Create and execute continuing, cooperative and comprehensive regional long-range planning efforts that proactively drive transportation decisions to improve safety, connectivity, economic development and quality of life in the Wilmington region.

Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Board
Meeting Agenda

TO: Wilmington Urban Area MPO Board Members
FROM: Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director
DATE: August 24, 2023
SUBJECT: August 30th meeting

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area MPO’s Board will be held on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at 3 pm. The meeting will be held in the 6th Floor Conference Room at 320 Chestnut Street downtown Wilmington. Members of the public, MPO Board Members and MPO Staff can attend the meeting in person and virtually through the Zoom platform. MPO Board member attendance will be subject to the adopted Remote Participation Policy. The meeting will be streamed live online so that simultaneous live audio, and video, if any, of the meeting is available at the following URL: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83969107282

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The following is the agenda for the meeting:
1) Call to Order
2) Conflict of Interest Statement
3) Approval of Board Member Excused Absences
4) Approval of the Agenda
5) Public Comment Period
6) Presentations
   a. Cape Fear Memorial Bridge Repairs- Chad Kimes, NCDOT
7) Consent Agenda
   a. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from July 26, 2023 (p. 4-9)
   b. Resolution approving 2020-2029 STIP/MPO Amendments #23-4 (p. 10-13)
   d. Resolution revising the award of the FY 23 Surface Transportation Block Grant-Direct Attributable Funds for the Traffic Signal at 3rd Street/Ann Street from the City of Wilmington to North Carolina Department of Transportation (p. 16-19)
e. Resolution authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with the City of Wilmington and Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority for FY 23 and FY 24 Section 5303 Funding (p.20-28)

8) Regular Agenda
   a. Resolution adopting the 2024-2033 State/Wilmington Urban Area MPO Transportation Improvement Programs (p.29-37)
   b. Resolution approving the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Prioritization 7.0 Aviation Project Submittals (p. 38-48)
   c. Resolution approving the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Prioritization 7.0 Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Submittals (p.49-52)
   d. Resolution approving the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Prioritization 7.0 Ferry Project Submittals (p. 53-56)
   e. Resolution approving the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Prioritization 7.0 Public Transportation Project Submittals (p. 57-60)
   f. Resolution approving the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Prioritization 7.0 Rail Project Submittals (p. 61-64)
   g. Resolution approving the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Prioritization 7.0 Roadway Project Submittals (p. 65-69)
   h. Resolution adopting the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Closed Session Policy(p. 70-73)

9) Discussion
   a. 2020-2029 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Modifications #23-6 (p. 74)
   b. Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Boundary, Governance, and Structure (p. 75-76)
   c. Remote Participation Policy (p. 77-79)

10) Updates
   a. Wilmington Urban Area MPO (p. 80-89)
   b. Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (p. 90)
   c. NCDOT Division (p. 91-94)
   d. NCDOT Transportation Planning Division (p. 95-96)

11) Announcements
   a. Direct Attributable Project Submittals Due- September 15th
   b. Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050 MTP Outreach Period – through November 30, 2023

12) Closed Session

13) Next meeting – September 27, 2023

Attachments
   • MPO Board Meeting Minutes- July 26, 2023
   • Proposed 2020-2029 STIP/MPO Amendments #23-4
   • Resolution approving 2020-2029 STIP/MPO Amendments #23-4
   • Proposed 2020-2029 STIP/MPO Administrative Modifications #23-5
   • Resolution approving 2020-2029 STIP/MPO Administrative Modifications #23-5
   • Memorandum revising the award of the FY 23 Surface Transportation Block Grant- Direct Attributable Funds
   • Resolution revising the award of the FY 23 Surface Transportation Block Grant- Direct Attributable Funds for the Traffic Signal at 3rd Street/Ann Street from the City of Wilmington to North Carolina Department of Transportation
   • Draft FY 23 and FY 24 Section 5303 Agreement
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   • Final 2024-2033 State/Wilmington Urban Area MPO Transportation Improvement Programs
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• Prioritization 7.0 Public Comments Memorandum and Log
• Draft Prioritization 7.0 Aviation Project Submittals Memorandum and Map
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• 2020-2029 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Modifications #23-6
• Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Boundary, Governance, and Structure Memorandum
• Adopted Remote Participation Policy
• Wilmington Urban Area MPO Update (August)
• Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority Update (August)
• NCDOT Division Project Update (August)
• NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Project Update (August)
Members Present in Person
Mike Allen, Town of Belville
Neil Anderson, City of Wilmington
Lynn Barbee, Town of Carolina Beach
Jonathan Barfield, New Hanover County
Brenda Bozeman, Town of Leland
John Ellen, Town of Kure Beach
Hank Miller, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Dane Scalise, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority
Luke Waddell, City of Wilmington
Mike Forte, Brunswick County
Landon Zimmer, NC Board of Transportation

Others Present in Person
Chuck Bost, Town of Belville
Carolyn Caggia, WMPO
Jon Dodson, Wave Transit
Chad Kimes, NCDOT
Scott A. James, WMPO
Vanessa Lacer, WMPO
Abby Lorenzo, WMPO
Rachel McIntyre, City of Wilmington
Caitlin Melvin, NCDOT
Rebekah Roth, New Hanover County
Greer Shivers, WMPO
Emma Stogner, WMPO

Others Present Remotely
Veronica Carter, Town of Leland
LB Haviland, NCDOT
Jennifer Harris
Katie Hite, NCDOT
Regina Hopkins, WMPO
Jamar Johnson, WMPO
William Kincannon, HDR
Tyler Newman, ncBASE
Nazia Sarder, NCDOT

1) Call to Order
Chairman Hank Miller called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

2) Conflict of Interest Statement
Chairman Miller read the conflict‐of‐interest statement and asked if any Board member had a conflict of interest. No Board member reported having a conflict of interest.

MPO Executive Director Mike Kozlosky called the roll as follows:


Mr. Kozlosky noted that a quorum was present in‐person, so no need for roll call votes.

3) Approval of Board Member Excused Absences
Mr. Kozlosky said that Wendy Hardee‐Fletcher has requested to be excused. Mr. Barfield made a motion to excuse Ms. Hardee‐Fletcher, seconded by Mr. Ellen and the motion carried unanimously.
4) **Approval of the Agenda**  
Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Barfield, and the motion carried unanimously.

5) **Public Comment Period**  
Mr. Kozlosky noted that no one was present to give public comment.

6) **Presentations**  
   a. **Walk Wilmington Pedestrian Plan Update**  
   Deputy Director Abby Lorenzo gave an overview of the Walk Wilmington Pedestrian Plan 2023 Update. She noted that the plan update was funded by an NCDOT Transportation Planning Grant, and over the course of about a year, beginning in early 2022, the City of Wilmington worked with the WMPO and a consultant to update the 2009 Walk Wilmington Plan. She added that the Wilmington City Council adopted the plan update last week.

   Ms. Lorenzo pointed out that the update builds on an already successful plan and aims to guide the development of pedestrian infrastructure projects, policies, and programs to address the changing needs of the community due to population growth and continuing development. She noted that the focus of the plan is to make walking a safe and comfortable mobility choice for residents and visitors. She added that the update was prompted by the city's high pedestrian crash rates and need to improve safety.

   Ms. Lorenzo said that the plan's development involved collaboration with a steering committee and public engagement. She noted that six primary goals were identified, with a strong emphasis on safety, equity, and connectivity. An assessment of the existing pedestrian network, highlighting areas for improvement and opportunities, was at the update’s foundation. She noted that a high-risk network comprising about 10% of Wilmington's routes was identified, as well as where conflicts and injuries were most common. This network also intersected with areas where transportation-disadvantaged communities relied heavily on walking, making safety improvements crucial.

   Ms. Lorenzo said that public engagement efforts included surveys and interactive maps, and the community's feedback emphasized the importance of safety, equity, and connectivity. As a result, the plan's priorities were aligned with these aspects. She noted that the plan sought to utilize data and analysis to make informed decisions about where to invest in pedestrian infrastructure improvements, focusing on the identified goals and the areas with the highest need for safety enhancements. She gave an example of recommendations and noted that the update includes an implementation plan with action steps and planning strategies.

   Ms. Lorenzo noted that today's consent agenda includes a resolution for the MPO Board’s consideration to adopt the Walk Wilmington Pedestrian Plan Update.

   Mr. Ellen asked about the basis for the crash statistics. Ms. Lorenzo responded that the statistics were based on population in the large city category for the number of incidents and incidents where serious injury or death occurred.

   b. **Terry Benjey Foundation (TBF)**  
   Mr. Kozlosky introduced Eileen McConville, President, Terry Benjey Bicycling Foundation (TBF), and a member of the Cape Fear Cyclists Board of Directors, who gave a presentation to the New Hanover Board of Commissioners several months ago, who suggested she give a presentation to the MPO Board.
Ms. McConville gave an overview of both bicycling organizations and their commitment to assisting municipalities with bicycle and pedestrian plans. She pointed out that the Federal Infrastructure Bill, signed into law last November, included unprecedented levels of funding for active transportation and the safety of vulnerable road users, which represents an important step toward building more livable communities.

Ms. McConville said that the Terry Benjey Bicycling Foundation was established in 2013 as a nonprofit to honor Terry Benjey, a long-time cycling advocate who succumbed to a bicycling accident in 2013. She added that Mr. Benjey was one of a small group who worked with the Wilmington City Council in 1972 to create the scenic byways of Wilmington, the first of which was the Greenfield Lake Bikeway. She added that Mr. Benjey was also Cape Fear Cyclists’ first president and was appointed to the inaugural NCDOT Bicycle Advisory Committee in 1978 by Governor James Hunt. She noted that the foundation’s goal is to continue Mr. Benjey’s vision.

Ms. McConville said that the TBF is an active partner with Cape Fear Cyclists with the goal of promoting the use of bicycles in the Cape Fear region not only for recreation but also for fitness and for safely getting from point A to point B as more trails are created and bicycling becomes a more popular means of transportation. Other active partnerships include those with the East Coast Greenway Alliance, Bike Walk North Carolina, Kure Beach Bike-Pedestrian Committee, the Gullah Geechee Heritage Trail, and the WMPO. She pointed out that the foundation’s partnership with Kure Beach is a model bicycle safety education program supported by community volunteers.

Ms. McConville said that the foundation’s successes include the installation of bike racks and corrals, providing grants, education, and curriculum development. She noted that the TBF is an active participant with the NCDOT Free Helmet Program. Additionally, she commented that the foundation is glad to be a resource and partner, and to provide letters of support for grant applications, and postings to social media.

Mr. Ellen encouraged Board members to join the Cape Fear Cyclists. He noted that some local bicycle shops provide a 10% discount to members.

c. **Wilmington Urban Area MPO’s Direct Attributable Program Update**
   Senior Transportation Planning Engineer Scott A. James gave a brief update on the WMPO’s Direct Attributable (DA) Program. He said that a call for projects was issued on July 7th. He noted that this is an annual event with a July call, an August pre-submittal deadline, a September final deadline, and an October award. He noted that this call has the same guidelines and rules that were established last year. He added that the allocation is also the same: an amount of approximately $4 million in Direct Attributable funds with slightly more than $500,000 in Transportation Alternative Set Aside funds and slightly less than $550,000 for the Carbon Reduction funds. To date, staff has fielded three questions on potential projects and anticipates at least two others.

Mr. Barfield expressed appreciation for the briefness of Mr. James’ presentation.

