

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE  
WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

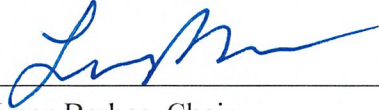
**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington Urban Area Board has found that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements noted in [23 CFR 450.336](#), including:

- (1) [23 U.S.C. 134](#), [49 U.S.C. 5303](#), and this subpart;
- (2) In nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended ([42 U.S.C. 7504](#), [7506\(c\)](#) and [\(d\)](#)) and [40 CFR part 93](#);
- (3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended ([42 U.S.C. 2000d-1](#)) and [49 CFR part 21](#);
- (4) [49 U.S.C. 5332](#), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- (5) Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act ([Pub. L. 114-357](#)) and [49 CFR part 26](#) regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in DOT funded projects;
- (6) [23 CFR part 230](#), regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- (7) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ([42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.](#)) and [49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38](#);
- (8) The Older Americans Act, as amended ([42 U.S.C. 6101](#)), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- (9) [Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C.](#) regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- (10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ([29 U.S.C. 794](#)) and [49 CFR part 27](#) regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization certifies that the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (WMPO's) transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with applicable requirements as detailed in attachment 1 to this resolution.

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on March 25, 2026.



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Lynn Barbee, Chair



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Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

**Attachment 1 to  
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization  
2027 Yearly Self-Certification**

(1) 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and this subpart.

- The WMPO complies with these requirements through implementation of the current approved State/MPO Transportation Improvement Program, the Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the adopted Transportation Planning Work Program, the adopted Public Participation Plan, current interagency agreements, approved metropolitan area boundaries, annual listings of obligated projects on the WMPO's website, the WMPO's Congestion Management Process, and a current certification from FHWA-FTA. **Refer to the applicable documentation in Table 1 on page 4.**

(2) In non-attainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d)) and 40 CFR Part 93.

- N/A for the WMPO.

(3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR Part 21.

- Title VI prohibits exclusion from participation in, denial of benefits of, and discrimination under federally assisted programs on the grounds of race, color, or national origin. The WMPO complies with this requirement through the policies identified in its Title VI Plan. The WMPO's adopted Public Participation Plan also includes outreach strategies to engage with traditionally underserved populations, which are periodically evaluated for effectiveness. See applicable documents in Table 1 on page 4.

(4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity.

- The WMPO complies with this requirement through the policies identified in the WMPO's Title VI Plan.

(5) Section 1101(b) of the MAP-21 (Pub. L. 112-141) and 49 CFR Part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) in USDOT-funded projects.

- The DBE program ensures equal opportunity in transportation contracting markets. The WMPO will comply with NCDOT's federally approved DBE program.

(6) 23 CFR Part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on federal and federal-aid highway construction contracts.

- The Municipality shall comply with the Equal Opportunity Provisions of the Required Contract Provisions for Federal Aid.

(7) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38. Programs and activities funded with federal dollars are prohibited from discrimination based on disability.

- The WMPO complies with this requirement through the policies identified in its adopted Title VI Plan. The WMPO's public involvement locations are ADA-compliant and transit accessible. The WMPO periodically evaluates its website for accessibility by individuals with disabilities. The WMPO's adopted 2050 MTP includes recommendations to provide pedestrian facilities that facilitate safe, efficient, and accessible pedestrian travel, including addressing gaps in the pedestrian network through neighborhood connections to regional off-street bicycle paths, transit, and major destinations; that all pedestrian facilities be designed and constructed in accordance with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and its implementing regulations; and encourages communities with 50 or more employees to maintain updated ADA transition plans.

(8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance.

- The WMPO complies with this requirement through the policies identified in its adopted Title VI Plan and the LPA's Non-Discrimination policies. The WMPO's public involvement activities include engagement with senior populations and organizations advocating for their interests.

(9) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender

- The WMPO complies with this requirement through the policies identified in its adopted Title VI Plan and the LPA's Title VI Non-Discrimination policies.

