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### **WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda**

**TO:** WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members  
**FROM:** Abby Lorenzo, Deputy Director  
**DATE:** February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting

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A meeting of the WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee will take place on Tuesday, January 8, 2022 at 2pm. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. The meeting can be joined at the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting

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The following is the agenda for the meeting:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
3. **Public Comment Period**
4. **Approval of minutes from December 2021 meeting**
5. **Presentations**
  - Review of bike/ped related model ordinances adopted by the WMPO Board
6. **Old Business**
  - Bike Suitability Map Update

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**7. New Business**

- “Be A Looker” 2021 Campaign Update
- 2021 Year in Review
- 2022 River to Sea Bike Ride Subcommittee

**8. Updates and Announcements**

- Go Coast Update
- Cape Fear Cyclists Update
- WMPO January Project Updates (in packet)
- NCDOT Division 3 January Project Updates (in packet)
- WMPO Technical Coordinating Committee, Wednesday, February 9th 2022 at 10am
- WMPO Board Meeting, Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 3 pm
- Go Coast Committee, Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 3pm

**9. Next Meeting**

- Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 2PM

**10. Adjournment**

**Attachments:**

- Minutes from the December 2021 BPAC Meeting
- Wilmington Area Bicycle Suitability Map \*Link
- 2021 “Be A Looker” Memo
- 2021 Year in Review Memo
- WMPO November Project Updates
- NCDOT Division 3 November Project Updates
- Cape Fear Cyclists Comments to New Hanover County Community Endowment



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**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**  
**December 14, 2021**

**Members Present:**

Steve Whitney, Brunswick County  
Karen Mills, City of Wilmington  
Duncan McCabe, City of Wilmington  
Carol Stein, Pender County  
Joe Boyd, Town of Belville  
Patrick Boykin, Carolina Beach  
Mo Linqvist, Town of Kure Beach  
Ann Carbone, Town of Leland  
Claudia Bray, Town of Navassa  
Katie Ryan, Town of Wrightsville Beach  
Al Schroetel, Cape Fear Cyclists  
Sam Burgess, Cape Fear Cyclists  
Steve Zinder, UNCW  
Nick Cannon, WMPO

**Staff and Guests Present**

Rachel McIntyre, WMPO  
Michelyn Alston, Town of Navassa  
Vanessa Lacer, Pender County  
Dylan McDonnell, New Hanover County Planning  
Mike Kozlosky, WMPO

- 1. Call to Order**
  - C. Stein called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm and roll was called.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda**
  - Motion to approve the agenda made by Al Schroetel
  - Motion was seconded by Patrick Boykin
  - Motion passed unanimously
- 3. Public Comment Period**