7) **Consent Agenda**
   a. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from June 28, 2023
   b. Resolution approving 2020-2029 STIP/MPO Amendments #23-3
   c. Resolution approving 2020-2029 STIP/MPO Administrative Modifications #23-4
   d. Resolution supporting the award of Section 5310 Community Grant Project Funds
e. Resolution adopting the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s 2023 Organizational Assessment

f. Resolution adopting the 2023 Walk Wilmington Pedestrian Plan Update

g. Resolution supporting the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s efforts to secure a Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program grant to complete a Resiliency Improvement Plan for the Wilmington Urban Area

Mr. Ellen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Ms. Bozeman, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Presentations (continued)

d. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Senior Transportation Planner Vanessa Lacer gave an update on the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). She reminded Board members that federal law mandates that all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) adopt a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update every five years. She pointed out that this plan is crucial for transportation planning in the region and covers a 25-year outlook. She noted that the plan must encompass all six transportation modes: aviation, bicycle and pedestrian, ferry and water transportation, rail, public transportation, and roadway. She added that the plan needs to be fiscally constrained, have a 20-year minimum planning horizon, involve public participation, and align with local land use plans.

Ms. Lacer said that the plan serves as a blueprint for regional transportation efforts and connects projects to funding opportunities. She noted that projects included in the plan become eligible for state and federal funding and prioritizing them for implementation. She added that the planning process involves multiple phases, including public outreach and involvement of two steering committees: the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), appointed by the MPO Board, and the technical steering committee (MTPC). She explained that the CAC focuses on public engagement, while the MTPC consists of subject matter experts who work on plan details, criteria, and project evaluation. She noted that the public outreach campaign involves surveys, interviews, public meetings, media promotion, and contests to gather input from the community.

Ms. Lacer concluded the presentation with a description of the ongoing and upcoming phases of the planning process. She said that Phase 1 launches on August 1st with an online survey and runs through November. She noted that public outreach includes in-person and virtual public meetings, stakeholder interviews, email blasts, and social media posts to promote the survey and interactive map. She encouraged members to attend the kick-off meeting on August 3rd.

8) Public Hearing

a. 2024-2033 State/Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Kozlosky said that the 2024-2033 Statewide/Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program (STIP/MTIP) is the culmination of more than two years work undertaken in collaboration with NCDOT and the MPO. He noted that the NC Board of Transportation adopted the 2024-2030 STIP/MTIP on June 6th. He added that the MPO Board’s adopted Public Participation Plan requires a 30-day public comment period, which the Board opened in June, a Public Hearing, and adoption, which the Board will consider at its August meeting.

Vice Chairman Waddell moved to open the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Barfield, and the motion carried unanimously.
There being no one present to speak, Ms. Bozeman made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Scalise, and the motion carried unanimously.

9) **Regular Agenda**
   
a. **Opening of a 14-day public comment period for the Prioritization 7.0 Project Submittals**
   
   Ms. Lorenzo said that the latest draft Prioritization 7.0 (P 7.0) Project Submittals are included in the agenda packet with changes since June summarized in a memo. She explained that the development of the draft submittals is an ongoing process. She noted that the projects were sourced from the adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and refined with input from the MPO’s planning partners. Although no changes were made to the bicycle and pedestrian project list, and the public transportation project list, changes to other project lists include:

   **Aviation:** Three projects (AV-5798, AV-5738, AV-5796) have been omitted since they are being restored in P 7.0, eliminating the need for resubmission.

   **Ferry:** One project (F-5705 or F-3) has been omitted as a carryover project.

   **Rail:** Four projects have been added, including a freight rail connection and passenger rail reestablishment projects.

   **Roadway:** The Murrayville Grade Modernization and Extension Project (RW-99), has been divided into segments, with plans to submit the modernization and change portion. An expansion project is also planned. Additionally, the Cape Fear Crossing projects will be considered as carryover projects and won’t require resubmission.

   Ms. Lorenzo added that staff will review fiscally constrained projects from the 2045 MTP and make recommendations for additional projects.

   Mr. Barfield made a motion to open the 14-day public comment period, seconded by Vice Chairman Waddell, and the motion carried unanimously.

b. **Resolution supporting the allocation of additional Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Direct Attributable Funds to the City of Wilmington for the Hooker Road Multi-use Path, Hinton Avenue Multi-use Path, and Wrightsville/Greenville intersection improvements**

   Mr. Kozlosky stated that the Hooker Road Multi-use Path, Hinton Avenue Multi-use Path, and Wrightsville/Greenville intersection improvements were funded in the 2013 and 2014 calls for projects. He commented that the City of Wilmington is working diligently on these projects and has requested an additional $960,000 in Direct Attributable funds and is committing to the required 20% match in the amount of $240,000. He noted that sufficient funding exists in the contingency fund for this allocation and staff recommends approval. He acknowledged that Rachel McIntyre, former MPO staff member, who is now managing the project for the City of Wilmington, is available to answer any questions.

   Ms. Bozeman made a motion to approve the allocation, seconded by Mr. Scalise and the motion carried unanimously.

10) **Updates**
   
a. **Wilmington Urban Area MPO**

   b. **Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority**

   c. **NCDOT Division**
d. **NCDOT Transportation Planning Division**  
Mr. Kozlosky said that the updates are included in the agenda packet.

NCDOT Division Engineer Chad Kimes said that he has received several calls regarding the presentation last month on a fifth alternative for the replacement of the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge. He commented that NCDOT had concerns about the presentation, of which it took no part. He noted that NCDOT is still examining the options and anticipates giving an update on the traffic and revenue study and the merger process (planning and environmental document) to the Board in November.

Mr. Kimes added that the Military Cutoff Extension ribbon cutting will be held in September on a date has yet to be confirmed. He noted that there will be no traffic on the Military Cutoff Extension until the ribbon cutting.

Mr. Barfield expressed appreciation regarding the safety improvements to College Road at Bragg Drive, which added a pedestrian crossing and where it is now possible to see on-coming traffic.

Nazia Sarder, NCDOT Transportation Planning Unit, commented that the Brunswick County CTP updates are in the agenda packet and that the project is progressing nicely. She noted that staff is waiting on management review and plans to go to all the local adopting agencies for presentations soon. She added that the Transportation Demand Model for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is also going well and is on track.

11) **Announcements**
   a. **2050 WMPO MTP Technical Steering Committee Meeting - July 27, 2023**
   b. **Wilmington MPO Bike/Pedestrian Committee Meeting - August 8, 2023**

12) **Next meeting – August 30, 2023**  
There being no further business, Mr. Ellen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Bozeman, and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Kozlosky  
Executive Director  
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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**PROJ.CATEGORY**: STATEWIDE
RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT #23-4 TO THE 2020-2029 STATE/MPO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

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 Board has found that the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is conducting transportation planning in a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive manner; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Board of Transportation adopted the 2020-2029 State Transportation Improvement Program on September 5, 2019, and the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Board adopted the Statewide/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs on October 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization desires to amend the adopted 2020-2029 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs for Amendments #23-4; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has conducted a 30-day public comment period to receive citizen input on these proposed amendments.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves amending the 2020-2029 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs for Amendments #23-4.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Board on August 30, 2023.

______________________________
Henry E. Miller III, Chair

______________________________
Mike Kozlosky, Secretary
Proposed Revisions to 2020-2029 STIP/MPO TIP Programs

STIP/MPO TIP Modification #23-5
(July 2023)

STIP MODIFICATIONS

M-0563D
- STATEWIDE PROJECT
STATEWIDE
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STATEWIDE, LIDAR DATA COLLECTION
ENGINEERING
FY 2023 - $1,285,000 (PROTCT)
$1,285,000

ADD PROJECT BREAK AT THE REQUEST OF THE HYDRAULICS UNIT.

M-0563E
- STATEWIDE PROJECT
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STATEWIDE, RESILIENCE PROGRAM REPORTING, MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT
ENGINEERING
FY 2023 - $850,000 (PROTCT)
$850,000

ADD PROJECT BREAK AT THE REQUEST OF THE HYDRAULICS UNIT.
WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD

RESOLUTION APPROVING ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS #23-5 TO THE
2020-2029 STATE /MPO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

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 Board has found that the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning
Organization is conducting transportation planning in a continuous, cooperative, and
comprehensive manner; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Board of Transportation adopted the 2020-2029 State
Transportation Improvement Program on September 5, 2019, and the Wilmington Urban Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization Board adopted the Statewide/MPO Transportation
Improvement Programs on October 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization desires to modify
the adopted 2020-2029 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs for Administrative
Modifications #23-5.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan
Planning Organization hereby approves modifying the 2020-2029 State/MPO Transportation
Improvement Programs for Administrative Modifications #23-5.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning
Organization’s Board on August 30, 2023.

____________________________________
Henry E. Miller III, Chair

____________________________________
Mike Kozlosky, Secretary
Memorandum

To: MPO Board Members

From: Scott A. James, PE, PTOE
Transportation Planning Engineer, WMPO

Date: August 23, 2023

Subject: Surface Transportation Block Grant Program – Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) Direct Attributable, Transportation Alternatives Set Aside and Carbon Reduction Program FY23 project funding recommendations

On November 15, 2021, the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) infrastructure package was signed into law, revising and expanding the funds available for qualifying projects.

The Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) is the recipient of allocated funds for Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) Direct Attributable, Transportation Alternatives Set Aside and Carbon Reduction Program in the following amounts for the federal fiscal year of October 1, 2022 thru September 30, 2023.

Direct Attributable (DA) - $4,081,088
Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TA) - $513,872
Carbon Reduction Efforts (CR) - $492,634

The funds are available for obligation until September 30, 2027, with any amounts not obligated on or before this date to be returned. The Federal share payable shall be up to 80% percent of qualifying costs. Participating jurisdictions are responsible for 20% of the project costs. At the regularly scheduled May 25, 2022 meeting, the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) approved revised guidelines to allow member jurisdictions to submit projects for review and approval.
The WMPO issued a call for projects on July 8, 2022. The call for projects had an initial pre-submittal date of August 8, 2022 and a final deadline of September 15, 2022. A total of six (6) project applications were received, which were ranked and awarded funds according to the established revised application guidelines.

Subsequent to the award of funds, the City of Wilmington entered into negotiations with the North Carolina Department of Transportation regarding the contract management and implementation of the proposed traffic signal at the intersection of S. 3rd Street and Ann Street in downtown Wilmington.

As a result of these negotiations, NCDOT has agreed to assume the project management duties and responsibilities, with the City of Wilmington committing to provide the required local funding, in accordance with the grant management policies and guidelines.

Therefore, this memorandum proposes to reassign the amount of $971,480 from the City of Wilmington to the NC Department of Transportation – Division 3 Traffic Services, for use towards the estimated cost to design and construct a traffic signal at the intersection of S 3rd Street and Ann Street in downtown Wilmington, NC.

City of Wilmington
South 3rd Street and Ann Street Traffic Signal Installation
Requested STBGP – DA funding: $971,840

NC Department of Transportation – Division 3 Traffic Services
South 3rd Street and Ann Street Traffic Signal Installation
Requested STBGP – DA: $971,840

This item was recommended for approval by the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) at their August 16th meeting.
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, on July 18, 2012 the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization was designated as a Transportation Management Area (TMA); and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2021, the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) infrastructure package was signed into law, revising and expanding the funds available for qualifying projects; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) is the recipient of allocated funds for Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) Direct Attributable, Transportation Alternatives Set Aside and Carbon Reduction (CR); and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has the ability to program Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP – DA/TASA – DA/STBGP – CR) funds on projects submitted by eligible entities through a competitive process; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has developed the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP – DA/TASA – DA/STBGP – CR) Submittal Guide and Competitive Process for the distribution of these funds; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Board adopted the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP – DA/TASA – DA/STBGP – CR) Submittal Guide and Competitive Process on June 29, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2022, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization solicited qualified project applications from member jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2022, six eligible submittals were received and subsequently ranked them according to the adopted process; and

WHEREAS, one of the projects that was awarded funding was to the City of Wilmington Engineering Services for the designs and installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of S. 3rd Street and Ann Street; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has agreed to manage the proposed South 3rd Street and Ann Street Traffic Signal Installation on behalf of the City of Wilmington; and
WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington will enter into a municipal agreement with NC DOT to provide the required local matching funds in the amount of $242,960 towards the total estimated costs of said traffic signal installation;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby revises the award of Surface Transportation Block Grant Program – Direct Attributable (STBGP – DA/TASA – DA/STBGP – CR) allocations in accordance with the FY23 Submittal Guide and competitive process:

NC Department of Transportation – Division 3 Traffic Services
South 3rd Street and Ann Street Traffic Signal Installation
STBGP – DA funding: $971,840
Local match provided by City of Wilmington: $242,960

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Board on August 30, 2023.

