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Meeting Minutes
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
August 13, 2024

Members Present:

Carolyn Caggia, WMPO
Adrienne Cox, NCDOT Division 3
Karlene Ellis-Vitalis, New Hanover County
Adrienne Harrington, Town of Belville
Rodney Kidd, Town of Carolina Beach
Mo Linqvist, Town of Kure Beach
Duncan McCabe, City of Wilmington
Karin Mills, City of Wilmington
Al Schroetel, Cape Fear Cyclists
Steve Whitney, Brunswick County
Steve Zinder (Vice Chair), UNCW

Members Absent:

Nick Cannon, NC Board of Transportation
Brianna D'Itri, Wave Transit
Katie Ryan, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Carol Stein (Chair), Pender County

Staff and Guests Present

Jim Bailey
Julian Griffee, Town of Leland
Beth King, WMPO
Abby Lorenzo, WMPO
Greer Templer, WMPO

- 1. Call to Order**
 - Steve Zinder called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda**
 - Motion to approve was made by Al Schroetel. Motion was seconded by Karlene Ellis-Vitalis. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Public Comment Period**
 - There were no public comments at this meeting.
- 4. Approval of minutes from June 11, 2024 Meeting**

- Motion to approve was made by Rodney Kidd. Motion was seconded by Al Schroetel. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **New Business**
- **People for Bikes grant program** – Al Schroetel overviewed a grant program from a nonprofit organization, People for Bikes, which is funded by bike manufacturers and donations. The grant program is dedicated to putting more people on bikes, with grants of up to \$10,000 two times a year through the Industry Community Grant Program. People for Bikes also provides communities’ City Ratings score. The next round of funding opens September 1, 2024.
 - **Walktober and BikeWalk NC Summit** – Mo Linquist presented information about BikeWalk NC, an advocacy and education organization for bicyclists and pedestrians, which holds traffic gardens and hosts the NC Friendly Driver program. She requested that municipalities in New Hanover County send representatives to the 2024 Bike Walk NC summit. Mo Linquist also promoted Walktober which will be observed in Kure Beach in October with a proclamation to showcase the advantages of walking to communities and health.
 - **Bicycle Suitability Map Update** – Carolyn Caggia and Greer Templer stated that in light of printing new maps, it was time to update the Bicycle Suitability Map for digital and print purposes and asked the committee for feedback on updates. The committee mentioned adding a QR code to link people to zoomable, more detailed online maps. Greer overviewed changes to the GIS web apps to improve web experience. The committee also mentioned that street names need better visibility and requested changes to the legend, which felt small and hard to read. BPAC and Cape Fear Cyclists were invited to email Carolyn Caggia with feedback.
 - **River to Sea (Sept 7, 2024) and Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride (Sept 28, 2024)** – Carolyn Caggia updated the committee with the status of both rides and requested 12 volunteers for each event. Karin Mills mentioned a partnership for a finish line event and a discount for riders from Port City Java. There will also be a volunteer orientation for the Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride after the River to Sea Ride takes place.
 - **2024 Get There Greener Sustainable Transportation Challenge (October 2024) / Bike to Work day (October 11, 2024)** – Carolyn Caggia explained the Get There Greener sustainable transportation challenge, and state that this year Go Coast is organizing a local Bike to Work Day on Friday, October 11, with pit stops around Wilmington for cyclists to stop at to receive water, snacks, and other goodies.
6. **Old Business**
- **Trail Lighting model policy** – Carolyn Caggia presented updates for the draft model trail lighting policy to the committee. The policy will be approved by the BPAC, then TCC, then WMPO Board.
7. **Updates**
- Wave Transit system updates will be effective beginning in January 2025
 - Tour De Island will take place on Pleasure Island on Saturday, October 5.
 - Mo Linquist requested that the model e-bike ordinance be added to the agenda for the October meeting for a potential update.
8. **Next Meeting**
- Tuesday, October 8, 2pm – 929 N Front St., 1st floor conference room #154F.
9. **Adjournment**
- Motion to adjourn was made by Duncan McCabe. Motion was seconded by Mo Linquist. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.