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

**TO:** WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Emma Stogner, Associate Transportation Planner

**DATE:** June 12, 2023

SUBJECT: June 13, 2023 Meeting

A meeting of the WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee will take place on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 2pm. The meeting will be held at 305 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, with a virtual component. The meeting can be joined at the following link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84913730981

The following is the agenda for the meeting:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of the Agenda
- 3. Public Comment Period
- 4. Approval of Minutes from February 2023 and April 2023 Meetings
- 5. Presentations
  - NCDOT Complete Streets Policy | Emma Stogner
- 6. Old Business
  - 2023 River to Sea Bike Ride Recap | Emma Stogner
  - Bike Month Recap | Carolyn Caggia
- 7. New Business
  - 2023 Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride | Emma Stogner
  - Safe Streets and Roads for All Resolution of Support
  - Bicycle Helmet Initiative Discussion | Carolyn Caggia
  - MTP Update | Emma Stogner and Vanessa Lacer

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#### 8. Updates and Announcements

- Pender County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan | Emma Stogner
- Paved Trails Feasibility Studies | Emma Stogner
- Cape Fear Cyclists Update | Al Schroetel
- WMPO June Project Updates (in packet)
- NCDOT Division 3 June Project Updates (in packet)
- WMPO Technical Coordinating Committee, Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 10am
- WMPO Board Meeting, Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 3 pm

#### 9. Next Meeting

• Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 2PM

#### 10. Adjournment

#### Attachments:

- Minutes from the February and April 2023 BPAC Meetings
- Safe Streets and Roads for All Resolution of Support
- WMPO June Project Updates
- NCDOT Division 3 June Project Updates



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# Meeting Minutes Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee February 14, 2023

#### **Members Present:**

Karin Mills, City of Wilmington
Carol Stein, Pender County
Rodney Kidd, Town of Carolina Beach
Katie Ryan, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Brianna D'Itri, Wave Transit
Mo Linquist, Town of Kure Beach
Vanessa Lacer, Town of Leland
Al Schroetel, Cape Fear Cyclists
Sam Burgess, Cape Fear Cyclists
Steve Zinder, UNCW
Emma Stogner, WMPO

#### **Staff and Guests Present**

Carolyn Caggia, WMPO Greer Shviers, WMPO Abie Bonevac, City of Wilmington Greg Germain, Special Pedals

#### 1. Call to Order

- C. Stein called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm and roll was called.
- Greg Germain introduced himself and explained Special Pedal's mission to improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians while also focusing on special needs populations. He shared that Special Pedals is right down the road and that they would like to work with the BPAC in the future.

#### 2. Approval of the Agenda

- Motion to approve was made by Steve Zinder.
- Motion was seconded by Mo Linquist.
- Motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. Public Comment Period

• There were no public comments.

#### 4. Approval of minutes from December 2022

- Motion made to approve by Steve Zinder, seconded by Katie Ryan.
- Motion passed unanimously.

#### 5. Presentations

• Emma Stogner gave a presentation about bicycle and pedestrian plans and projects that are planned to take place in 2023. Members of the committee asked that this list be updated regularly and sent out through email. Members also expressed the desire to share the list with the public to show constituents the progress being made for bicyclist and pedestrians. Emma shared some of the places that project information can be found.

#### 6. Old Business

- Emma Stogner shared with the committee that WMPO staff have been working on creating a volunteer opportunity for members but have run into a few barriers. Staff will continue to work on the task and bring an update back to the BPAC when they have one.
   Emma also said that she was going to speak with East Coast Greenway and Mountains to Sea Trail to see how they approached the issue.
- Carolyn Caggia shared updates about Year of the Trail and showed the committee the WMPO's new story map for the endeavor. The committee requested that the story map be include in a follow-up email.
- Emma Stogner informed the committee that both of the WMPO's applications to the NCDOT Feasibility Studies Grant Program were awarded. She also said that she would keep the committee in the loop as both plans progressed.