__________________________________
Henry E. Miller III, Chair

__________________________________
Mike Kozlosky, Secretary
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

FY 2023 AND 2024 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING SECTION 5303 GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE WILMINGTON URBANIZED AREA

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this ___ day of _____________, 2023 by and between the City of Wilmington, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, a metropolitan planning organization and the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority d/b/a “Wave Transit”, a North Carolina public transportation authority.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, by joint resolution the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County established the “Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority” (hereinafter referred to as “Wave”) to provide public transportation services within the area designated as the Wilmington Urbanized Area (hereinafter referred to as “UZA”), effective July 1, 2004, in recognition of the fact that some traffic and transportation concerns of each entity are the same without regard for any jurisdictional boundary; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to, and in compliance with, 23 C.F.R. § 450.306, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (hereinafter referred to as “MPO”) was designated as the policy body for cooperative transportation decision making in the UZA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington serves as the Lead Planning Agency for the MPO; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2020, the MPO, which includes the City of Wilmington,
New Hanover County, North Carolina Department of Transportation, and other urban area jurisdictions adopted the “Cape Fear Moving Forward 2045” which affects the UZA; and

WHEREAS, Wave is the provider of public transportation services in the UZA; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2005, the Secretary of Transportation for the State of North Carolina, with authority vested by the Governor of the State of North Carolina, and in accordance with Title 49 of the United States Code § 5307(a)(2) and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, declared Wave to be a designated recipient of Federal Urbanized Area Formula Program funds for the UZA; and

WHEREAS, the MPO is the recipient of Federal Transit Administration 49 U.S.C. § 5303 transit planning funds for the UZA; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 5303, provides 80% of transportation planning funds for the UZA, the North Carolina Department of Transportation provides 10%, and the required 10% local match is shared by the members of the MPO in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative, Comprehensive, and Continuing Transportation Planning, dated June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, 23 C.F.R. § 450.314 requires an agreement between Wave and the MPO specifying cooperative procedures for carrying out transportation planning and programming.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutually beneficial covenants of agreement between the parties hereinafter expressed in enumerated terms, the adequacy and sufficiency of which of hereby acknowledged by each as valuable consideration the City of Wilmington on behalf of the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Wave agree as follows:
1. **Cooperation.** The MPO and Wave shall cooperate in long range planning for the provision of public transportation services in the UZA, including the Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program (hereinafter referred to as “MPO TIP”). Such cooperation includes, but is not limited to, estimating funds needed for the services recommended in the MPO TIP as adopted by the MPO. MPO TIP is in accordance with the State Transportation Improvement Program, and is periodically amended as the State Transportation Improvement Program is updated.

2. **Planning.** Wave shall be afforded the opportunity for meaningful participation in the public transportation planning and decision making process. The parties shall insure that projects in the public transportation service portion of the MPO TIP are included in the planning process.

3. **Tasks.** Wave agrees and covenants to dutifully and properly perform the program tasks assigned to them as evidenced by the line item allocation shown on the MPO’s budget which is known as the Unified Planning Work Program.

4. **Funding.** The MPO will pay to Wave sixty percent (60%) of its allocation of 49 U.S.C. § 5303 planning funds for the term of this agreement. No funds paid under this Agreement shall be paid from the City of Wilmington’s funds, except those held for the MPO. No funds paid under this agreement shall exceed $90,955 in FY24, ($28,612 in FY23 Funds set aside for use in FY24 and $62,343 in new FY24 funds.)

5. **Duration.** This Agreement shall commence on the date of its full execution by all parties and continue for one year or as long as Federal and State funding for public transportation planning are provided for the UZA if such funding is for less than one year.
6. **Termination.** This Agreement shall terminate as a result of the loss of Federal and/or State funding for public transportation services for the UZA. Additionally, any party may terminate this Agreement upon written notice to the other party which specifies an effective date of termination. The effective date of said “Notice of Termination” shall be no earlier than thirty (30) days prior to the date the notice is sent.

7. **Governing Law.** All of the terms and conditions contained herein shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina without regard to any conflicts of law principles and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of federal or state courts within the State of North Carolina. In the event of a conflict between the various terms and conditions contained herein or between these terms and other applicable provisions, then the more particular shall prevail over the general and the more stringent or higher standard shall prevail over the less stringent or lower standard.

8. **Entire Agreement, Amendments.** This Agreement constitutes the entire contract between the parties, and no warranties, inducements, considerations, promises or other inferences shall be implied or impressed upon this agreement that are not set forth herein. This Agreement shall not be altered or amended except in writing signed by all Parties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the due execution in agreement by parties hereto as evidenced by the hereafter affixed signatures.

(This space is left intentionally blank)
CITY OF WILMINGTON

Bill Saffo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Penelope Spicer-Sidbury, City Clerk

[SEAL]

Approved as to form:

Meredith Everheart, City Attorney

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

I, ______________________, a Notary Public of _____________ County, North Carolina, certify that Penelope Spicer-Sidbury personally came before me this day and acknowledged that she is City Clerk of the City of Wilmington, and that by authority duly given and as the act of the Council, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its Mayor, sealed with its corporate seal and attested by herself as its City Clerk.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____________, 2023.

___________________________
Notary Public

My commission expires: ____________

CERTIFICATION

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by The Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

This ___ day of ________________, 20___.

__________________________
Jennifer Maready, City Finance Officer

Project Account: 1TRMP24-RSTR5303-CONTRACTL-OTHPROFSVC
Org: 21075195 Obj: 531060 Project: 1TRMP24 Amount: Not to Exceed $90,955
Requisition Number: _____ Federal ID Number: 56-6000239

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WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METRO
PLANNING ORGANIZATION,
by and through its Board

By: ______________________________________
    Honorable Henry E. Miller III, Chair

Attest: ___________________________________
    Secretary Mike Kozlosky

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

I, ________________________________, a Notary Public of _____________ County, North
Carolina, certify that Mike Kozlosky came before me this day and acknowledged that he is the
Secretary of the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization,
and that by authority duly given and as the act of the Organization, the foregoing instrument was
signed in its name by its Chairman and attested by himself as its Secretary.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this ___ day of ____________, 2023.

______________________________ (Seal)
Notary Public
My commission expires: __________.
CAPE FEAR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY d/b/a/ Wave Transit

By: ________________________________
   Chairman

Attest: ________________________________
   Secretary

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

I, ________________________________, a Notary Public of _______________ County, North Carolina, certify that ______________________ personally came before me this day and acknowledged that s/he is the Secretary of the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority d/b/a Wave Transit, and that by authority duly given and as the act of the Authority, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its Chairman, sealed with its seal and attested by herself as its Secretary.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the ____ day of ______________, 2023.

_________________________________ (Seal)
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: ____________.
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CAPE FEAR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND CITY OF WILMINGTON FOR THE WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE FY 23 SET ASIDE AND FY24 SECTION 5303 FUNDING TO THE CAPE FEAR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

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, in accordance with 23 CFR § 450.306, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization was designated as the policy body for cooperative transportation decision making in the Wilmington Urbanized Area (UZA); and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County effective July 1, 2004, established the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority to provide public transportation services within the UZA; and

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority is the provider of public transportation services within the UZA; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is the recipient of Federal Transit Authority 49 CFR § 5303 transit planning funds for the UZA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington serves as the Lead Planning Agency for the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, 23 CFR § 4510.314 requires an agreement between the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization specifying cooperative procedures for carrying out transportation planning and programming.

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization set aside a portion of the FY 23 allocation for use in FY 24 and received a new allocation of funding for FY 24; and

WHEREAS, no funds paid under this agreement shall exceed $90,955 in FY24 ($28,612 in FY23 funds set aside for use in FY24 and $62,343 in new FY24 funds).

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby authorizes the Chairman to enter into an agreement with the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and City of Wilmington for the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization to provide Section 5303 funding set aside in FY23 in the amount of $28,612 and new FY24 funding in the amount of $62,343 for a total amount of $90,955 to the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority to complete public transportation planning activities within the MPO’s Urbanized Area boundary.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Board on August 30, 2023.
Henry E. Miller III, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary
### 2024-2033 State Transportation Improvement Program

**Notes:** Amounts shown are project estimate amounts remaining. Any amounts programmed for activities other than right-of-way, utilities, or construction are included under “Other Activities.”

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The North Carolina Department of Transportation has demonstrated fiscal constraint on the 2024-2033 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) adopted on June 6, 2023. The Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Transportation Improvement Program (MPO TIP) is a subset of the STIP and by extension therefore demonstrates fiscal constraint.
WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024-2033 STATE/WILMINGTON URBAN AREA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

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 Board has found that the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning
Organization is conducting transportation planning in a continuous, cooperative, and
comprehensive manner; and

WHEREAS, the final Draft 2024-2033 State/Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning
Organization Transportation Improvement Programs were released in May 2023; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Board of Transportation adopted the 2024-2033 State
Transportation Improvement Program on June 6, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization conducted a 30-
day public comment period and public hearing on the Draft 2024-2033 State/Wilmington Urban
Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Programs; and

WHEREAS, the 2024-2033 State/Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Improvement Programs, for years one through three, will serve as the project
selection document for transportation projects within the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan
Planning Organization’s boundary.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan
Planning Organization hereby adopts the FY 2024-2033 State/Wilmington Urban Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Programs.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning
Organization’s Board on August 30, 2023.

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Henry E. Miller III, Chair

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Mike Kozlosky, Secretary
MEMORANDUM

To: MPO Board Members
From: Abby Lorenzo, Deputy Director
Date: August 15, 2023
Subject: P7.0 Draft Project Lists Public Comments

The WMPO Board opened a 14-day public comment period for the P7.0 draft modal project lists at its July 26th, 2023, meeting. Nineteen public comments were received during this 14-day period that ended on Wednesday, August 9. Two additional comments were received after the comment period closed. The following is a summary of these comments:

- Eighteen of the twenty-one comments voiced support for improvements to be made to the intersection of Independence Blvd and River Road. Eleven of these eighteen also expressed support for widening Independence Blvd from US421/Carolina Beach Road to River Road.
- One comment expressed support for the draft bicycle and pedestrian projects but desired to see more in order to promote equity and connectivity. The commenter also expressed concerns for the Wilmington Rail Realignment project being costly and only benefiting a high-income neighborhood.
- One comment expressed support for the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge Replacement project.
- One comment expressed support for passenger rail service.