(10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR Part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

- The WMPO complies with this requirement through the policies identified in its adopted Title VI Plan and Title VI Non-Discrimination policies in both the LPA's financial agreement with NCDOT and the LPA's policies. Other activities are addressed in #7 above.

**Table 1 – Transportation Planning Process – Applicable Documents**

The following products of the metropolitan planning process have been completed, adopted, and/or approved and demonstrate that the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is carrying out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Wilmington metropolitan area in compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Item #	Name	Date of Adoption, Approval, or Completion
1	FY27 Unified Planning Work Program: <a href="https://www.wmpo.org/upwp-budget/">https://www.wmpo.org/upwp-budget/</a>	Anticipated March 25, 2026
2	Metropolitan Transportation Plan: <a href="https://www.wmpo.org/mtp/">https://www.wmpo.org/mtp/</a>	October 29, 2025
3	Performance Measure Targets (PM1); <a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/PM1_Res.-Endorsing-Targets-for-Safety-Performance-Measures.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/PM1_Res.-Endorsing-Targets-for-Safety-Performance-Measures.pdf</a>	November 19, 2025
4	Performance Measure Targets (PM2 & PM3): <a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/PM2-3_2023-02-20-Resolution-Supporting-NCDOT-Targets-For-Performance-Measures.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/PM2-3_2023-02-20-Resolution-Supporting-NCDOT-Targets-For-Performance-Measures.pdf</a>	February 20, 2023
5	Performance Measure Targets - Transit State of Good Repairs: <a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Res.-Adopting-the-CFPTA-Transit-Asset-Mgmt.-Plan-Transit-Asset-Performance-Targets-Measures.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Res.-Adopting-the-CFPTA-Transit-Asset-Mgmt.-Plan-Transit-Asset-Performance-Targets-Measures.pdf</a>	February 25, 2026

6	<p>Performance Measure Targets</p> <p>Transit Safety:</p> <p><a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Res.-adopting-the-CFPTAs-Public-Transportation-Agency-Safety-Plan-Transit-Safety-Perf.-Measures-Targets.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Res.-adopting-the-CFPTAs-Public-Transportation-Agency-Safety-Plan-Transit-Safety-Perf.-Measures-Targets.pdf</a></p>	February 25, 2026
7	<p>Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):</p> <p><a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Wilmington-MPO-MOU-2016_June30_2016.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Wilmington-MPO-MOU-2016_June30_2016.pdf</a></p>	June 30, 2016
8	<p>Annual listing of obligated projects:</p> <p><a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Wilmington-Urban-Area-MPO-Annual-Authorizations-for-FFY-2025.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Wilmington-Urban-Area-MPO-Annual-Authorizations-for-FFY-2025.pdf</a></p> <p>Transit:</p> <p><a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Wilmington-Urban-Area-MPO-Transit-Authorizations-FFY-2025.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Wilmington-Urban-Area-MPO-Transit-Authorizations-FFY-2025.pdf</a></p>	November 25, 2025
9	<p>Interagency agreements</p> <p>Lead Planning Agency Agreement (2025):</p> <p><a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/0.-Lead-Planning-Agency-Agreement-Executed.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/0.-Lead-Planning-Agency-Agreement-Executed.pdf</a></p>	November 21, 2025
10	<p>Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary:</p> <p>(<a href="#">23 CFR 450.312</a>)</p> <p><a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/20231025_Resolution-Adopting-Smoothed-Area-Boundary-UZA.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/20231025_Resolution-Adopting-Smoothed-Area-Boundary-UZA.pdf</a></p>	Smoothed UZA Boundary Adopted: October 25, 2023

