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Meeting Minutes
2050 MTP Technical Steering Committee (MTPC)
March 28, 2024

Members Present:

Linda Painter, Chairwoman, City of Wilmington
Daniel Adams, Vice Chairman, Pender County
Ben Andrea, Town of Leland
Sam Boswell, Cape Fear RPO
Helen Bunch, Brunswick County
Michelle Howes, NCDOT Div. 3
Paul Loukas, CAC Chairman
Leah Mayo, UNCW/Public Health
Rebekah Roth, New Hanover County
Nazia Sarder, NCDOT TPD
Carol Stein, BPAC Chairwoman

Members Absent:

Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports
Tommy Batson, Pender County EM
Granseur Dick, ILM Wilmington International Airport
John Dodson, Wave Transit
Bill Marley, FHWA
Steven Still, New Hanover County EM
Amy Schlag, City of Wilmington

Staff and Guests Present:

Carolyn Caggia, WMPO Associate Transportation Planner/TDM Coordinator
Beth King, WMPO Transportation Intern
Vanessa Lacer, WMPO Senior Planner
Abby Lorenzo, WMPO Deputy Director
Greer Shivers, WMPO GIS Analyst

Due to an initial lack of quorum, the agenda items were completed out of order.

1) Call to Order

- a. Chairwoman Painter called the meeting to order at 10:09 am.

2) Discussion

- a. 2050 MTP Draft Projects | Greer Shivers
 - i. The Committee viewed the spreadsheet and web app maps WMPO staff created for the draft projects. Committee members were emailed these materials to review draft projects and provide brief comments.
- b. MTPC Revised Meeting Schedule | Vanessa Lacer
 - i. The May meeting was scheduled for May 14, 2024.

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3) Approval of the Agenda

- a. The motion to approve was made by Michelle Howes.
- b. The motion was seconded by Nazia Sarder.
- c. The motion passed unanimously.

4) Review and Adoption of the 2050 MTP Goals | Vanessa Lacer

- a. The Committee reviewed the 2050 MTP Goals, utilizing feedback that had been given via email following the February meeting. After minor changes were made, Leah Mayo made the motion to approve the goals. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Adams, and the motion passed unanimously.

5) Review 2050 Modal Objectives | Vanessa Lacer, Carolyn Caggia, Greer Shivers

- a. Prior to review, WMPO staff prefaced discussion by stating that the objectives had largely already been thoroughly vetted by the modal partners, and thus recommended that the Committee adhere to what objectives were already identified. It was also recommended that each goal have no more than three objectives for each transportation mode. Due to time constraints, WMPO staff also gave the Committee three options for reviewing and adopting the MTP objectives that would ensure the Committee stay on schedule: 1) review and adopt the objectives during the March meeting; 2) review the majority of the objectives during the March meeting and provide any extra feedback via email, with adoption of the objectives to occur in April meeting; or 3) schedule additional meeting time. After a brief discussion, the Committee decided to work through as many of the objectives as possible and determine the next steps at the end of the meeting.
- b. WMPO staff walked the Committee through the bike/ped objectives first, which resulted in minimal changes. The bulk of the discussion surrounded the roadway objectives, which included putting more focus on freight travel and emergency response. The Committee then began a review of the public transportation objectives, which also involved thorough discussion. Due to time constraints, the discussion of these objectives was paused. Because the Committee needed to review the final public transportation objectives, as well as ferry, rail, and aviation, it was decided that the Committee members would look over these objectives independently and send comments via email, with a deadline of April 10, 2024. If the Committee provides extensive comments, a virtual supplemental meeting will be held prior to the scheduled April meeting. Staff recommended that comments be kept brief, reminding the Committee that the objectives had been vetted by the modal partners.

6) Approval of the February 15, 2024 Minutes

- a. The motion to approve was made by Sam Boswell.
- b. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Adams.
- c. The motion passed unanimously.

7) Next Meeting

- a. The next meeting will take place on April 25, 2024.

8) Adjourn

- a. Chairwoman Painter adjourned the meeting at 12:00pm.