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Meeting Minutes
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
June 8, 2021

Members Present:

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
Katie Ryan, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Karen Mills, City of Wilmington
Sam Burgess, 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

1. **Call to Order**
 - C. Stein called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm and roll was called.
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - Staff requested an addition to the agenda to add a resolution supporting the City of Wilmington's application to the NCDOT's bicycle and pedestrian planning grant initiative to update the Walk Wilmington Pedestrian Plan
 - Motion to add the item made by N. Cannon
 - Motion was seconded by C. Wilson
 - Motion passed unanimously
 - Motion to approve the amended meeting agenda made by Patrick Boykin
 - Motion was seconded by Duncan McCabe
 - Motion passed unanimously

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3. Public Comment Period

- No public comments

4. Approval of minutes from April 13, 2021

- Motion made to approve minutes from the April 13th meeting made by Sam Burgess
- Motion was seconded by Mo Linquist
- Motion passed unanimously

5. Presentations

- N. Cannon presented the results from Bike to Work Month 2021 to the committee

6. Old Business

- Z. Manfredi updated the committee on the language for the draft model ordinance to increase bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Staff will ask for recommended edits from the city's legal team before the August meeting.
- N. Cannon led a discussion on the draft Wilmington Urban Area Bicycle Suitability Map. Over 200 roadways in the area have been scored using the methodology approved by the BPAC in the April meeting. WMPO staff recommends communicating over the next several weeks before the August 2021 meeting by sending sections of the maps as they are scored and the Excel spreadsheets of all the roadways that were scored.
- N. Cannon shared with the committee that Navassa staff has requested assistance from the WMPO in planning an inaugural bike ride in northern Brunswick County in October 2021. WMPO staff will ask for volunteers for sub-committee at a later date after preliminary planning meeting by staff in the Brunswick County jurisdictions.

7. New Business

- A. Lorenzo presented the application to the NCDOT for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative. The City of Wilmington was awarded money in 2007 through this grant to develop a plan "Walk Wilmington: A Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan" which was adopted in 2009. The application is requesting \$120,000 which, if granted, would require a 50/50 split from the grant and the City of Wilmington.
- Motion to pass a resolution in support of the grant application was made by Katie Ryan
- Motion was seconded by Mo Linquist
- Motion passed unanimously

8. Updates and Announcements

- N. Cannon updated the committee on efforts to plan the 2021 Go Coast Commuter Challenge. The sub-committee to plan this event has requested the ability to enter the challenge with friends and family as part of a group
- N. Cannon requested volunteers to form a 2021 River to Sea Bike Ride Sub-Committee. The ride will take place October 16, 2021 at 7:30 am.
- N. Cannon shared that the WMPO Board adopted the short-range TDM plan "Cape Fear Change in Motion 2020" in the April Board meeting
- Z. Manfredi updated the committee on the failed House Bill 11 which would have allowed STI (Strategic Transportation Investments) funds to be used for Bicycle and Pedestrian improvements. The NCDOT does not currently fund stand-alone bike/ped projects. Only if they are part of a roadway project.
- Cape Fear Cyclists shared that The Tour de Burberry is on June 18, 2021
- WMPO May Project Updates were provided in the agenda packet
- NCDOT Division 3 May Project Updates were included in the packet
- WMPO Technical Coordinating Committee, Wednesday, June 16th, 2021 at 10am
- WMPO Board Meeting, Wednesday, June 30th, 2021 at 3pm

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- Go Coast Committee, Thursday, August 20th, at 3pm
 - The committee asked that beginning in August, the committee can meet in person with a option to attend virtually. A. Lorenzo called roll and received feedback from each member on thoughts for retuning meeting in-person in August.

9. Next Meeting

- Tuesday, August 10th, 2021 at 2PM at 305 Chestnut Street with a virtual component

10. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn was made by Sam Burgess
- Motion was seconded by Steve Zinger
- Motion passed unanimously