

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS**  
*(DRAFT Revised 11/20/19)*

**ARTICLE I: CREATION; NAME; NUMBER OF MEMBERS**

There is hereby created a committee composed of members, each appointed by one member of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Board; one appointment made by the Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington; one appointment made from an organization representing regional bicycling interests by the Chair of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee; and a representative of NCDOT Division 3 appointed by the Division Engineer. The WMPO will also appoint the Secretary and the Transportation Demand Manager (TDM) Coordinator, both as voting members. This committee shall be known as the Wilmington Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee D/B/A WMPO BikePed Committee.

**ARTICLE II: COMMITTEE; DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Committee shall advise the Board regarding bicycle and pedestrian programs, projects, policies and safety.

The Committee shall assume the following roles:

1. Promote the safe use of bicycling and walking for transportation, fitness and recreation in various ways such as promotional events & other media.
2. Provide recommendations on policies that affect the development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the communities.
3. Provide recommendations on plans that affect the development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the communities.
4. Contribute to the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Through their roles, the Committee shall seek to promote the following: 1) the development of bicycle and pedestrian education programs for youth and adults, 2) the enforcement of traffic laws for all roadway users, 3) the use of bicycling and walking for transportation, fitness, and recreation, 4) the effective prioritization and development of safe bicycle and pedestrian facilities in our region, 5) projects, plans, programs, and ideas that will promote a safer environment for bicycling and walking in the WMPO planning area.

**ARTICLE III: APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEE**

Section 1. Composition: The membership should have representation from a wide cross-section of the regional population.

Section 2. Appointments: One appointment will be made by each Board member. One appointment shall also be made representing the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW) appointed by the Chancellor of UNCW. One appointment shall also be made from an organization representing regional bicycling interests appointed by the Chair of the WMPO

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. One appointment shall also be made from the NCDOT Division 3 Division Engineer. Committee members will serve concurrently with their appointing member. Two staff members from the WMPO shall also serve as voting members, one as Secretary and one as TDM Coordinator.

#### ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Committee meetings shall be held on a bi-monthly basis unless determined otherwise by the Committee. The Chair of the Committee or, in his absence, the Vice-Chair, may call a special meeting of the Committee at any time by giving each member 24-hour notice. Special meetings will be scheduled upon request by a majority of the Committee members. A quorum of the Committee shall be in attendance before action of an official nature can be taken. A quorum consists of 51% of active members, as defined in Article V. As deemed necessary and requested by the Executive Committee, the Committee may vote on items electronically. Items that are voted on through electronic mail shall be reported upon at the next scheduled Committee meeting and be noted in the official minutes.

#### ARTICLE V: ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS

A member of the Committee who misses four consecutive regular meetings loses his active status and is no longer eligible to vote. The Secretary of the Committee will notify the respective Board member that he must reappoint a new member to serve on the Committee. Absences due to sickness, death, or other emergencies of like nature shall be regarded as approved absences and shall not affect the member's status on the Committee except that in the event of a long illness, or other such cause for prolonged absence, the member may be replaced. Should a Committee member be unable to make a meeting, he or she may appoint an alternate to vote in their place and to contribute to quorum. The designation of an alternate must occur in writing through an email to the Executive Committee in advance of a scheduled Committee meeting. The designation of an alternate does not contribute towards the active status of a Committee member.

#### ARTICLE VI: COMPENSATION

Committee members shall serve without monetary compensation.

#### ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

There shall be a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee. An annual election of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be held by the Committee members and shall occur at the regular monthly meeting in November. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall serve for one year with the eligibility for re-election. A new Chair or Vice-Chair shall take office at the subsequent regular meeting in January. In the event a Chair's and Vice-Chair's appointment to the Committee is terminated, a replacement to this office shall be elected by the Committee, from its membership, at the meeting following the termination.

#### ARTICLE VIII: OFFICERS DUTIES

The Committee Chair shall preside at all meetings and sign all documents relative to action taken by the Committee. The Chair shall appoint all subcommittees including a nominating committee if necessary composed of three committee members.

When the Chair is absent, the Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair. When both the Chair and Vice-Chair are absent, the Secretary shall perform the duties of the Chair.

The Secretary shall e-mail all official reports and the official minutes of all regular and special meetings to all Committee members prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the committee's actions.

#### ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. The Executive Committee shall approve the meeting agendas and the annual work plan.

Section 2. Sub-committees may be appointed by the Chairperson as necessary. Subcommittees are responsible to report back to the WMPO BikePed Committee at each meeting and before taking significant action.

#### ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

The bylaws may be amended or repealed and new bylaws adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total membership of the committee at any regular or special meeting of the group, with subsequent approval by the Board.