The attached table includes all received comments.
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<td>7/30/2023</td>
<td>My name is Leonard Bull and I am a resident of DelWebb River Lights on River Rd. I am writing to ENTHUSIASTICALLY support the proposal that will result in widening Independence Blvd/Rd between Carolina Beach Rd and River Rd. And to include a traffic light (with camera) instead of the illogical suggestion that a traffic circle be installed instead. A. Regarding the Widening of Independence Blvd from Carolina Beach Rd to River Rd: This widening is absolutely required to allow safe traffic flow (currently UNSAFE) in both directions between Carolina Beach Rd and River Rd. There are several times during any day that one or both directions have traffic stopped and lined up between Carolina Beach Rd and River Rd. In addition, the access to Independence Blvd from the SEVERAL communities that line each side of Independence Blvd between Carolina Beach Rd and River Rd have NO SAFE WAY TO EXIT AND MERGE WITH THE CONGESTED TRAFFIC. Failure to leave this increasingly serious situation unattended represents in my opinion irresponsibility by those responsible for traffic management. And the fact that this widening was ignored when the area was first developing despite recommendation by the then Mayor, challenges common sense and logic! Additionally, the frenzy of development in River Lights on River Rd will only make the above concerns a FURTHER CRISIS. And then add to that the fact that a fire station is about to be built on River Rd, which will require priority travel access is and will be IMPOSSIBLE should it need to travel on Independence Blvd and the section of River Rd leading to it in an emergency. B. Traffic Control at River Rd/Independence Blvd Intersection: Traffic control at this intersection is an incredibly dangerous level. There has been discussion about another traffic circle which from any logical perspective is illogical (to be kind). There is not enough space in any direction to install an effective and safe traffic circle at that location that will safely accommodate the soon to be increasing truck traffic from the port, as well as a fire engine which would need to have safe access as well. Building one like the one in DelWebb River Lights which is ignored by virtually 100 percent of the population because it is FAR too small or safe can be used as proof of a terrible idea and bad design! Put a traffic light in with cameras to capture driving violators (there are MANY) is the only logical solution. Thank you!</td>
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<td>P7.002</td>
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<td>We want a stoplight on corner of Independence and River Road</td>
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<td>P7.003</td>
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<td>Please note that my husband Doug and I - Debbie Northcutt are in full support of the traffic light on Independence and River Road.</td>
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<td>7/30/2023</td>
<td>Reference: WMPO Prioritization 7.0 I am expressing our complete support for the adoption and implementation of the RW-222 project, Independence Blvd widening. We live in the Del Webb section of the Riverlights development. The traffic increases have become a serious concern for us and the need is immediate for the installation of a traffic signal at the junction of Independence Blvd and River Road. We need these improvements immediately, not 10 years from now.</td>
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<td>Thank you for considering improving the intersection at River Road and Independence. I believe a traffic circle or at least a traffic light would improve the safety at this intersection. A right turning lane from Independence to River Road may improve traffic flow also. Thanks for your consideration;</td>
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<td>P7.006</td>
<td>7/30/2023</td>
<td>Dear Sirs: As a resident of Del Webb (my address: 4048 Passerine Avenue) I am writing in strong support of the Independence/River Road project. I urge you to include this very important project in your plans for the next ten years.</td>
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<td>P7.007</td>
<td>7/30/2023</td>
<td>I am writing in support of RW-222, the proposed widening of Independence Blvd. between Carolina Beach Road and River Road, to include a permanent roundabout at the intersection of Independence Blvd. and River Rd., numerous turn lanes for the multitude of neighborhoods that have sprung up along this section of Independence, and connecting the sidewalk for pedestrian traffic along the duration of this stretch of road. From Carolina Beach Road, down Independence Blvd, and further south onto River Road to include the new RiverLights development, there have been over 2000 building permits issued by the City of Wilmington for new residences (both single-family and high density) over the past five years. In addition, the RiverLights development is approximately halfway to completion, with a planned 3000+ new homes by its completion—most of which are yet to be completed. On top of this, there are numerous other high density housing developments in various stages of completion further down River Road. Residents of all of these new dwellings—along with homes in long-established neighborhoods—use Independence Blvd. to access most of Wilmington. This two-lane stretch of road was never designed to accommodate the traffic we have today, much less the traffic we will see in the next five years. During rush hour, it is routine to see southbound traffic at the intersection of Independence and River create a queue of 30-50 cars, all trying to turn left or right onto River Road. Almost daily, this queue is so long that it prevents entry and egress from single access points of the River’s Edge and Independence South neighborhoods. Furthermore, when drivers finally reach the intersection, they have been sitting in the queue for so long that they are more apt to aggressively pull into smaller gaps in traffic on River Road, creating a higher chance of collision. In addition to widening this section of Independence Blvd, this particular bottleneck must also be addressed. Developers of both RiverLights and the upcoming Watermark Marina development are contractually obligated to install a temporary traffic light at this intersection. However, city traffic engineers have openly stated that they support renegotiating these agreements to have a permanent roundabout installed here. I am in full support of this measure, as roundabouts installed at three other locations along River Road have proven to be far more efficient at moving traffic when compared to yet another traffic light that Wilmington drivers do not need. As far back as 2015, Mayor Saffo, when considering the approval of redirecting a portion of River Road to accommodate the RiverLights development, was quoted as saying that widening Independence should be a high priority. It has been nearly a decade since his observation, with countless new homes added to this area since then (and countless more already in the planning stages), and we are still using the same overburdened stretch of Independence Blvd. It is imperative that this project, RW-222, receive the priority that it so badly deserves. Thank you for your consideration.</td>
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<td>I support the Independence/River Road project. Thank you.</td>
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<td>Please install a stoplight at the corner of Independence and River road. This is a matter of safety and common Sense.</td>
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<td>7/30/2023</td>
<td>The RW-222 Independence Blvd Widening (US421/Carolina Beach Road to River Road) needs to move up on the prioritization list. As a resident of Riverlights, I have a first-hand understanding of this issue. With hundreds of new homes and new apartments coming to Riverlights in the coming years, we need this project now to lessen evacuation route difficulties and long commute times. The pedestrian and bicycle improvements in the Monkey Junction area need to be at the top of the priority list. There have been too many deaths and accidents in this area due to the lack of investment in projects such as these. In this area more than any of the other areas listed. These projects will save lives.</td>
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<td>P7.011</td>
<td>7/31/2023</td>
<td>As a resident of Riverlights and a member of the Independence and River Road Traffic Committee, I could not be happier that this project has reached the next round. Members of the Traffic Committee recently presented information to the Mayor, City Council, City Engineers and the Planning Commission on the rapid increase in traffic volume along Independence Blvd between Carolina Beach Rd and River Rd as a result of the significant development in this area over the past five years. We have also submitted a petition with 1,000+ signatures of homeowners in the area. The Mayor acknowledged that widening this section of Independence to four lanes, along with other traffic control measures suggested by several traffic impact analyses that have been done in recent years, should be a priority. While we applaud this acknowledgement and appreciate the heightened awareness of the need -- we need your help ASAP. I spoke at the Planning Commission meeting held on 7/12/23 regarding an upcoming apartment complex at Independence and Carolina Beach Rd. The Planning Commission made it very clear that traffic and its impacts on all Wilmington communities held no weight in the decision making process. Traffic is a small price to pay for growth. High-density growth was the dictate given to the Planning Commission and with workforce housing included in a submission, high-density projects could be doubled. Making matters worse is the apartment development already approved at River Rd and Independence Blvd. Simply put, we need this project approved. The individuals that call this area home are concerned for their safety and the safety of their families. Whether driving on a daily basis or during an evacuation. During a mandatory evacuation, many of us believe it is already impossible to get out if needed. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, I can be reached as follows:</td>
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<td>P7.012</td>
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<td>Traffic volume will require a safety traffic light for all who travel thru this intersection plus widening of both roads to four lanes. Thank you.</td>
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<td>P7.013</td>
<td>7/31/2023</td>
<td>The title of RW-222 is &quot;Independence Blvd Widening (US421/Carolina Beach Road to River Road), but does not appear to include intent to install a traffic circle or signal. As Riverlights continues to grow and the impending building of a 250 unit apartment community at the point where Independence Road dead ends into River Road, the need for traffic control is critical. Please include this in the widening project.</td>
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<td>P7.014</td>
<td>7/31/2023</td>
<td>To Whom it may concern - we would greatly appreciate your help with both the widening of Independence Boulevard and revamping the intersection with River Road. These two areas are badly in need of renovation and the intersection with River Road is dangerous to say the least. Many thanks for your consideration.</td>
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<td>P7.015</td>
<td>7/31/2023</td>
<td>Please consider widening Independence Road and adding a traffic circle (or light) at the intersection of Independence/River Road - to accommodate growth and improve safety. Thank you!</td>
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<td>P7.016</td>
<td>8/2/2023</td>
<td>I am impressed by the bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects, but it's too bad there are so few of them. It would be nice if there were more projects to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, and especially if it were clear that the projects are inclusive and serve all census tracts and resident income levels across the area. It would also be helpful to clearly explain how these projects connect to other transit and development options in ways that improve overall transit networks. I find the Wilmington Rail realignment, R150127 (FR18) to be a complete waste of taxpayer funds. Building a rail bed to nowhere with no funding or plan for the very expensive river crossings is just plain silly. There appears to be no enhanced-safety reason to plan this, as safety improvements on current rail lines have not yet been completed. This project has the appearance of catering to one high-income neighborhood with little justification for the county-wide benefits.</td>
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My name is Kim Petty and I live at 424 Conescu Loop in the RiverLights Community. I’m sending this comment in support of RW-222, Independence Blvd Widening.

The 1-mile two-lane stretch of road between Carolina Beach Road and River Road has become extraordinarily busy with many new neighborhood and shopping center entrances/exits that have continued to be added. The number of entrances/exits onto that section of Independence is now 17 and growing, with recent approval of a new community at the intersection of Carolina Beach and Independence Blvd. At times, it is almost impossible to exit any of one of the 17 points onto Independence due to the volume of cars traveling that stretch of road.

At certain times of the morning and afternoon, there are sometimes 30-40 vehicles backed up on Independence Blvd to make a left hand turn onto River Road which ends up blocking many of the neighborhood exit points. Because there is a simple one-direction stop sign at this intersection and increased homeowner and port traffic, it is becoming more and more difficult to use this intersection. At times, after going to Harris Teeter, I will make a right onto Carolina Beach Road and drive all the way up to Silver Lake to cut down through that neighborhood onto Lorraine to get to a more southern end of River Road, allowing me to avoid the Independence Blvd./River Road intersection. The Silver Lake neighborhood was never designed for this level of cut-through traffic and results in a 4-5 mile detour to simply return from the grocery store.

I have also seen port traffic 18-wheelers traveling south on River Road try to make a left onto Independence Blvd and get stuck because the turning radius is not sufficient. Even if a truck can make the turn, cars waiting at the intersection on Independence to make a left on River Road, must move their cars into the berm/grass to give the truck room to make that turn.

Evacuation in the event of a natural or man-made disaster is another legitimate concern and Independence Blvd is one of many bottlenecks that will impede our ability to evacuate the RiverLights area in a timely manner.

Bottom line is that this 2-lane section of Independence Blvd is completely inadequate for the volume of cars traveling on and entering/exiting the road and cannot effectively handle the current load. I respectfully request that you strongly consider including this project in your next Plan development.

Thank you!

I am writing to voice my concerns over the traffic issues on River Road and Independence Road and to support improvements in this area.

As a resident of Marina Village in Riverlights, I see and am impacted daily by the congestion on turning into and out of Independence Road to River Road. Any effort or attention in mitigating traffic flow and safety would help greatly. At minimum having a 4 way stop and ideally installing a roundabout or stoplight would make an impact.

Additionally, the current 45 mph speed limit is too high entering into and throughout the Riverlights community. People interpret 45 mph as about 60 mph or more. It is a recipe for disaster for those fishing on the bridge at the Riverlights entrance as well as for anyone trying to turn left out of Marina Village onto River Road from Piermaster Point Rd. There are 3 lanes of traffic on each side of this divided road that pedestrians and bicyclists are trying to cross while people exceed the already excessive 45 mph speed limit. Ideally a reduced speed limit coupled with dedicated crossing lanes across River Road at Piermaster Point for pedestrians and cyclists would improve safety greatly. Roads like Randall Parkway for example have 35 mph speed limits, and it does not bisect a residential neighborhood.

To get a sense of the dangerous situations and amount of daily non-stop road rage in and around Marina Village, I encourage you to spend a rush hour morning and afternoon observing for yourselves.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my concerns over the safety of those travelling in this area and living in the Riverlights community.

