

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN  
PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY**

**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 N.C. Board of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, public participation is an integral part of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's transportation planning process and is essential to ensuring that transportation decisions reflect the needs, values, and priorities of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has developed the 2026 Public Participation Plan to serve as a guiding framework for how the public is informed, engaged, and involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2026 Public Participation Plan ensures compliance with applicable federal requirements and supports a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) transportation planning process; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2026 Public Participation Plan incorporates modernized outreach strategies, including digital engagement, social media, and accessible communication methods, to expand participation and reduce barriers to public involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, the final draft plan was shared with the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on March 25, 2026; and

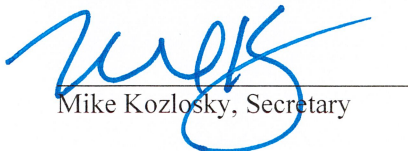
**WHEREAS**, the development of the 2026 Public Participation Plan included a 45-day public comment period, opened March 25, 2026, and closed on May 9, 2026, to provide the public with an opportunity to review and submit comments on the draft plan; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby adopts the 2026 Public Participation Plan.

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on May 27, 2026.



Lynn Barbee, Chair



Mike Kozlosky, Secretary