

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**  
**April 13, 2021**

**Members Present:**

Steve Whitney, Brunswick County  
Vanessa Lacer, Wave Transit  
Duncan McCabe, City of Wilmington  
Steven Zinder, Board of Transportation  
Carol Stein, Pender County  
Joe Boyd, Town of Belville  
Patrick Boykin, Town of Carolina Beach  
Mo Linqvist, Town of Kure Beach  
Ann Carbone, Town of Leland  
Barnes Sutton, Town of Navassa  
Katie Ryan, Town of Wrightsville Beach  
Karen Mills, City of Wilmington  
Al Schroetel, Cape Fear Cyclists  
Carly Wilson, UNCW  
Nick Cannon, WMPO  
Abby Lorenzo, WMPO

**Staff and Guests Present**

Zachary Manfredi, WMPO  
Tara Duckworth, New Hanover County Parks and Gardens  
Dylan McDonnell, New Hanover County Planning  
Adrienne Harrington, Smart Moves Consulting  
Kat Pohlman, UNCW  
Sam Burgess, Cape Fear Cyclists  
Ryan Nyquist, Professional BMX Athlete

**1. Call to order**

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

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

- Motion to approve the agenda by Abby Lorenzo
- Second by Duncan McCabe
- Unanimous approval of the agenda

**3. Public Comment Period**

- None

**4. Approval of the Minutes from February 9, 2021**

- Carly Wilson noted that her name appears twice in the list of attendees
- Motion to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2021 BPAC meeting with edit of removing the repeat of Carly Wilson's name made by Steve Whitney
- Motion seconded by Duncan McCabe
- Unanimous approval of the minutes from February 9, 2021

## 5. Presentations

- Adrienne Harrington presented the Town of Belville Vision 2030 Plan
- Kat Pohlman presented the UNCW Sustainable Climate Resiliency Draft Plan

## 6. Old Business

- Z. Manfredi updated the committee on the bicycle and pedestrian project database. Currently, approximately 100 projects that were submitted by the public and are outlined previous plans are being evaluated for appropriateness. A public link to the online GIS portal has been created.
- Z. Manfredi went through the researched performed on policy that may increase bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure to be included in new developments. An analysis was performed for regional, state, and out-of-state municipalities. Z. Manfredi shared with the committee that any recommended language for a model ordinance will have to be discussed with City attorneys. WMPO staff asked the committee to highlight any language they wish to see in a model ordinance and provide via email by Friday April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- N. Cannon shared the minutes and meeting notes of the Bicycle Friendly Community Taskforce of the City of Wilmington.
- A. Lorenzo presented a resolution to support a realignment of the route of the East Coast Greenway that provides safer bicycle travel through western New Hanover County.
  - Al Schroetel made a motion to pass a resolution supporting the realignment of the East Coast Greenway in Wilmington.
  - Motion Seconded by Ann Carbone
  - Motion passed unanimously
- N. Cannon shared with the committee that, after corresponding with Wrightsville Beach staff, the dates of September 18<sup>th</sup> or October 16<sup>th</sup> are the best available for rescheduling the 2021 River to Sea Bike Ride.
  - Duncan McCabe made a motion to schedule the 2021 River to Sea Bike Ride for October 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Motion was seconded by A. Lorenzo
  - The motion passed unanimously
- N. Cannon shared that any reports of issues along the Cross City Trail should be shared with Doug Lewis from City of Wilmington Parks and Recreation

## 7. New Business

- A. Lorenzo presented a resolution supporting a proclamation that declares May as Bike Month for the region. This will be the first time that the WMPO Board would declare May as Bike Month

- i. Duncan McCabe made a motion to approve the resolution of a proclamation declaring May as Bike Month for the WMPO region
  - ii. Motion seconded by Al Schroetel
  - iii. Motion passed unanimously
- N. Cannon shared with the committee the initiative to update the WMPO Bicycle Suitability Map. This map was first created in 2015 and is due for an update. N. Cannon presented to the committee three possible methods for scoring roadways in the area for bicycle compatibility.
- By recommendation of WMPO staff, the committee reached a consensus to score roadways for bike suitability based on lane volume, the presence of a bike lane and roadway speed. After roadways are scored using this methodology, the BPAC will review the scores with the ability to make changes based on their knowledge of the roadway that may merit a change in category placement from easy, intermediate 1, intermediate 2, advanced, and not recommended.
  - i. Al Schroetel made a motion to update the WMPO Bike Suitability Map using the proposed methodology
  - ii. Motion seconded by Ann Carbone
  - iii. Motion passed unanimously
- Barnes Sutton presented to the committee the concept of a Northern Brunswick County Bicycling Event. This event would be used to increase public interest and engagement for the Navassa Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and the Gullah-Geechee Heritage Trail. Staff from Brunswick County, Navassa, Belville, and Leland are in support of this ride and. This ride concept will be presented to the WMPO Board in the May meeting. WMPO staff will coordinate to create a planning committee to plan the event for this fall
- Ryan Nyquist, a professional BMX Athlete, expressed his support and interest in a BMX facility in New Hanover County.
- A. Lorenzo explained information from the agenda packet regarding federal transportation dollars earmarking.
- The committee asked for Direct Attributable project updated to be included in future agenda packets
- N. Cannon updated the committee on the progress of developing a Wilmington Urban Area “Bike There” Map to indicate destinations throughout the region that may safely be reached by bicycle

## **8. Updates**

- A. Lorenzo pointed out changes to the BPAC roster
- N. Cannon gave an update on the Go Coast Commuter Challenge 2021 Subcommittee
- N. Cannon gave an update on the short-range TDM plan “Cape Fear Change in Motion 2020” that will go before the WMPO Board for consideration for approval in the April Meeting
- Al Schroetel shared that Cape Fear Cyclists and the Terry Benji Foundation have met with NCDOT division 3 to explore opportunities to improve safety for cycling on River Road.
- The next BPAC meeting is Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup> and will be held virtually at 2pm

## **9. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn made by Al Schroetel
- Motion seconded made by Duncan McCabe
- Motion passed unanimously