoided whenever possible if on a bicycle.

#### 7. New Business

There was no new business

## 8. Updates and Announcements

- The 2021 River to Sea Bike Ride will take place Saturday October 16
- The Inaugural Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride will take place Saturday October 23
- The Cape Fear Cyclists met with the NCDOT Division Three to discuss reducing the speed limit on River Road which will be presented to the New Hanover County Commissioners on August 23<sup>rd</sup>

# 9. Next Meeting

• Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 2PM at 320 Chestnut Street with a virtual component

## 10. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn was made by N. Cannon
- Motion was seconded by Steve Whitney
- Motion passed unanimously