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- No public comments
4. **Approval of minutes from October 12, 2021**
- Motion made to approve minutes from the October 2021 meeting made by Patrick Boykin
  - Motion was seconded by Al Schroetel
  - Motion passed unanimously
5. **Presentations**
- No presentations
6. **Old Business**
7. **New Business**
- Resolution Urging NCDOT to Include Additional Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities in the Gordon Road Widening Project
    - i. N. Cannon shared with the committee the current design of bike/ped facilities proposed as part of the project U-6202.
    - ii. The BPAC members and WMPO Staff believe there is a need for additional multimodal facilities in this project
    - iii. K. Mills asked why the proposed multiuse path does not go all the way to Market Street and is instead proposed as sidewalk
    - iv. M. Kozlosky shared that based on communication with the NCDOT and New Hanover County, there are consideration the request to change the design of the sidewalk to a 10-foot multiuse path that extends all the way to Market Street.
    - v. A. Schroetel shared that members of the Cape Fear Cyclists had a meeting planned with NCDOT staff to express concern and ask for better understanding of the reasoning for the current design
    - vi. D. McCabe asked what NCDOT uses as criteria to install crosswalks.
    - vii. M. Kozlosky shared that NCDOT only installs crosswalks if existing facilities (such as sidewalks and curb ramps) exist to connect a crosswalk. This infrastructure is not currently in place along Gordon Road
    - viii. M. Kozlosky shared that NCDOT's complete streets policy will fund facilities that are included in strategic plans. The 2045 MTP includes a multiuse path on the north side of Gordon Road
    - ix. A. Schroetel suggested a grammatical amendment from "lighted" to "signalized" in the text of the resolution
    - x. Steve Whitney made a motion to pass the resolution
    - xi. Al Schroetel seconded the motion
    - xii. The motion passed unanimously
  - Election of 2022 BPAC Officers
    - i. N. Cannon shared that Carol Stein and Steve Zinder were nominated as Chair and Vice Chairs through email prior to the meeting as requested in the October meeting. Both the nominees accepted their nominations prior to the meeting
    - ii. Duncan McCabe made a motion to elect Carol Stein as Chair and Steve Zinder as Vice Chair of the WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for the 2022 calendar year
    - iii. Al Schroetel seconded the motion
    - iv. The motion passed unanimously
  - Approval of the 2022 BPAC Meeting Calendar
    - i. Motion to approve the proposed calendar made by Patrick Boykin
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- ii. Seconded made by Steve Zinder
    - iii. Motion passed unanimously
  - Approval of the 2022 BPAC Work Plan
    - i. N. Cannon shared that this work plan may be edited and is not an exclusive list of topics that may be discussed by the committee
    - ii. Al Schroetel made a motion to approve the proposed work plan
    - iii. Steve Zinder seconded the motion
    - iv. The motion passed unanimously
  - Discussion for holding future meetings
    - i. N. Cannon shared the effort it takes to set up the current meeting space reserved for BPAC meetings and the minimal in-person attendance that has taken place over the last several meetings. He suggested the committee determine a method for RSVPing to future meetings and the intention to attend virtually or in person.
    - ii. The committee reached a consensus that by noon the day before the meeting, each committee member should share if they plan to attend in person or over Zoom. If there are not at least 5 committee members interested in attending in-person, the meeting will take place virtually for everyone.
    - iii. Motion was made by Patrick Boykin
    - iv. The motion was seconded by Al Schroetel
    - v. The motion passed unanimously
    - vi. All public notices for future meetings will be advertised with their virtual component

**8. Updates and Announcements**

- Terry Lansdell from BikeWalk NC gave a status update on the NC legislative status pertaining to bicycle and pedestrian funding.
- The next Go Coast meeting is February 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm
- Cape Fear Cyclists Update: the Cape Fear Cyclists made comments for the New Hanover Community Endowment. The comments will be included in meeting minutes
- WMPO September Project Updates (in packet)
- NCDOT Division 3 September Project Updates (in packet)

**9. Next Meeting**

- Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 2PM

**10. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn was made by Patrick Boykin
- Motion was seconded by Duncan McCabe
- Motion passed unanimously

## Draft Wilmington Urban Area Bike Suitability Map

<https://wilmingtonnc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=03a9f02e2cab49309ea78aff957b4dd3>



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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members  
**From:** Nick Cannon, TDM Coordinator  
**Date:** February 2, 2022  
**Subject:** 2021 “Be A Looker” Campaign

“Be A Looker” is a biennial bicycle and pedestrian safety education campaign for the WMPO region that aims to reduce bicycle and pedestrian injuries and fatalities caused by collisions with motor vehicles. It is a priority of the WMPO’s Go Coast Program to foster a bicycle and pedestrian friendly culture in the Wilmington Urban Area. This priority includes public education on how to practice safety while walking, bicycling, and driving, and the promotion of regional bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. “Be A Looker” promotes best safety practices, rules of the road, and offers increased awareness on the necessity to make multimodal travel safe and practical for area residents and visitors.

The 2021 “Be A Looker” Campaign took place from May to October. In strong partnership with the Wilmington Fire Department, the campaign consisted of a series of in-person events to intentionally interact with minority, low income, and youth populations throughout Wilmington. Six tabling events took place in different locations throughout the city to provide residents with educational print material pertaining to best safety practices for walking, biking and driving; information on community resources and facilities; bumper stickers; and free helmets. Locations of these events were specifically chosen to diversify the “Be A Looker” audience to include locations where bicycle and pedestrian injuries or fatalities have taken place, and locations to reinforce the proper use of bicycle and pedestrian facilities or encourage the proper use of facilities where unsafe movement along or across roadways has been observed. In total, Go Coast and Wilmington Fire Department Staff interacted with over 400 individuals and gave away 100 helmets.