#### 7. New Business

- Mo Linquist shared information with the group regarding Bike Walk NC's bicycle friendly driver program. Bike Walk NC is reaching out to specific counties to inform law enforcement and the public about bicycle and pedestrian safety. Emma Stogner suggested that the WMPO begin working with local law enforcement to promote the program.
- Carolyn Caggia shared local ordinances and general statutes that guide the regulation of
  electric bikes, however, there are few and inconsistent guidelines. The committee
  discussed safety in regards to electric bicycles, sharing that some local governments are
  looking for guidance on how to handle the trend.
- Emma Stogner announced the date for the next River to Sea Bike Ride and called for members to join the subcommittee to plan the event. Steve Zinder, Steve Whitney, Karin Mills, Mo Linquist, Sam Burgess, and Carol Stein volunteered. The committee talked about an event at the end of the ride to reward participants, but a location has not been established. Greg Germain shared that Special Pedals might be able to accommodate.
- Emma Stogner showed the committee the new web page on the WMPO's web site specifically for BPAC. Steve Zinder suggested that the committee keep important documents on a shared drive. Emma Stogner replied that she will compose a shared location for the committee.

#### 8. Updates and Announcements

- Sam Burgess shared that the Tour de Blueberry will take place in June and encouraged members to be involved. Al Schroetel shared the Ride of Silence will be on June 17<sup>th</sup> to remember those who have died while bicycling.
- WMPO Technical Coordinating Committee, Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 10am
- WMPO Board Meeting, Wednesday, February 20, 2023, at 3pm
- Go Coast Committee, Thursday, February 16, at 3pm

#### 9. Next Meeting

• Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 2PM

#### 10. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Whitney.
- Motion was seconded by Steven Zinder.
- Motion passed unanimously.



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## Meeting Minutes Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee April 11, 2023

#### **Members Present:**

Karin Mills, City of Wilmington Carol Stein, Pender County Vanessa Lacer, Town of Leland Al Schroetel, Cape Fear Cyclists Emma Stogner, WMPO Abby Lorenzo, WMPO

#### **Staff and Guests Present**

John Ellen, Town of Kure Beach Brayton Willis Veronica Carter Carolyn Caggia, WMPO Greer Shviers, WMPO Abie Bonevac, City of Wilmington

- 1. Call to Order
  - C. Stein called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and roll was called.
- 2. Tour of the Gullah Geechee Heritage Corridor
  - The committee proceeded to tour the Gullah Geechee Heritage Corridor, learning about its history as well as future plans.
- 3. Next Meeting
  - Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 2PM
- 4. Adjournment

Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

### WILMINGTON URBAN AREA MPO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE WILMINGTON URBAN AREA MPO'S ACTION PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH THE SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, the USDOT has developed a discretionary grant program to address roadway safety through the new Safe Streets and Roads for All Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill has appropriated \$5 billion for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Program through FY 2026; and

WHEREAS, the program supports the development of a comprehensive safety action plan (Action Plan) that identifies the most significant roadway safety concerns in a city, town, or region, and the implementation of projects and strategies to address roadway safety issues; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Streets and Roads for All Program requires that entities, including local governments, that are interested in utilizing implementation funds through the Safe Streets for All Program have an adopted Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area MPO planning area has observed an increase in roadway crashes and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, The WMPO's BPAC continues to look for opportunities to promote the safety of all road users, including bicyclists and pedestrians, within our region and supports the WMPO's application for funding the develop a regional safety action plan;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wilmington Urban Area MPO's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee supports the application from the Wilmington Urban Area MPO to develop an Action Plan for the region through the Safe Streets and Roads for All Program.

Adopted and approved the 13th day of June 2023.