I’ve reviewed the projects on the DOT website for 7.0 Prioritization. Although most of the projects on the draft are important, I feel there is an important item that should be on the project list. It is the replacement of the Cape Fear River bridge. Although there has been quite a bit of discussion regarding it, something needs to be done. The bridge wasn't designed to handle the current amount of traffic. The bridge is over 50 years old. The DOT, itself, said the bridge was inadequate to service today's traffic. It's in poor condition. I feel this is a priority. I think it should be on the priority list because of its poor condition. I wouldn’t want the DOT to wait until there is a dangerous consequence that would jeopardize people's economic or physical safety.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cheryl Kozik
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<td>Good morning! I would like to reach out to advocate for the widening of Independence Road leading into River Road with the addition of a traffic circle or light. I am a resident of Riverlights and Independence completely backs up every evening starting as early as 3 or 4. I cannot even imagine how bad this will get as all of the planned construction is completed feeding into this intersection. Now is the time to plan for this expansion before it truly becomes a nightmare. Thank you for your consideration.</td>
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<td>P7.021</td>
<td>8/12/2023</td>
<td>To Whom It May Concern, I would like to see passenger rail service made available in the future for residents of New Hanover County and surrounding areas. We will never have enough roads and many of us would travel by rail if made more convenient. Though it would be difficult and costly to have rail service in Wilmington, it may work in an area on the other side of the river: Leland, Pender County, etc. I understand that my input is after August 9th, but I hope that this will be considered sooner rather than later.</td>
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MEMORANDUM

To: MPO Board Members
From: Abby Lorenzo, Deputy Director
Date: August 21, 2023
Subject: *Final Draft* WMPO Prioritization 7.0 Aviation Submittals

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation (SPOT) released a schedule outlining the Prioritization 7.0 (P7.0) process. The P7.0 process includes a submittal window of July 2023 through September 2023 to allow MPOs, RPOs, and Division Engineers to submit projects for evaluation. The WMPO Board may submit up to 20 projects for each mode of transportation.

Below please find the recommendation for submittal to NCDOT for P7.0 Aviation projects.

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Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Board

Resolution Approving the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Selection of Aviation Projects for Consideration in the North Carolina Department of Transportation’s Prioritization 7.0

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 Strategic Transportation Investment Bill (HB 817), was signed into law on June 26, 2013; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Department of Transportation Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation updated the Prioritization Process to conform to HB 817 and has created Prioritization 7.0; and

Whereas, the Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation’s prioritization process will evaluate projects based on a quantitative and qualitative analysis and developed a selection process that is transparent and data driven; and

Whereas, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization can submit up to 20 new aviation projects through Prioritization 7.0; and

Whereas, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has developed a list of aviation projects to submit to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for Prioritization 7.0 evaluation as follows:

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**NOW THEREFORE,** be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves the aviation projects for submission to the North Carolina Department of Transportation’s Prioritization 7.0.

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Board on August 30, 2023.

__________________________  
Henry E. Miller III, Chair

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Mike Kozlosky, Secretary
MEMORANDUM

To: MPO Board Members
From: Abby Lorenzo, Deputy Director
Date: August 21, 2023
Subject: *Final Draft* WMPO Prioritization 7.0 Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Submittals

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation (SPOT) released a schedule outlining the Prioritization 7.0 (P7.0) process. The P7.0 process includes a submittal window of July 2023 through September 2023 to allow MPOs, RPOs, and Division Engineers to submit projects for evaluation. The WMPO Board may submit up to 20 projects for each mode of transportation.

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<td>Chappel Loop/Belville Trail Extension (Rice Hope to Brunswick Street SE)**</td>
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*MUP recommended with U-5702B in 2045 MTP

**MUP recommended with RW-51 in 2045 MTP
WMPO Prioritization 7.0 Bicycle and Pedestrian Submittals

Data Source: NCDOT, WMPO
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION’S SELECTION OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S PRIORITIZATION 7.0

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 Strategic Transportation Investment Bill (HB 817), was signed into law on June 26, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation updated the Prioritization Process to conform to HB 817 and has created Prioritization 7.0; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation’s prioritization process will evaluate projects based on a quantitative and qualitative analysis and developed a selection process that is transparent and data driven; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization can submit up to 20 new bicycle and pedestrian projects through Prioritization 7.0; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has developed a list of bicycle and pedestrian projects to submit to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for Prioritization 7.0 evaluation as follows:

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<td>1 Central College Road Trail (from Gordon Road to Northchase Parkway)</td>
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<td>4 Carolina Beach Road &amp; Myrtle Grove Road Crossing Improvements</td>
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<td>5 College Road &amp; Shopping Center Drive Crossing Improvements (Monkey Junction)</td>
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<td>6 Chappel Loop/Belville Trail Extension (Rice Hope to Brunswick Street SE)</td>
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NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves the bicycle and pedestrian projects for submission to the North Carolina Department of Transportation’s Prioritization 7.0.
ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Board on August 30, 2023.

__________________________________________________________________
Henry E. Miller III, Chair

__________________________________________________________________
Mike Kozlosky, Secretary
MEMORANDUM

To: MPO Board Members
From: Abby Lorenzo, Deputy Director
Date: August 21, 2023
Subject: *Final Draft* WMPO Prioritization 7.0 Ferry and Water Transportation Project Submittals

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation (SPOT) released a schedule outlining the Prioritization 7.0 (P7.0) process. The P7.0 process includes a submittal window of July 2023 through September 2023 to allow MPOs, RPOs, and Division Engineers to submit projects for evaluation. The WMPO Board may submit up to 20 projects for each mode of transportation.

Below please find the recommendation for submittal to NCDOT for P7.0 Ferry and Water Transportation projects.

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<td>F-24  Fort Fisher Pedestrian Improvements</td>
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WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION’S SELECTION OF FERRY PROJECTS FOR
CONSIDERATION IN THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION’S PRIORITIZATION 7.0

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 Strategic Transportation Investment Bill (HB 817), was signed into law on June
26, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation Strategic Prioritization Office of
Transportation updated the Prioritization Process to conform to HB 817 and has created
Prioritization 7.0; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation’s prioritization process will
evaluate projects based on a quantitative and qualitative analysis and developed a selection
process that is transparent and data driven; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization can submit up to
20 new ferry projects through Prioritization 7.0; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has developed a
list of ferry projects to submit to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for
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NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan
Planning Organization hereby approves the ferry projects for submission to the North Carolina
Department of Transportation’s Prioritization 7.0.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning
Organization’s Board on August 30, 2023.

__________________________________________________________________
Henry E. Miller III, Chair
Mike Kozlosky, Secretary
MEMORANDUM

To: MPO Board Members
From: Abby Lorenzo, Deputy Director
Date: August 21, 2023
Subject: *Final Draft* WMPO Prioritization 7.0 Public Transportation Project Submittals

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation (SPOT) released a schedule outlining the Prioritization 7.0 (P7.0) process. The P7.0 process includes a submittal window of July 2023 through September 2023 to allow MPOs, RPOs, and Division Engineers to submit projects for evaluation. The WMPO Board may submit up to 20 projects for each mode of transportation.

Below please find the recommendation for submittal to NCDOT for P7.0 public transportation projects.

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<td>Demand Response Vehicle Expansion</td>
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Route 101 (10 Stop Improvements)
Route 105 (8 Stop Improvements)
Route 108 (11 Stop Improvements)
Route 205 (8 Stop Improvements)
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION’S SELECTION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S PRIORITIZATION 7.0

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

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WHEREAS, the Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation’s prioritization process will evaluate projects based on a quantitative and qualitative analysis and developed a selection process that is transparent and data driven; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization can submit up to 20 new public transportation projects through Prioritization 7.0; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has developed a list of public transportation projects to submit to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for Prioritization 7.0 evaluation as follows:

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NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves the public transportation projects for submission to the North Carolina Department of Transportation’s Prioritization 7.0.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Board on August 30, 2023.
Henry E. Miller III, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary
MEMORANDUM

To: MPO Board Members
From: Abby Lorenzo, Deputy Director
Date: August 21, 2023
Subject: *Final Draft* WMPO Prioritization 7.0 Rail Project Submittals

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation (SPOT) released a schedule outlining the Prioritization 7.0 (P7.0) process. The P7.0 process includes a submittal window of July 2023 through September 2023 to allow MPOs, RPOs, and Division Engineers to submit projects for evaluation. The WMPO Board may submit up to 20 projects for each mode of transportation.

Below please find the recommendation for submittal to NCDOT for P7.0 rail projects.

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<td>R150128 (FR-7C)</td>
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Note: Rail project FR-7B extends beyond the WMPO's planning area.

Data Source: WMPO, NCDOT
WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION’S SELECTION OF RAIL PROJECTS FOR
CONSIDERATION IN THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION’S PRIORITIZATION 7.0

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,
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**PROJECT NAME**

|   | Construct Passenger Rail Station to Accommodate Future Passenger Rail Service from Wilmington to Raleigh |

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves the rail projects for submission to the North Carolina Department of Transportation’s Prioritization 7.0.

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Board on August 30, 2023.

______________________________
Henry E. Miller III, Chair

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Mike Kozlosky, Secretary
MEMORANDUM

To: MPO Board Members
From: Abby Lorenzo, Deputy Director
Date: August 21, 2023
Subject: *Final Draft* WMPO Prioritization 7.0 Roadway Project Submittals

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation (SPOT) released a schedule outlining the Prioritization 7.0 (P7.0) process. The P7.0 process includes a submittal window of July 2023 through September 2023 to allow MPOs, RPOs, and Division Engineers to submit projects for evaluation. The WMPO Board may submit up to 20 projects for each mode of transportation.

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<td>U-6080 SR1175/Kerr Avenue Widening (Patrick Avenue to SR1411/Wrightsville Avenue)</td>
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<td>RW-176 Old Fayetteville Road Interchange (US74/76/Andrew Jackson Highway at SR1437/Old Fayetteville Road)</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>RW-220 US17 BUS/Market Street Road Diet (16th Street to Covil Avenue)</td>
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<td>RW-51 NC133/River Road SE Widening (US17/74/76 to SR1599/Jackey’s Creek Lane)</td>
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<td>RW-51 NC133/River Road SE Widening (SR1599/Jackey’s Creek Lane to Rabon Way SE)</td>
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<td>RW-17 US17/76/Oleander Drive Access Management (Independence Blvd to US117/NC132-College Road)</td>
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<td>Sidbury Road Interchange (SR1572/Sidbury Road at Future NC417/Hampstead Bypass)</td>
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<td>Murrayville Road Widening and Extension (I-40 to Military Cutoff Extension widening; MCE to US17 BUS/Market Street new route on new location)</td>
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<td>Blue Clay Road Modernization (US117/College Road to N Kerr Ave)</td>
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<td>N. 23rd Street Widening (MLK Jr. Pkwy to Aviation Drive)</td>
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WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization can submit up to 20 new roadway projects through Prioritization 7.0; and

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NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves the roadway projects for submission to the North Carolina Department of Transportation’s Prioritization 7.0.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Board on August 30, 2023.

Henry E. Miller III, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary
**Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**Closed Session Policy**

It is the policy of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (“WMPO”) that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit the WMPO to act in the public interest as permitted by N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11. The WMPO Board hereby adopts the following Closed Session Policy:

A. The Board may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required for the purposes set forth in N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a), as follows:

1. To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

2. To prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize, or similar award.

3. To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. General policy matters may not be discussed in a closed session and nothing herein shall be construed to permit a public body to close a meeting that otherwise would be open merely because an attorney employed or retained by the public body is a participant. The public body may consider and give instructions to an attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim, judicial action, mediation, arbitration, or administrative procedure. If the public body has approved or considered a settlement, other than a malpractice settlement by or on behalf of a hospital, in closed session, the terms of that settlement shall be reported to the public body and entered into its minutes as soon as possible within a reasonable time after the settlement is concluded.