As a regional campaign, WMPO staff attended other in-person events like Kure Beach Markets, National Night Out, and incorporated “Be A Looker” in existing events like the River to Sea Bike Ride and the Inaugural Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride. “Be A Looker” messaging and images were featured on digital billboards, Wave Transit buses, a vacant storefront window display in Independence Mall, and throughout social media. WMPO staff provided “Be A Looker” training to Wave Transit drivers and teenage participants of the Fire Youth Academy. The “Be A Looker” Pledge, ‘a commitment to embrace bicycling and walking as legitimate modes of transportation and

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to educate oneself on rules of the road' received over 200 signatures. "Be A Looker" language was included in three mass email communication to 15,000 residents, in the Town of Belville Newsletter, and was featured in a sponsored article in the Port City Daily.





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**Subject:** BPAC 2021 Year in Review

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For informational purposes, please see the list of all topics that were a focus of the WMPO bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee during the 2021 calendar year:

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Requirements Model Ordinance
- Planning the 2021 River to Sea Bike Ride
- Planning the Inaugural Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride
- Updating the Wilmington Urban Area Bicycle Suitability Map
- Resolution Urging the NCDOT to Include Additional Bike/Ped Facilities in the Gordon Road Widening Project
- Cross City Trail Repair Reporting System
- Resolution Supporting Changes to East Coast Greenway Route in Wilmington
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Database

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**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA  
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January 2022**

**PENDER COUNTY STREETS PLAN**

**Project Description/Scope:** Project Description/Scope: In January, WSP, Pender County, and WMPO kicked off the development of the Pender County Streets Plan. The final plan will serve as an update to the 2016 Pender County Collector Streets Plan and is envisioned to be a more comprehensive technical document that integrates the recommendations of the Pender County Comprehensive Plan 2.0 with buy in and support from both the development community and citizens. The effort was funded as a special study in the WMPO's adopted FY 21 UPWP, and the schedule for the development of the plan was approximately six months. This plan's development included two public outreach and participation periods. The development of the plan was overseen by a steering committee comprised of stakeholders representing the county staff, the development community, NCDOT, and citizens among others. WSP delivered the final plan document and recommendations in June, and the finished document product has been prepared by WMPO Staff. The Pender County Commissioners adopted the updated plan on October 18th, 2021. The WMPO Board adopted the updated plan on November 17th, 2021.

**Project Status and Next Steps:**

- Launch of public interactive story map of plan recommendations in winter 2022

**KURE BEACH BIYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN**

**Project Description/Scope:** The Town of Kure Beach, Alta, and the WMPO kicked off development of a bicycle and pedestrian plan for the Town of Kure Beach in September 2021. The plan is intended to aid the Town in the development and prioritization of its bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure needs. A kick-off meeting to discuss the Town's existing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and develop a timeline and strategy for public engagement was held in mid-October. A 3-day charrette activity was held November 30 through December 2. The charrette included two public meetings and stakeholder interviews. Approximately 150 members of the public attended the two public meetings, with numerous others providing input through the online interactive map tool.

**Project Status and Next Steps:**

- Development of draft plan to include top project recommendations in winter 2022
- 30-day public review and comment period of draft plan in winter/spring 2022
- Presentation of final plan to Kure Beach Town Council in spring 2022
- Presentation of final plan to WMPO Board in spring 2022

**NAVASSA COLLECTOR STREET PLAN**

**Project Description/Scope:** In October, AECOM, the Town of Navassa, and the WMPO kicked off the development of the Navassa Collector Street Plan. Development of the plan, which will serve as an update to the 2004 Town of Navassa Collector Street Plan, is scheduled to last approximately eight months. The plan is funded as a special study in the WMPO's adopted FY 22 UPWP.