Chair		
Secretary		

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Project Manager	Contract Type	ПР	Description	County	SAP LET Date
Brian Harding	DDRL	U-6202	SR 2048 (GORDON ROAD) FROM US 17 (MARKET STREET) TO I-40. WIDEN ROADWAY.	NEW HANOVER	2024.07.16
Derek Pielech	DPOC	BP3-R004	REPLACE BRUNSWICK BRIDGE 181 OVER STURGEON CREEK ON SR 1437 (OLD FAYETTEVILLE ROAD) (Previously 17BP.3.R.84).	BRUNSWICK	2025.06.02
Derek Pielech	DPOC	BP3-R012 17BP.3.R.93	BRIDGE 208 OVER STURGEON CREEK ON SR 1472 (VILLAGE ROAD).	BRUNSWICK	2025.07.03
Trace Howell	DDRL	R-3300A	US 17 HAMPSTEAD BYPASS FROM US 17 BYPASS SOUTH OF HAMPSTEAD TO NC 210	NEW HANOVER, PENDER	2025.07.15
Trace Howell	DDRL	U-5710	US 74 (EASTWOOD ROAD) SR 1409 (MILITARY CUTOFF ROAD) INTERSECTION - CONVERT AT-GRADE INTERSECTION TO AN INTERCHANGE.	NEW HANOVER	2026.09.15
Trace Howell	DDRL	R-5734	US 421 (SOUTH FRONT ST.) FROM US 17 BUSINESS/US 76/US 421 (CAPE FEAR MEMORIAL BRIDGE) TO US 421 (BURNETT BOULEVARD) WIDEN TO MULTI-LANES.	NEW HANOVER	2027.06.15
Trace Howell	DDRL	U-5792	US 74 (MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARKWAY) AT US 117/NC 132 (COLLEGE ROAD). CONVERT AT-GRADE INTERSECTION TO INTERCHANGE.	NEW HANOVER	2027.06.15
Brian Harding	DPOC	U-5954	NC 133 (CASTLE HAYNE ROAD) AT NORTH 23RD STREET. CONSTRUCT A ROUNDABOUT.	NEW HANOVER	2027.06.15
Derek Pielech	DPOC	BR-0008	REPLACE BRIDGE 7 ON US 17 OVER US 76.	BRUNSWICK	2027.09.21
Derek Pielech	DPOC	B-5653	PENDER BRIDGE 14 ON NC 133 OVER TURKEY CREEK.	PENDER	2028.01.20
Krista Kimmel	DDRL	U-3338C	SR 1175 (KERR AVENUE) INTERCHANGE AT US 74 (MARTIN LUTHER KING JR PARKWAY).	NEW HANOVER	2028.06.20
Brian Harding	DDRL	U-5729	US 421 (CAROLINA BEACH RD) FROM US 421 (BURNETT AVENUE) TO US 117 (SHIPYARD BOULEVARD) IN WILMINGTON UPGRADE ROADWAY.	NEW HANOVER	2028.07.18
Brian Harding	DDRL	U-5731	US 74 AT US 17/US 421, CONSTRUCT A FLY-OVER AND FREE FLOW RAMP AT INTERCHANGE.	NEW HANOVER	2029.06.19
Brian Harding	DPOC	U-6128	US 76 (OLEANDER DRIVE) NEW HANOVER COUNTY AT GREENVILLE LOOP ROAD AND GREENVILLE AVENUE. UPGRADE INTERSECTION.	NEW HANOVER	2029.06.21
Krista Kimmel	DDRL	U-4902C	US 17 BUSINESS (MARKET STREET) FROM NORTH OF US 117/NC 132 (COLLEGE ROAD) TO STATION ROAD & INTERCHANGE.	NEW HANOVER	2029.08.21