4. To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations, or to discuss matters relating to military installation closure or realignment. Any action approving the signing of an economic development contract or commitment, or the action authorizing the payment of economic development expenditures, shall be taken in an open session.

5. To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract.
(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting.

(7) To plan, conduct, or hear reports concerning investigations of alleged criminal misconduct.

(8) To formulate plans by a local board of education relating to emergency response to incidents of school violence or to formulate and adopt the school safety components of school improvement plans by a local board of education or a school improvement team.

(9) To discuss and take action regarding plans to protect public safety as it relates to existing or potential terrorist activity and to receive briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken or to be taken to respond to such activity.

(10) To view a recording released pursuant to G.S. 132-1.4A.

B. The Board may go into closed session only upon a motion duly made and adopted at an open meeting by a majority vote of the Board Members voting in-person or participating remotely. The motion must state one or more of the permissible purposes for holding a closed session listed in N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a).

C. Pursuant to the WMPO Board Member Remote Participation Policy and Procedure, Board Members may participate in a closed session remotely provided the Board Member provides assurance to the Board that no other person is able to hear, see, or otherwise participate in the closed session from the remote location.

D. If the purpose of the closed session is to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential under State or Federal law, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the motion to go into closed session must also state the name or citation of the law that renders the information to be discussed privileged or confidential.

E. If the purpose of the closed session is to consult with the WMPO’s attorney pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3), the motion to go into closed session must identify the parties in each existing lawsuit concerning which the Board expects to receive advice during the closed
session.

F. The Executive Director, the Clerk to the Board and the WMPO’s attorney shall attend the closed session unless otherwise directed by the Board. Any closed session held pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3) must include an attorney employed or retained by the WMPO. The Board may allow staff or agents of the WMPO to attend the closed session if necessary or appropriate to the matter at hand. No other person shall attend the closed session unless specifically invited by a majority vote of the Board.

G. In the absence of the Clerk, the Board Chair shall designate one of the Board Members or another person authorized to attend the closed session to prepare minutes and the general account of the closed session.

H. Upon completing its closed session business, the Board shall end the closed session by adopting a duly made motion to return to open session.

I. This Policy is in addition to all other applicable Federal and State laws, regulations and requirements. In the event that this Policy conflicts or is inconsistent with any applicable Federal or State law, regulation or requirement, the Federal and/or State law, regulation or requirement shall control.

J. This Policy supplements the Board’s other adopted rules and policies and shall also apply to any Committees of the Board.

K. This policy may be revised or amended as determined appropriate by the Board.

    Adopted this _____ day of August, 2023.
WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION’S CLOSED SESSION POLICY

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) 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, in accordance with the North Carolina General Statutes, closed sessions shall be held only as permitted in N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11; and

WHEREAS, the closed session is to protect important privacy interests and matters that are confidential or privileged under federal or state law; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has developed a closed session policy for the purposes of conducting closed sessions.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby adopts the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Closed Session Policy.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Board on August 30, 2023.

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Henry E. Miller III, Chair

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Mike Kozlosky, Secretary
STIP/MPO TIP Modification #23-6  
(August 2023)

## STATEWIDE PROJECT

**STIP MODIFICATIONS**

| TU-0016  | - STATEWIDE PROJECT | INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION, THIS PLANNING PROJECT WILL FUND THE PLANNING OF MOBILITY HUBS IN SEVEN COMMUNITIES ALONG THE S-LINE PASSENGER RAIL CORRIDOR. PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES INCLUDE SANFORD, APEX, WAKE FOREST, YOUNGSVILLE, HENDERSON, FRANLINTON, AND NORTLIMA. PLANNING ACTIVITIES INCLUDE FEASIBILITY AND SITE ASSESSMENTS FOR ALL PARTNER COMMUNITIES, AND NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT POLICY ACT (NEPA) COMPLIANCE AND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FOR THREE COMMUNITIES. | MODIFY FUNDING IN FY 23, FY 24 AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION. | FY 2023 - $2,400,000 (DP) | FY 2023 - $600,000 (L) | FY 2024 - $1,000,000 (DP) | FY 2024 - $250,000 (L) | FY 2025 - $45,000 (L) | FY 2025 - $185,000 (5307) | FY 2026 - $45,000 (L) | FY 2026 - $185,000 (5307) | FY 2027 - $45,000 (L) | FY 2027 - $185,000 (5307) | FY 2028 - $45,000 (L) | FY 2028 - $185,000 (5307) | $5,170,000 |
| FRANKLIN | LEE | VANCE | WAKE | WARREN | PROJ.CATEGORY | PUBLIC TRANS |
MEMORANDUM

TO: MPO Board members

FROM: Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director

DATE: August 14, 2023

SUBJECT: Wilmington Urban Area MPO Boundary, Governance, and Structure Subcommittee Update

Following each Decennial Census, the Census Bureau updates existing and identifies new Urban Areas (UA). On December 29, 2022, the US Census released the Wilmington UA Census data with additional mapping information was released in January 2023. The UA boundaries are based on the updated UA criteria revised from the 2010 Decennial Census. NCGS § 136-200.2.

Decennial review of metropolitan planning organization boundaries, structure, and governance requires that “– Following each decennial census, and more frequently if requested by an individual metropolitan planning organization, the Governor, and the Secretary of Transportation, in cooperation with the affected metropolitan planning organization or organizations, shall initiate an evaluation of the boundaries, structure, and governance of each metropolitan planning organization in the State. This review could require changes to the organizational boundaries, structure, and/or governance.”

The Code of Federal Regulations provides guidance for this decennial review of an established MPO’s planning boundary, also called the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). CFR § 450.312 Metropolitan Planning Area boundaries stipulates that “At a minimum, the MPA boundaries shall encompass the entire existing urbanized area (as defined by the Bureau of the Census) plus the contiguous area expected to become urbanized within a 20-year forecast period for the metropolitan transportation plan.” The section also details that MPA boundaries can encompass more than one urban area and may “be established to coincide with the geography of regional economic development and growth forecasting.”

Based on the release of the 2020 UA data, NC General Statue, and federal regulations, WMPO staff presented several scenarios to the MPO Board for consideration of potential MPA boundary expansion. At the March 29th MPO Board meeting, the Board authorized staff to reach out and gauge interest from potential members based on these scenarios. At the May 31, 2023, Board
meeting, consensus of the Board was to receive any formal responses requesting consideration for inclusion no later than July 31, 2023.

As an update on discussions with potential members, MPO staff met with representatives from the county and municipalities in Brunswick County on May 2nd. MPO staff provided presentations to the Topsail Beach Town Council on May 10th and Surf City Town Council on May 19th. MPO staff have been notified by the Town of Surf City and Town of Topsail Beach that they desire to remain with the Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization.

On July 13th the Southport Board of Alderman expressed interest in the Cape Fear RPO, Wilmington Urban Area MPO, and Grand Strand Study Area MPO. MPO staff along with staff from the Cape Fear RPO provided presentations to the Southport Board of Alderman on August 4th. The Grand Strand Study Area MPO is scheduled to present to the Southport Board of Alderman in September.

The MPO Board’s Boundary, Governance, and Structure Subcommittee met on August 14, 2023. The Committee recommended that there be no changes to the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s planning area boundary to add any new members or voting structure.
WMPO Board Member Remote Participation Policy and Procedure
Adopted September 29, 2021

WHEREAS, the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) acknowledges that Board member attendance at Board meetings is essential for Board members to perform their official duties and to add to the diversity of thought and opinion in the Board’s deliberations;

WHEREAS, the Board strongly encourages its members to be physically present for all Board meetings, and it is the goal of the Board that Board meetings be held in-person with Board members physically present at the meeting location. The Board recognizes, however, that extenuating circumstances may prevent a Board member from being physically present at a meeting;

WHEREAS, the Board further recognizes that advances in online, audio and video conferencing technology make it possible for Board members in remote locations to communicate and deliberate effectively with each other during meetings via electronic methods which provide for simultaneous communication;

WHEREAS, the Board also recognizes that allowing Board members to participate remotely in meetings will help ensure full participation of the Board at its meetings.

NOW THEREFORE, in order to promote full participation of Board members at meetings while also ensuring access and transparency for the public as required by the Open Meetings Law, the Board authorizes its members to participate remotely in Board meetings subject to the following rules and requirements:

A. AUTHORIZED CIRCUMSTANCES FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION. The Board authorizes remote participation by its members in any meeting of the Board consistent with the following conditions and requirements:

1. A Board member may attend a meeting and participate in Board deliberations and decisions by remote participation if the member is prevented from physically attending the meeting due to any of the following reasons:

   a. personal illness or disability
   b. out-of-town travel
   c. unexpected lack of child-care
   d. family member illness or emergency
   e. weather conditions
   f. military service
   g. employment or business obligations
   h. an unexpected scheduling conflict
Remote participation is not intended to be used solely for a Board member’s convenience.

2. Acceptable means of remote participation include telephone-, Internet-, or satellite enabled audio or video conferencing, or any other technology that provides for simultaneous communication during the meeting and enables the remote member(s) and all persons present at the meeting location to be clearly audible to one another. “Simultaneous communication” shall mean any communication by conference telephone, conference video, or other electronic means. Text messaging, instant messaging, email, and web chat without audio are not acceptable means of remote participation.

3. No Board member may participate remotely more than two (2) times during a calendar year; provided however, that in justifiable circumstances, the Board may, by majority vote, agree to waive this limitation. The two-meeting per year limitation on remote participation in this section does not apply to situations where a Board member is in quarantine or is experiencing a long-term illness.

**B. CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION.**

1. A Board member may participate remotely only when the acceptable means of simultaneous communication allows for the member who is participating remotely to do all of the following:

   a. Hear what is said by other members of the Board.
   b. Hear what is said by any individual addressing the Board.
   c. To be heard by all members of the Board when speaking to the Board.
   d. To be heard by all other persons present at the meeting location.

2. A Board member participating remotely will be considered present at the meeting for purposes of establishing a meeting quorum only during the period where simultaneous communication is maintained for that member.

3. A Board member considered present through remote participation will be permitted to vote on any action item at the meeting except:

   a. any item for which the member was not participating remotely during the entire discussion and deliberation of the matter preceding the vote; and
   b. any item that was being discussed when an interruption to the electronic communication occurred, if the Board’s discussion was not suspended during the interruption. A brief loss of simultaneous communication will not disqualify the member from voting on the matter under discussion.

4. A Board member may participate remotely in a closed session of the Board provided the member provides assurance to the Board that no other person is able to hear, see, or otherwise participate in the closed session from the remote location.
C. PROCEDURE FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION.

1. A Board member who desires to participate in a meeting remotely shall use his or her best efforts to notify the Chair or Executive Director at least one business day prior to the meeting so that necessary arrangements for remote participation can be made.

2. The Chair or the Chair’s designee at the meeting location shall initiate contact with the Board member prior to the start of the meeting to secure remote participation.

3. The Chair shall announce the remote participant and the means of remote participation at the beginning of the meeting.

4. Any Board member participating remotely must identify himself or herself in each of the following situations:
   a. When the roll is taken or the meeting is commenced.
   b. Prior to participating in the deliberations, including making motions, proposing amendments, and raising points of order.
   c. Prior to voting.

5. The Chair may decide how to address technical difficulties that arise when utilizing remote participation.

6. When possible, the Chair should temporarily suspend discussion while reasonable efforts are made to correct any problem that interferes with the ability of a member who is participating remotely to hear or be heard clearly by all persons present at the meeting location and by any other Board members who may also be participating remotely at that meeting. If, however, the technical difficulties distract from or impede the orderly progress of the meeting, a majority of the members physically present may vote to end the remote participation.

7. A Board member participating remotely shall notify the Chair if leaving the meeting before it is adjourned or rejoining the meeting after a period of absence.