The updated collector street plan will serve as a tool for the Town to guide both public and private investments in shaping the transportation network as the Town continues to grow. The plan will provide a comprehensive network of streets to safely and efficiently access major roads and thoroughfares, outline collector street design recommendations, and identify opportunities for multimodal connectivity, preparing the Town to serve future developments while preserving its existing neighborhoods. The proposed collector street network will complement the Town's future park and trail network as well as the Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan currently in development. Plan

development is being guided by a Steering Committee and will incorporate public input received via a planned survey and in-person public meeting. Project visioning and local context identification, incorporating feedback from first Steering Committee meeting held on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Project Status and Next Steps:**

- Development of a public engagement survey to launch January 17th Public Meeting in early March
- Development of draft plan (including implementation plan) in spring 2022
- Presentation to Navassa Town Council in late spring/early summer 2022
- Presentation to WMPO Board in late spring/early summer 2022

**SITE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW**

**Project Descriptions/Scope:** The Wilmington Urban Area MPO assists with site development and Transportation Impact Analysis review for the MPO’s member jurisdictions. During the last month, staff has reviewed the following development proposals:

- New Hanover County Formal Plan Reviews: 5 reviews
- New Hanover County Informal Plan Reviews: 2 reviews
- New Hanover Concept Reviews: 0 review
- Town of Leland Development Plan Reviews: reviews
- Town of Leland Formal Reviews: 7 reviews
- Town of Leland Informal Reviews: 3 reviews
- Town of Navassa Formal Plan Reviews: 0 review
- Town of Navassa Informal Reviews: 0 reviews
- Town of Navassa Concept Reviews: 0 review
- Town of Belville Formal Reviews: 0 reviews
- Town of Carolina Beach Formal Reviews: 0 reviews
- Town of Carolina Beach Informal Reviews: 0 reviews
- Brunswick County Formal Plan Reviews: 0 reviews
- Brunswick County Informal Plan Reviews: 0 reviews
- TIA Reviews: 34 total active (20 under review; 7 approved; 7 new): New Hanover County 10 (2 new, 5 under review, 3 approved), City of Wilmington 6, (4 under review, 2 approved) Carolina Beach 1, (1 under review), Town of Belville 0, Town of Leland 9, (1 new, 4 under review, 3 approved), Town of Navassa 0, Pender County 5 (2 new, 3 under review), and Brunswick County 3, (2 New, 1 under review)
- Pender County Development Plan Formal Reviews: 0 reviews
- Pender County Informal Plan Reviews: 4 reviews
- Pender County Concept Reviews: 0 reviews
- City of Wilmington Formal Reviews: 28 reviews (10 new, 18 on-going)
- City of Wilmington Informal Reviews: 16 reviews (6 new, 10 on-going)
- City of Wilmington Concept Reviews: 0 reviews
- COW Project Releases: 5

**STBGP-DA/TASA-DA FY 2013 to Present STBGP-DA**

**U-5534C - WRIGHTSVILLE AVENUE/GREENVILLE AVENUE TO HINTON AVENUE**

**Project Descriptions/Scope:** The project is for construction of intersection re-alignment improvements at the intersection of Wrightsville Avenue/Greenville Avenue and bike lanes and

sidewalks along Greenville Avenue from Wrightsville Avenue to Hinton Avenue.

**Project Status and Next Steps:**

- Complete review of final design package and submit to NCDOT for review– Winter 2021
- NCDOT final design approval and City to request Construction Funds Authorization – Winter 2021/2022
- 90% Design documents submitted in late September
- Begin Construction – Early 2022
- Construction Complete- Early 2023

**U-5534D - TOWN OF LELAND - OLD FAYETTEVILLE ROAD MUP**

**Project Descriptions/Scope:** This project is for design and construction of a ten foot (10') wide multi use path, separate but adjacent to Old Fayetteville Road, beginning at or around the corner of the Leland Town Hall Campus and ending at the driveway of the North Brunswick High School.

**Project Status and Next Steps:**

- Construction commenced October 26, 2021
- Construction is complete; Town issued Notice of Acceptance
- Town working with NCDOT to close out the project
- Project completion extended to December 31, 2022

**U-5534F – CITY OF WILMINGTON – PARK AVENUE MUP – PHASE II**

**Project Descriptions/Scope:** This project is for the design and construction of an off-road multi-use path between Audubon Boulevard and Kerr Avenue.