11	<p>Public Participation Plan</p> <p>Plan:</p> <p><a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/WMPO_PPP_Adopted-9_30_20_Proposed-Revisions_Amended-1_25_23.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/WMPO_PPP_Adopted-9_30_20_Proposed-Revisions_Amended-1_25_23.pdf</a></p> <p>Resolution:</p> <p><a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/20230125_Resolution-Adopting-PPP.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/20230125_Resolution-Adopting-PPP.pdf</a></p>	January 25, 2023
12	<p>Title VI Plan</p> <p>Plan:</p> <p><a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/WMPO_TitleVI_ProgramPlan.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/WMPO_TitleVI_ProgramPlan.pdf</a></p> <p>Resolution:</p> <p><a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/20190731_Resolution-Adopting-Title-VI-Plan.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/20190731_Resolution-Adopting-Title-VI-Plan.pdf</a></p>	July 31, 2019
13	<p>2026-2035 MPO Transportation Improvement Program</p> <p>WMPO TIP:</p> <p><a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Final-2026-2035-WMPO-TIP_Adopted.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Final-2026-2035-WMPO-TIP_Adopted.pdf</a></p> <p>WMPO TIP – Statewide Projects:</p> <p><a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Final-2026-2035-STIP_WMPO-TIP_Statewide.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Final-2026-2035-STIP_WMPO-TIP_Statewide.pdf</a></p> <p>Adoption Resolution:</p> <p><a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Resolution-adopting-the-2026-2035-State-WMPO-TIP.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Resolution-adopting-the-2026-2035-State-WMPO-TIP.pdf</a></p>	<p>Original adoption Date:</p> <p>July 30, 2025</p>

14	<p>Congestion Management Process</p> <p>WMPO Congestion Management Process (2014 Initial Process):</p> <p><a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/2013-12-11_FY14_CMP_InitialProcess_Document_TACRev_Final.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/2013-12-11_FY14_CMP_InitialProcess_Document_TACRev_Final.pdf</a></p> <p>WMPO Congestion Management Process Update (2020):</p> <p><a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2020-CMP-Biennial-Data-Report-Final-Reduced.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2020-CMP-Biennial-Data-Report-Final-Reduced.pdf</a></p>	<p>Initial Process Adopted:</p> <p>December 11, 2013</p> <p>Updated Process Adopted:</p> <p>January 27, 2021</p>
15	<p>Congestion Management Process – assessment of the effectiveness of implemented strategies.</p> <p>2022 Biennial Data Report:</p> <p><a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/2022-CMP-Biennial-Data-Report_Final.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/2022-CMP-Biennial-Data-Report_Final.pdf</a></p>	<p>Data Report was adopted by the WMPO Board on March 29, 2023.</p> <p>Upon adoption, the WMPO moved to a 5-year data reporting structure alternating with the MTP update cycle to better assess the impacts and effectiveness of strategies. The next report will be completed in late 2027.</p>
16	<p>Federal Certification Review:</p> <p><a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/WMPO-Certification-Review_Transmittal-and-Final-Report.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/WMPO-Certification-Review_Transmittal-and-Final-Report.pdf</a></p>	<p>December 8, 2022 (Review)</p> <p>March 1, 2023 (Certification from FHWA)</p>

17	<p>Federal Certification Review — Recommendation to update the Regional ITS Plan:</p> <p><a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/2025.10.30-Final-Strategic-Deployment-Plan-compressed-1.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/2025.10.30-Final-Strategic-Deployment-Plan-compressed-1.pdf</a></p>	October 29, 2025
18	<p>Locally Coordinated Public Transportation Plan (2021):</p> <p><a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/09a_Wave-Transit-LCP-2021-Final-Draft.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/09a_Wave-Transit-LCP-2021-Final-Draft.pdf</a></p>	May 28, 2021
19	<p>Federal Funds are being used for ITS projects within the MPO:</p> <p><a href="#">23 CFR 940.5</a></p> <p>Regional ITS Plan:</p> <p><a href="https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/2025.10.30-Final-Strategic-Deployment-Plan-compressed-1.pdf">https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/2025.10.30-Final-Strategic-Deployment-Plan-compressed-1.pdf</a></p>	<p>Is the MTP consistent with the ITS Architecture? Yes</p>