	UDKL U-6199	VARIOUS, WILMINGTON CLIYWIDE SIGNAL SYSTEM.	NEW HANOVER	2030.01.15
DDRL	L U-4434	WILMINGTON, INDEPENDENCE BLVD EXT FROM RANDALL PARKWAY TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARKWAY.	NEW HANOVER	2031.06.17
DDRL	L U-4902B	US 17 BUSINESS (MARKET STREET) FROM THE CSX RAILROAD TO CINEMA DRIVE AND FROM JACKSONVILLE STREET TO NORTH OF US 117/NC132 (COLLEGE ROAD).	NEW HANOVER	2040.01.01
DDRL	L U-5702A	NC 132 (COLLEGE ROAD) FROM SR 1272 (NEW CENTRE DRIVE) TO US 117 (SHIPYARD BOULEVARD).	NEW HANOVER	2040.01.01
DDRL	L U-5702B	NC 132 (COLLEGE ROAD) FROM US 117 (SHIPYARD BOULEVARD) TO US 421 (CAROLINA BEACH ROAD) ACCESS MANAGEMENT AND TRAVEL TIME IMPROVEMENTS.	NEW HANOVER	2040.01.01
DDRL	L U-5704	NC 132 (COLLEGE ROAD) AT US 76 (OLEANDER DRIVE).	NEW HANOVER	2040.01.01
DDRL	L U-5732	US 17 FROM SR 1582 (WASHINGTON ACRES ROAD) TO VISTA LANE. CONVERT TO SUPERSTREEET.	PENDER	2040.01.01
DDRL	L U-5790	US 421 (CAROLINA BEACH ROAD)FROM NC 132 (SOUTH COLLEGE ROAD) TO SANDERS ROAD IN WILMINGTON. WIDEN EXISTING ROADWAY AND CONTRUCT FLYOVERS AT US 421 AND NC 132. INCLUDES U-5859.	NEW HANOVER	2040.01.01
DDRL	L U-5863	NC 133 (CASTLE HAYNE ROAD) FROM I-140 / US 17, WILMINGTON BYPASS TO SR 1310 (DIVISION DRIVE) WIDEN TO MULTI LANES.	NEW HANOVER	2040.01.01
DDRL	L U-5881	NC 132 (COLLEGE ROAD) FROM SR 2048 (GORDON ROAD) TO SR 1272(NEW CENTRE DRIVE). UPGRADE ROADWAY.	NEW HANOVER	2040.01.01
DPOC	C U-6201	SR 1175 (KERR AVENUE) FROM SR 1411 (WRIGHTSVILLE AVENUE) TOUS 76 (OLEANDER DRIVE). CONSTRUCT ROADWAY ON NEW LOCATION.	NEW HANOVER	2040.01.01

Update provided: 6/05/23 PO: WMPO

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			WMPO JUNE	WMPO JUNE PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION		
Contract Number	Resident	TIP/WBS/Work Order	County	Description	Estimated Completion	Percent Complete
C203980	Joshua Pratt	U-4751	New Hanover	Military Cutoff Road Extension from Market St to the Wilmington Bypass with an interchange at the Bypass	2024.01.30	89.40%
C204301	Joshua Pratt	N/A	New Hanover	New Hanover #48 and #49 on I-40E & I-40 W/NE Substructure Repairs	2023.05.31	84.34%
DC00249	Joshua Pratt	B-4590	New Hanover	Bridge #29 over Smith Creek	2023.10.11	78.60%
C204319	Joshua Pratt	U-4902D	New Hanover	Superstreet median on Market St (US 17 BUS) from Marsh Oaks Dr to Lendire Dr	2023.09.19	59.74%
C204629	Joshua Pratt	B-5624	Brunswick	Replace Bridge 57 on NC 211 Over Juniper Creek	2023.12.12	49.36%
C204331	Joshua Pratt	15BPR.19	New Hanover	Banks Channel (#21, US 76) girder repair, clean and paint bearings, epoxy caps	2023.09.29	37.09%
C204553	Daniel Waugh	R-3300B	Pender	NC 417 (Hampstead Bypass) from South of NC 210 to North of SR 1563 (Sloop Point Road)	2027.06.14	21.26%
C204747	Joshua Pratt	U-5710A	New Hanover	Drysdale Drive Extension from Military Cutoff Road at Drydale to US 74	2025.02.27	23.92%
DC00420	David Sawyer	W-5703R	New Hanover	NC 132 (College Road) & Bragg Drive in the City of Wilmington. Offset Lefts.	2024.02.23	0.00%

			WMPO JUNE RESURFACING PROJECTS		
Contract Number	Contract Contract Number Year	County	Routes	Estimated Completion Date	Percent Complete
DC00344	2023	Brunswick, New Hanover	Brunswick and New Hanover county resurfacing, various secondary routes	2023.06.16	77.99%
DC00311	2022	New Hanover	Market Street, 3rd Street, Independence Blvd, and patching on 16th & 17th Streets	2023.09.29	52.05%
DC00406	2023	New Hanover	Resurfacing, pavement preservation & NC State Port Patching	2023.11.17	%00.0
DC00426	2023	New Hanover	Resurfacing and pavement preservation	2024.05.24	%00.0

GoINC Portal for public information: HMIP (Highway Maintenance Improvement Program) GIS maps https://ncdot.maps.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=ceae1d0cf870473fb7d35294acb6b71c\_