**Project Status and Next Steps:**

- Began Construction – July 2021
- Project anticipated to be substantially complete in December 2021.
- Complete Project Closeout – Winter 2021/2022

**U-5534G –CITY OF WILMINGTON- HOOKER ROAD MULTI-USE PATH**

**Project Descriptions/Scope:** The project consist of the construction of a 8' wide multi-use path along Hooker Road from Wrightsville Avenue to Mallard Drive/Rose Ave intersection

**Project Status and Next Steps:**

- 90% design documents submitted in late September
- Complete final design package and submit to NCDOT for review–Winter 2021
- Update/renew permits –Fall/Winter 2021/2022
- NCDOT final design approval – Winter 2021/22
- Right of way acquisition complete – Winter 2021/2022
- Begin Construction – Early 2022
- Complete Construction – Early 2023

**U-5534H –CITY OF WILMINGTON- HINTON AVE MULTI-USE PATH**

**Project Descriptions/Scope:** This project consists of the construction of an 8' wide multi-use path along Hinton Avenue from Park Avenue to Greenville Avenue.

**Project Status and Next Steps:**

- 90% design documents submitted in late September
- Complete final design package and submit to NCDOT for review–Winter 2021

- Update/renew permits –Fall/Winter 2021/2022
- NCDOT final design approval – Winter 2021/22
- Right of way acquisition complete – Winter 2021/2022
- Begin Construction – Early 2022
- Complete Construction – Early 2023

#### **U-5534I –TOWN OF LELAND- VILLAGE ROAD MULTI-USE PATH EXTENSION**

**Project Descriptions/Scope:** The construction of a 8 foot wide concrete path from the connection at the Brunswick Center in Leland across the front of the library property, down Village Road, ending on the western edge of the First Baptist Church property before the Sturgeon Creek Bridge.

##### **Project Status and Next Steps:**

- Construction commenced February 8, 2021
- Supplemental Agreement 4 increased the total estimated project cost to \$254,842
- Construction in progress
- Project completion extended to June 30, 2022

#### **U-5534J – TOWN OF LELAND- OLD FAYETTEVILLE LOOP ROAD PEDESTRIAN LOOP**

**Project Descriptions/Scope:** The construction of sidewalks in three locations: 1) The construction of an 8 foot concrete sidewalk along Village Road from Town Hall Drive to the apartment complex and widening the existing 5 foot sidewalk in front of the apartment complex to 8 feet. 2) The construction of a 6 foot sidewalk along Town Hall Drive from Village Road NE to the sidewalk that exists by the new Town Hall. 3) The construction of a 5 foot sidewalk along Old Fayetteville Road from the existing sidewalk in front of the apartment complex to Village Road NE.

##### **Project Status and Next Steps:**

- Construction commenced February 8, 2021
- Construction in progress
- Project completion extended to June 30, 2022

#### **U-5534K – TOWN OF LELAND- LELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL SIDEWALK**

**Project Descriptions/Scope:** The construction of 5 foot wide concrete sidewalk adjacent to Old Fayetteville Road from Ricefield Branch Road to the US Hwy 74/76 overpass after Glendale Drive with connections to Leland Middle School and the surrounding neighborhoods.

##### **Project Status and Next Steps:**

- Construction commenced February 8, 2021
- Supplemental Agreement 4 increased the total estimated project cost to \$327,788
- Construction in progress
- Project completion extended to June 30, 2022

#### **U-5534Q –CITY OF WILMINGTON- S. COLLEGE/HOLLY TREE CROSSWALKS**

**Project Description/Scope:** The project will install sidewalk, ADA ramps, curb and gutter, markings and traffic signal revisions required to install actuated pedestrian crossings of S. College Road and crossings on Holly Tree Road.

##### **Project Status and Next Steps:**

- Received ROW Certification on October 22, 2021
- AECOM completed 100% Plans, Specs, and Estimate on November 3, 2021
- City sent 100% PS&E to NCDOT for review on November 8, 2021

- City sent City/NCDOT Comments on Plans and Estimate to AECOM on November 29, 2021

#### **U-5534S (FORMERLY U-5534M)- TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH- CORAL DRIVE SIDEWALKS**

**Project Descriptions/Scope:** The construction of sidewalks along Coral Drive will install approximately 954 linear feet of 5 foot wide sidewalk on Coral Drive adjacent to Wrightsville Beach Elementary. The Town hired SEPI to complete the design.