8. All votes taken during any meeting where a Board member is participating remotely will be by roll call voice vote.

9. All remote participation will be noted in the official Board minutes. Any interruption to or discontinuation of the Board member’s remote participation will also be noted in the minutes.

10. The Executive Director is directed to provide the technology sufficient to implement this policy in accordance with all applicable laws.

D. NOT EXCLUSIVE. This remote participation policy is intended to apply when there is no declaration of emergency under N.C.G.S. sec. 166A-19.20 in effect. Upon the issuance of a declaration of emergency under N.C.G.S. sec. 166A-19.20, the provisions of N.C.G.S. sec. 166A-19.24 and any other applicable statutes or regulations shall control. This remote participation policy does not apply to remote meetings under N.C.G.S. sec. 166A-19.24.
PENDER COUNTY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN

Project Description/Scope: Pender County, in collaboration with the WMPO and consultant WSP, seeks to develop a comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to direct multi-modal development within the southern portion of the County. The final plan will be used to prioritize bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure implementation that will improve mobility, increase safety, and strengthen the connectivity for multi-modal transportation options in southern Pender County. The notice to proceed was issued in late September 2022.

Project Status and Next Steps:
- The Draft Plan has been finalized.
- The Plan is expected to go before the Pender County Board of Commissioners for consideration of approval in late summer/early fall of 2023 and before the WMPO Board in fall of 2023.

NCDOT IMD FEASIBILITY STUDY GRANTS

Project Description/Scope: In July 2022, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) was allocated $2 million in one-time funding from the North Carolina General Assembly to establish a Paved Trails Feasibility Study Program. The Integrated Mobility Division (IMD) was also awarded $500,000 in State Planning and Research (SP&R) funds to support sidewalk and shared-use path feasibility studies. The purpose of the Paved Trails and Sidewalk Feasibility Studies Grant Program is to improve the pipeline of bicycle and pedestrian projects accessing state and federal funding, resulting in successful implementation of projects led by communities prioritizing multimodal infrastructure.

Wilmington Downtown Trail Phases 2 & 3:
The Downtown Trail will eventually connect the River to Sea Bikeway to the future Multimodal Transportation Center, Cape Fear Community College, and the Riverwalk. In between these locations, the trail will provide a recreational facility for several communities in proximity to the downtown. The project currently consists of three phases. The first phase, from 3rd Street to Archie Blue Park, is in the preliminary engineering phase. The purpose of this study would be to assess the feasibility of constructing Phases 2 and 3. A scoping meeting with NCDOT IMD and the selected consultant, Kittelson, was held on May 2, 2023.

Project Status and Next Steps:
- Kittelson provided a scoping document which was reviewed by WMPO and City staff.
- A project team kickoff meeting with the consultant, WMPO staff, and NCDOT IMD staff was held on June 22, 2023.
- The first steering committee and a public outreach session are anticipated to take place in fall 2023.
- Final study report anticipated in late spring/early summer 2024.

Gullah Geechee Heritage Trail:
The purpose of this study would be to assess the feasibility of constructing a 10’-12’ multi-use path facility in the Gullah Geechee Heritage Corridor from Phoenix Park in Navassa to Brunswick Nature Park in unincorporated Brunswick County. The Gullah Geechee Heritage Corridor is designated as a Cultural Heritage Area by U.S. Congress, presenting an opportunity to educate the public about the history of the Gullah Geechee people and highlight historical sites within Brunswick County. A scoping meeting with
NCDOT IMD and the selected consultant, Kittelson, was held on May 2, 2023.

**Project Status and Next Steps:**
- Kittelson provided a scoping document which was reviewed by WMPO and City staff.
- A project team kickoff meeting with the consultant, WMPO staff, and NCDOT IMD staff was held on June 22, 2023.
- The first steering committee and public outreach sessions are anticipated to take place in fall 2023.
- Final study report anticipated in late spring/early summer 2024.

**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: 10 reviews
- New Hanover County Informal Plan Reviews: 4 review
- New Hanover Concept Reviews: 1 reviews
- Town of Leland Concept Plan Reviews: 0 reviews
- Town of Leland Formal Reviews: 2 reviews
- Town of Leland Informal Reviews: 0 reviews
- Town of Navassa Formal Plan Reviews: 0 reviews
- Town of Navassa Informal Reviews: 0 reviews
- Town of Navassa Concept Reviews: 0 reviews
- Town of Belville Formal Reviews: 0 reviews
- Town of Carolina Beach Formal Reviews: 0 reviews
- Town of Carolina Beach Informal Reviews: 0 reviews
- Town of Carolina Beach Concept Reviews: 0 review
- Brunswick County Formal Plan Reviews: 0 reviews
- Brunswick County Informal Plan Reviews: 0 review
- Pender County Formal Reviews: 7 reviews
- Pender County Informal Reviews: 3 reviews
- Pender County Concept Reviews: 0 reviews
- City of Wilmington Formal Reviews: 42 reviews (7 new, 35 on-going)
- City of Wilmington Informal Reviews: 24 reviews (9 new, 15 on-going)
- City of Wilmington Concept Reviews: 0 reviews (0 new, 0 on-going)
- City of Wilmington Full Releases: 1

TIA Reviews: 39 total active (1 new; 34 under review; 3 approved, 1 waived)
- New Hanover County 11 (1 new, 8 under review, 2 approved),
- City of Wilmington 8 (0 new, 7 under review, 0 approved, 1 waiver),
- Carolina Beach 0,
- Town of Belville 0,
- Town of Leland 4 (0 new, 3 under review, 1 approved),
- Town of Navassa 2, (0 new, 2 under review, 0 approved),
- Pender County 12 (0 new, 12 under review, 0 approved) and
- Brunswick County 2 (0 new, 2 under review, 0 approved)
STBGP-DA/TASA-DA/CRRSAA FY2013 to Present

U - 5527C NEW HANOVER COUNTY - Middle Sound Loop Extension/Connector Construction & Porters Neck Walmart Connector Construction

**Project Description/Scope:** Construction of bicycle/pedestrian trails along Middle Sound Loop Road from Red Cedar Road to Publix commercial lot. Also construct trails along US 17 Business (Market Street) from Mendenhall Drive to Porter’s Neck Wal-Mart commercial lot.

**Project Status and Next Steps:**
- Right of way acquisition is complete and was sent to NCDOT for ROW certification
- Anticipated construction let date Summer 2023
- Awaiting response from NCDOT regarding ROW certification
- Awaiting final approval from CFPUA

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

**Project Description/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:**
- NCDOT approval of final design elements and right-of-way authorization obtained June 10, 2022
- Advertise for Bid – September 2023
- Begin Construction – February 2024
- Construction Complete – November 2024

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

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

**Project Status and Next Steps:**
- NCDOT approval of final design elements and right-of-way authorization obtained June 10, 2022
- Advertise for Bid – September 2023
- Begin Construction – February 2024
- Construction Complete – November 2024

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

**Project Description/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:**
- NCDOT approval of final design elements and right-of-way authorization obtained June 10, 2022
- Advertise for Bid – September 2023
- Begin Construction – February 2024
- Construction Complete – November 2024
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
- Town of Leland is working with the Contractor’s Surety on final payment and closing out the project
- Received concurrence from NCDOJ and NCDOT on the contractor’s certified payrolls
- Project completion date extended to June 30, 2024

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
- Town of Leland is working with the Contractor’s Surety on final payment and closing out the project
- Received concurrence from NCDOJ and NCDOT on the contractor’s certified payrolls
- Project completion date extended to June 30, 2024

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
- Town of Leland is working with the Contractor’s Surety on final payment and closing out the project
- Received concurrence from NCDOJ and NCDOT on the contractor’s certified payrolls
- Project completion date extended to June 30, 2024

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 Construction Authorization from NCDOT and Notice to Proceed (NTP) from NCDOT (U-5534Q & EB-6028) on February 8, 2023
- Advertise U-5534Q and EB-6028 on March 8, 2023
• Pre-Bid Meeting on March 21, 2023
• Bid Opening (LET) on April 13, 2023
• One (1) bid submitted and rejected (May 16, 2023 Council Meeting) due to Over/Under difference with Engineer’s Cost Estimate.
• Re-advertise w/ EB-6028 on May 18th
• Bid Opening (LET) on June 8, 2023
• One (1) bid submitted and rejected due to excessive cost(s)
• Pre-bid conference held on July 26th
• Bids due on August 24th

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
• The consultant is proceeding with the right-of-way acquisition.
• Proposed property valuations have been submitted and have been approved by NCDOT.
• Letters to property owners have been mailed to initiate the acquisition process.
• Construction fund authorization request will occur next federal fiscal year

U-6233 CAROLINA BEACH HAMLET AVENUE/ US 421 TRAFFIC SIGNAL
Project Description/Scope: installation of traffic signal with pedestrian infrastructure at the intersection of Hamlet Avenue and US 421 in the Town of Carolina Beach

• The signal plans have been finalized.
• The construction WBS was amended in October 2022 by the Board of Transportation
• Construction & activation complete as of May 09, 2023.

U-6234 MULTI-MODAL PHASE 1 B
Project Description/Scope: Rehabilitation of the historic structure located at 525 N 4th Street for MPO offices.

Project Status and Next Steps:
• Paragon Building Corp awarded bid and signed the contract
• September 12, 2022, building permit issued
• Right of Way permit has been approved
• Ongoing demolition of site and cleaning of the exterior walls
• Completed installation of structural steel
• Removed the exterior masonry from the east wall pilasters
• Completed the 1st and 2nd floor HVAC ductwork
• Completed the repairs for the windows in the north and south walls
• Completed repairs of the south wall parapet
• Completed concrete foundation slab

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 and execution is complete.
- Design kick-off meeting held July 23, 2021, with Wilmington Fire Department, Traffic Engineering and Davenport Staff.
- Design started in October 2021 is expected to last through Summer 2023.

U-6039 – CAROLINA BEACH – ST. JOESPH 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
- Agreement executed with NCDOT on August 18, 2021
- Design discussions held with Kimley-Horn & Associates (KHA) on August 31, 2021
- Public meeting held on March 24, 2022, to present three (3) design alternatives for bike path on St. Joseph
- KHA presented to Town’s Bike & Pedestrian Committee summary of comments on April 18, 2022
- KHA presented at Town Council regularly scheduled meeting on May 10, 2022
- Town Council approved Option 3 on May 10, 2022, as presented by KHA
- On May 25, 2022, project managers submit RFLOI to NCDOT prequalified engineering firms with a response deadline of June 8, 2022
- Responses to RFLOI reviewed by WMPO/Town of Carolina Beach
- On July 12, 2022, the Town of Carolina Beach selected KHA as the design firm
- On September 22, 2022, the Town received a Letter of Agreement from KHA for Scope of Services and Project Engineer Design Estimate.
- The Town has uploaded documentation via EBS portal for review and approval.
- The Town has obtained NCDOT approval in January 2023
- Project meeting with consultant held March 2023
- Project survey completed in July 2023

TASA-DA/CRRSAA/STIP

BL-0045 – DOWNTOWN GREENWAY PH. 1 DESIGN
Project Description/Scope: design and engineering for an approximately 2.2 mile long, 10’ to 12’ in width portion of the trail beginning at 3rd street in the Downtown within the NCDOT owned rail corridor to McRae St (defined in the Wilmington Rail Trail Master Plan); abutting the Dorothy B. Johnson Elementary School western parcel line; traversing east along CSX right-of-way to Archie Blue Park; and continuing north through Archie Blue Park, parallel to the creek and terminating at the Love Grove Bridge multi-use path facility.