#### **Project Status and Next Steps:**

- Start of construction on August 30, 2021
- Project is completed

#### **U-5534U – TOWN OF NAVASSA- NAVASSA PARK MULTI-USE PATH**

**Project Description/Scope:** This project will construct bike lanes on both sides of Brooklyn Street, a multi-use path connecting Brooklyn Street to the Navassa Park, and a multi-use path through the Navassa Park forming a loop within the park.

#### **Project Status and Next Steps:**

- Right Angle provided the 90% plans
- 90% plans and contract documents have been submitted to NCDOT
- CE Document has been approved
- Right-of-way authorization approved
- Construction fund authorization request will occur next federal fiscal year (FY 2022)

#### **EB-6025- TOWN OF BELVILLE- RICE HOPE MULTI-USE PATH**

**Project Description:** The project consists of the construction of a multi-use path of eight feet (8') wide located at the western side of NC 133 between Morecamble Blvd and Rice Hope Run.

#### **Project Status and Next Steps:**

- The Town has entered into a contract with Withers & Ravenel
- Kick-off meeting was held on November 6th
- A groundbreaking ceremony was held on November 20, 2020
- 90% plans are in development
- Project remains on track for a September 2022 LET

#### **U-6234 MULTI-MODAL PHASE 1 B**

**Project Description/Scope:** Rehabilitation of the historic structure located at 525 N 4th Street for a transportation purpose

#### **Project Status and Next Steps:**

- Bid package finalized on October 19, 2021
- Pre-bid conference held December 9, 2021
- Bids to be opened January 13, 2022

#### **U-6235 – City of Wilmington/New Hanover County – Signal Pre-emption Phase 2**

**Project Description/Scope:** The project will install traffic pre-emption equipment at 50 locations throughout the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County and GPS equipment on emergency response vehicles.

#### **Project Status and Next Steps:**

- Design contract approved May 5, 2021 by City Council: execution complete.
- Design kick-off meeting held July 23, 2021 with Wilmington Fire Department, Traffic

Engineering and Davenport Staff.

- Design started in October lasting through April 2022.

#### **U-6039 – CAROLINA BEACH – ST. JOSEPH BIKE LANES**

**Project Description/Scope:** Construct Bike Lanes along St. Joseph Avenue and Lewis Drive from Lake Park Boulevard to Access Drive in Carolina Beach

#### **Project Status and Next Steps:**

- NCDOT funding availability reopened January 25, 2021
- Town Council elected to move forward with the project and will upload information into EBS.
- As of May 3, 2021 funding amounts have been revised to reflect \$457,777 STBGP- DA funds and \$114,445 local match to reflect approved funding
- Design revisions are under discussion with KHA
- Agreement executed with NCDOT on August 18, 2021
- Design discussions held with KHA on August 31, 2021, delivery schedule forthcoming

#### **TASA-DA**

#### **EB- 6026- TOWN OF BELVILLE- BELVILLE ELEMENTARY- MULTI-USE PATH**

**Project Description:** The project consists of the construction of a multi-use path of eight feet (8') wide located along NC 133 connecting north and south entrances of Hawks Water Development to Belville Elementary School.

#### **Project Status and Next Steps:**

- The Town has entered into a contract with Withers & Ravenel
- A Kick-off meeting was held on November 6th
- A groundbreaking ceremony was held on November 20, 2020
- 90% plans are in development
- Project remains on track for a September 2022 LET

#### **EB-6027 – NEW HANOVER COUNTY -MIDDLE SOUND GREENWAY**

**Project Description:** Design only of the Middle Sound Greenway connection to Ogden Park

#### **Project Status and Next Steps:**

- Responded to DOT comments on 75% plans on November 16, 2021
- ROW acquisition beginning

#### **EB-6028 —CITY OF WILMINGTON- 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET/MARKET HAWK SIGNAL**

**Project Description:** Design and construction of a HAWK signal at the pedestrian crossing at Market Street and 21st Street

#### **Project Status and Next Steps:**

- 90% traffic signal and communication designs submitted, reviewed and sent back for modifications
- Anticipated final project design approval end of January 2022

#### **EB-6029 – TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH – CLARENDON AVENUE MULTI-USE PATH**

**Project Description:** Construction of the Clarendon Avenue multi-use path from 4th Street to Dow Road

#### **Project Status and Next Steps:**

- The Town is evaluating the scope for the project.
- Design modifications requested to include five-foot sidewalk and on street pavement markings in lieu of multi-use path

### **TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

**Project Description/Scope:** The TDM “Go Coast” program works to increase the use of alternative transportation by WMPO residents and decrease Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). The WMPO Board approved Cape Fear Change in Motion 2020, the short-range TDM Plan which will guide Go Coast initiatives from 2021 to 2025. This plan identifies seven short-range strategies to increase mobility options and reduce traffic in the WMPO region. These strategies are: Alternative Work Schedules, Bike Share Program, Carpool and Vanpool, Consulting for Telecommuting Opportunities, Fostering a Bicycle and Pedestrian Friendly Culture, Improved TDM-Focused Collaboration, and Personalized Commuter Plans.

Go Coast current initiatives and project status:

#### 1. Be A Looker

- Go Coast’s 2021 “Be A Looker” bicycle and pedestrians safety campaign will conclude at the end of October.
- “Be A Looker” has been promoted through a variety of marketing techniques as well as through in-person educational events. Go Coast is working with the Wilmington Fire Department to hold two “Be A Looker” events each month of the campaign in Wilmington.
- TDM Coordinator has also reached out to TCC members to assess possibility for event partnerships with all Member Jurisdictions
- <https://www.gocoastnc.org/bealooker/>
- Since the start of the 2021 “Be A Looker” campaign in May, Go Coast has given away 117 helmets with the Wilmington Fire Department at 5 separate events

#### 2. 31st Annual River to Sea Bike Ride

- 293 cyclists participated in the 31st Annual River to Sea Bike Ride on October 16, 2021

#### 3. Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride

- The Inaugural Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride reached its cap registration of 100 participants
- The ride will take place on October 23, 2021.

#### 4. Cape fear Change in Motion 2020 and TDM Services

- In total, Go Coast gave 12 presentations to member jurisdiction governing boards on Cape Fear Change in Motion 2020 from August to October

#### 5. Bicycle Suitability Map Update

- The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee has evaluated every roadway in the WMPO region that has been scored for bike suitability
- The BPAC will approve a final draft with recommendation to be adopted by the Board in the BPAC December meeting.

#### 6. Go Coast Commuter Challenge

- The 2021 Go Coast Commuter Challenge will take place October 16-31.
- A new feature Commuter Challenge is available in Share the Ride NC Mobile app. Participants will be able to join teams to compete in the event with friends, family, and colleagues
- Wilmington City Council has approved the \$615 worth of donations from local businesses to be given as prizes to top participants





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**Brunswick County Model:** The Brunswick County Model was completed in February of last year.

**Brunswick County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP):** The Brunswick County CTP just went through Peer Review, Management Review and Steering Committee Review. The comments will be reviewed and incorporated in the following weeks. The TPD engineers are also starting to set up public involvement sessions – both in person and virtual.

**Wilmington Model:** The 2045 Travel Demand Model and 2045 Wilmington MPO MTP was adopted on 11/18/2020 by the Wilmington MPO Board. The next Wilmington Model update will start in spring of this year in preparation for the next MTP.

**N.C. Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant Applications:** The North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program (NCGHSP) will soon be accepting grant applications for communities planning traffic safety programs. The grants will be for federal fiscal 2023, which is from Oct. 1, 2022 - Sept. 30, 2023.

**NCDOT Awards 2021 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grants:** Thirteen municipalities from across the state will receive assistance with bicycle and pedestrian planning, thanks to grants awarded this fall by the N.C. Department of Transportation.

The NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant program, now in its nineteenth year, helps North Carolina communities develop a comprehensive strategy for expanding bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and improving the safety of our transportation network for all users.