Project Status and Next Steps:
- Agreement executed by NCDOT on April 20, 2022
- City selected an on-call engineering consultant (WSP) to perform design and engineering. A scope and fee were agreed upon and approved by NCDOT.
• Award of contract by City Council on September 6, 2022.
• Notice to proceed issued on October 2, 2022.
• Supplemental scope of services for project management activities, NCDOT and CSX rail coordination, and additional survey tasks submitted on April 13, 2023 with NTP on additional services issued on June 12, 2023.
• NCDOT Rail Division is contracting with WSP on the preliminary concept design for rail track layout to determine final alignment of the Downtown Trail facility.
• NCDOT Rail Division Staff, City of Wilmington, and WMPO staff met with Cape Fear Community College President Jim Morton on July 24th to discuss both the Rail Division and City’s efforts coordinating future passenger rail track and trail layout in the project corridor.

BL – 0059 TOWN OF KURE BEACH - FORT FISHER BOULEVARD/K AVENUE AND NORTH 3RD STREET PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Project Description/Scope: This project entails intersection improvements at Ft. Fisher Boulevard and K Avenue to include high visibility crosswalks, ADA ramps, and pedestrian signals; and filling gaps in the sidewalk network on Ft. Fisher Boulevard and N. 3rd Street that will create a pedestrian network connected to the Ft. Fisher Boulevard and K Avenue intersection.

Project Status and Next Steps:
• Agreement finalized and adopted September 2022
• Request for PE Authorization in October 2022
• Request for Letters of Interest to be sent in December 2022
• Four (4) proposals reviewed in January 2023
• PE firm selection February 2023
• Project kick-off meeting in March 2023
• Contract approved by Kure Beach Town Council in June 2023
• Meeting with NCDOT, WMPO, WithersRavenel, and Town of Kure Beach scheduled for August 8, 2023
• Survey can start in September 2023

EB-5600 – S. 17TH STREET MULTI-USE PATH

Project Description/Scope: This project consists of the construction of a 10’ multiuse path along South 17th Street from Harbour Drive to Shipyard Boulevard and the installation of crosswalks and pedestrian signal heads at the intersection of South 17th Street and Shipyard Boulevard.

Project Status and Next Steps:
• Agreement executed with NCDOT on May 24, 2022
• Scope and Fee submitted to NCDOT on September 16, 2022
• Change Request for PE Authorization submitted to NCDOT on September 21, 2022
• Request to use RS&H (COW On-Call) approved by NCDOT on October 10, 2022
• NCDOT approved the scope and fee on November 2, 2022
• Change Request for PE Authorization approved on January 20, 2023
• Contract between City and RS&H executed on January 24, 2023 and notice to proceed issued.
• Design kick-off meeting between City and RS&H staff held on January 31, 2023
• Design criteria and typical section submitted on March 17, 2023.
• Survey work completed on April 27, 2023.
• Natural Resources Technical Report (NRTR)/Environmental Document is in progress.
• Field visit conducted on May 4, 2023.
• 25% Preliminary Plans submitted on June 9, 2023
• Review meeting scheduled for August 10, 2023

**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:**
- 100% plans approved by NCDOT
- Contract proposal (with cost estimate) approved April 11, 2022
- CEI contract award in October 2022
- Construction authorization February 2023
- CE Consultation pending approval from NCDOT
- Withers Ravenel delivered bid documents to the Town mid-May. NCDOT is currently reviewing.
- Tentative bid solicitation in July 2023
- Anticipated bid award/start of construction October 2023

**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:**
- 100% plans approved by NCDOT
- Contract proposal (with cost estimate) approved April 11, 2022
- CEI contract award in October 2022
- Construction authorization February 2023
- CE Consultation pending approval from NCDOT (revised b/c Tricolored Bat is on the potentially endangered species list. CE Consultation signed by both Withers Ravenel and NCDOT).
- Withers Ravenel delivered bid documents to the Town mid-May. NCDOT is currently reviewing.
- Tentative bid solicitation in July 2023
- Anticipated bid award/start of construction October 2023

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

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

**Project Status and Next Steps:**
- Comments received from CFPUA indicate conflicts with utilities that require design adjustments
- Level A SUE completed, and results have been reviewed.
- CFPUA is reviewing final plans (were modified based on their comments)
- Right of way acquisition is complete and was sent to NCDOT for ROW certification
- Anticipated construction let date Summer 2023
- Waiting response from NCDOT regarding ROW certification
- Waiting final approval from CFPUA
**EB-6028 — CITY OF WILMINGTON- 21ST 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:**
- NCDOT has approved the 100% project plans
- Received Construction Authorization from NCDOT and NTP from NCDOT (U-5534Q & EB-6028) on February 8, 2023
- Advertise U-5534Q and EB-6028 on March 8, 2023
- Pre-Bid Meeting on March 21, 2023
- Bid Opening (LET) on April 13, 2023
- One (1) bid submitted and rejected (May 16, 2023 Council Meeting) due to Over/Under difference with Engineer’s Cost Estimate.
- Bid opening held April 13, 2023
- One (1) bid submitted and rejected due to excessive cost(s)
- Pre-bid conference held on July 26th
- Bids due on August 24th

**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:**
- Town Council has requested to cancel this project.
- The MPO Board supported removal of the project at their November 30th meeting.
- STIP amendment to delete the project will be considered by the MPO Board at their March meeting.

**HL – 0040 NC PORTS WILMINGTON – NEW NORTH GATE FEASIBILITY STUDY**

**Project Description/Scope:** This project is a feasibility study, early design and NEPA work to determine the high-level alternatives and costs associated with a new North Gate on NC Port of Wilmington property to allow for efficient freight access to and from the General Terminal.

**Project Status and Next Steps:**
- Advertisement for on-call consultants, August 14, 2020
- Selection and signed contract with HDR on October 29, 2020
- Kickoff meeting on site with NCSPA on March 10, 2022
- NCSPA/WTRY call on April 5, 2022
- Draft scoping letter to Port on April 5, 2022
- Traffic counts completed April 12, 2022
- Scoping Letter to Agencies on April 18, 2022
- Draft design assumptions & Typical Sections submitted on June 3, 2022
- Draft Limited Environmental Records Review (LERR) submitted on July 5, 2022
- Revised typical sections submitted on July 7, 2022
- Natural Resources Technical Report (NRTR) on August 8, 2022
- Revised Limited Environmental Records Review (LERR) submitted August 15, 2022
- Draft 15% roadway submittal on September 15, 2022
- Preliminary Hydraulics submittal on October 11, 2022
- Revised Roadway plans submitted on November 16, 2022
- Draft traffic analysis submitted December 16, 2022
• Revised Roadway exhibits submitted January 23, 2023
• Revised Roadway exhibits and costs submitted January 31, 2023
• Waiting on SHPO concurrence of no effects
• Traffic noise documentation from NCDOT that Traffic Noise Report not needed.
• Working on impacts for the draft CE document

TC – 0021 WAVE PASSENGER AMENITIES AND UPGRADES

Project Description/Scope: Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (WAVE transit) currently has a total of 440 bus stops, 24 benches and 27 shelters. Shelters only represent 6% of our passenger amenities, while other NC agencies average 14%. To meet the peer average for statewide systems, CFPTA needs to install an additional twenty-six (26) benches and twenty (20) shelters. This project will support the installation of a total of nine (9) bus stop benches and ten (10) bus stop shelters along eight (8) transit routes located within the City of Wilmington. The project includes engineering and design, construction of concrete pads, ADA ramps, ADA access, and purchase and installation of durable bench and/or shelter, waste receptacle, and solar lighting, where applicable.

Project Status and Next Steps:
• The project was awarded funds in November 2021
• NC Board of Transportation approved the flex request in January 2023
• Flex request confirmed end of April 2023
• Letters from NCDOT transmitted May 23, 2023

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. Go Coast Committee Meeting - The next Go Coast committee meeting will occur on August 17, 2023, at 3 PM.
2. Be a Looker – WMPO and Go Coast will promote the Be a Looker campaign from April 2023 through October 2023, which encourages safety among all road users including motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians, through attending events, presentations, distributing informational brochures, advertising, and social media. Bicycle helmets received from an NCDOT grant will be distributed during this campaign to children from low-income families. So far there have been 165 Be A Looker pledges from 10 events attended since April as well as online pledges.
3. Commuter Challenge – the Commuter Challenge subcommittee met July 24 to discuss branding and core messaging and values of the Go Coast Commuter Challenge which will take place in October 2023.
Ridership Updates
For July 2023, Wave Transit showed 7.5% growth in fixed-route ridership compared to the previous July. The monthly ridership for fixed-route was 45,304.

RideMICRO’s (microtransit) July 2023 ridership was 1,660 trips per month, a 45.5% percent increase from July 2022, which was the first month of the expanded RideMICRO service.

Combined, system ridership was up 8.5% when comparing July 2023 to July 2022.

Short-Range Transit Plan
Wave Transit’s Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) will hold a kick-off workshop on September 22 at 1 PM at Forden Station’s Boardroom. Nelson/Nygaard, the Consultant, will help provide an overview and best practices of what a healthy and well-built fixed route system should resemble.

Wave’s goal through the SRTP is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Authority’s fixed-route system to better serve the public transportation needs of the Cape Fear Region, without increasing the operating budget for the Authority and to also investigate models for service reduction.

VW Settlement Grant
The purchase of a CNG fixed-route vehicle with funds received through the Volkswagen Settlement is being finalized. The delivery of a fully funded bus is expected within twelve to fourteen months.

The award is through the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ), which is overseeing the management of the award. This award covers the cost of the bus in its entirety and no local dollars were needed.

Zero Emissions Vehicles (ZEV) Transition Plan
In early 2022 NCDOT committed 100% funding to assist Wave Transit in developing a Zero Emissions Transition Plan.

The Federal Transit Administration and other primary funding agencies have directed transit agencies nationwide to transition their fleets to Low or No Emissions, with funding priority given to Zero Emissions Vehicles (ZEV). The Transition Plan is a requirement by FTA to apply for grant funds supporting any ZEV projects, including vehicles and all related infrastructure.

Wave Transit staff are working with consultants from HDR and will finalize the Plan in August.
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**Go!NC Portal** for public information: [HMIP (Highway Maintenance Improvement Program) GIS maps](https://ncdot.maps.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=ceae1d0cf870473fb7d352394ac6b71c)
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August 2023

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Brunswick County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP): The CTP steering committee met on June 27th to review the recommendations for modifications made from public involvement sessions in May. This was the last steering committee meeting. The committee approved the recommendations that were made. The CTP has been updated with all public involvement feedback modifications as well as steering committee feedback. The CTP was submitted for review to TPD management on July 28th. As TPD management reviews the CTP, the engineer will update the CTP page in August so that the CTP committee has a chance to look through the CTP before scheduling presentations for local adopting agencies.

Wilmington Model: The 2050 Travel Demand Model (TDM) work started on 3/1/2022. The TDM is being developed for the next Wilmington MTP. End of July, WMPO reviewed and confirmed the BY SE and CO Data information. In August, the TPD engineer and modeler plan on incorporating the approved SE Data and continuing with base year model estimation.

Helpful Links:
Click on links below to learn more:
· NCDOT home page—ncdot.gov
· Real-Time Traffic—DriveNC.gov | North Carolina Traffic & Travel Information
· Report a pothole—NCDOT Contact Us Form
· NCDOT: State Transportation Improvement Program—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)
· NCDOT Strategic Transportation Corridors (or go to ncdot.gov and search: Strategic Transportation Corridors)
· NCDOT Comprehensive State Rail Plan (25-Year Vision) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: rail plan)
· NC Statewide Multimodal Freight Plan (2015-2040) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: public transportation plan)
· IMD Great Trails State Plan (or go to ncdot.gov and search: Great Trails)
· Connecting North Carolinians to Opportunities (Public Transportation strategic Plan—2018) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: public transportation plan)
· NCDOT Resilience Strategy Report (2021) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: resilience strategy report)
· Statewide Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan (2013) (or go to ncdot.gov/bikeped/walkbikenc)