**Updates on Coronavirus (COVID-19) in North Carolina:** <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/>

**Helpful Links:**

Click on links below to learn more:

- NCDOT home page—[ncdot.gov](http://ncdot.gov)
- Real-Time Traffic—[DriveNC.gov](http://DriveNC.gov) | [North Carolina Traffic & Travel Information](#)
- Report a pothole—[NCDOT Contact Us Form](#)
- NCDOT: State Transportation Improvement Program— [ncdot.gov/sti](http://ncdot.gov/sti)
- Interactive Bicycle Routes Map—<https://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/ncbikeways/default.aspx>
- Links to all traffic count data information—[Traffic Survey Group \(ncdot.gov\)](#)
- NCDOT Interactive Traffic Volume Map—[Interactive Traffic Volume map \(ncdot.gov\)](#)
- Traffic Safety Data & Engineering—[NCDOT: Traffic Safety Data & Engineering](#)

**NCDOT Statewide Plans:**

To learn more, click on the following links:

- [NC Moves 2050 Plan](#) (or go to [ncdot.gov/ncmoves](http://ncdot.gov/ncmoves))
- [NCDOT Strategic Transportation Corridors](#) (or go to [ncdot.gov](http://ncdot.gov) and search: Strategic Transportation Corridors)
- [NCDOT Comprehensive State Rail Plan \(25-Year Vision\)](#) (or go to [ncdot.gov](http://ncdot.gov) and search: rail plan)
- [NC Statewide Multimodal Freight Plan \(2015-2040\)](#) (or go to [ncdot.gov](http://ncdot.gov) and search: public transportation plan)
- [Great Trails State Plan](#) (or go to [ncdot.gov](http://ncdot.gov) and search: Great Trails)
- [Connecting North Carolinians to Opportunities \(Public Transportation strategic Plan—2018\)](#) (or go to [ncdot.gov](http://ncdot.gov) and search: public transportation plan)
- [NCDOT Resilience Strategy Report \(2021\)](#) (or go to [ncdot.gov](http://ncdot.gov) and search: resilience strategy report)
- [Statewide Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan \(2013\)](#) (or go to [ncdot.gov/bikeped/walkbikenc](http://ncdot.gov/bikeped/walkbikenc))

**Comments from Cape Fear Cyclists to the New Hanover Community Endowment to be included in the WMPO BPAC meeting minutes**

Expect Remarkable...is the Novant/NHRMC tagline. Your presence in our community gives us the opportunity to Expect Remarkable things, and I thank you for this invitation.

My name is Eileen McConville, and I am president of the Terry Benjey Bicycling Foundation and past president of Cape Fear Cyclists. The bicycling community asks you to envision a region where multi-modal transportation includes ALL transportation forms: bicycles, Segway's, scooters and walking.

Our flat terrain and temperate climate should encourage bicyclists and walkers across every neighborhood. But this community has been automobile-centric in its planning and development, rarely including sidewalks, bike lanes or multi-use paths. That way of thinking is changing, and we are seeing more plans for multi-use paths and sidewalks. However, federal or state funding often requires as much as 20% of the funding to come from local investment. Or a new path may end before it gets to a smaller neighborhood.

As multi-use paths have been developed, their target audience was more tourists and casual riders than commuters, or people who cannot afford a car. There are no safe bike lanes or walking paths into Downtown Wilmington or the North side of the city. There are few, if any, safe pathways connecting residents of rural communities to their town centers.

Imagine a community where this Foundation is a partner in creating paths, walks and lanes so that ALL members of our region can get safely to their destination, even if they do own a car. Imagine how much healthier our community would be if we became a populace of bicyclists and walkers. Imagine how much a child's lifetime health will improve if they safely ride a bike to school, even if that school is several miles from home.

This board can leverage federal or state grants, so the region creates multi-use paths and sidewalks that allow people to go from any neighborhood to work, school, the doctors' office or the store. This Foundation can be the one that assists in funding a multi-use path in a community of limited resources, where bike paths are often overlooked.

If Southeastern North Carolina comes together, with multiple agencies, municipalities and this Foundation all focused on safe, non-vehicular transportation, then we will be on the road to societal equity and something that is truly Remarkable. Thank you.