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WMPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting Minutes Wednesday, July 16, 2025

525 N 4th Street Wilmington, NC 28401

Members Present, In person

Sam Boswell, Cape Fear Rural Planning
Organization
Beth King, WMPO
Mike Kozlosky, WMPO
Adam Moran, Pender County
Adrienne Harrington, Town of Belville
Karlene Ellis Vitallis, New Hanover County
Robert O'Quinn, Town of Wrightsville
Beach
Trevor Carroll, NCDOT

Members' Present, Remote

Stephanie Ayers, NC State Ports Authority Gloria Abbotts, Town of Carolina Beach Granseur Dick, ILM Mark Hairr, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority Mandy Sanders, Town of Kure Beach Nazia Sarder (Vice Chair), NCDOT TPD Helen Bunch, Brunswick County Ben Andrea, Town of Leland

Others Present, In Person

Eric Ritzel, NCDOT
Abby Lorenzo, WMPO
Greer Templer, WMPO
Caitlin Cerza, WMPO
Krysden Burden, WMPO
Regina Hopkins, WMPO
Ronda Hogan, WMPO
Luke Hutson, WMPO
Amanda Halbert, WMPO
Marcy Waters, Pender County
Chad Staradumsky, Town of Belville

Others Present, Remote

Tessa Jones, WMPO
Adrienne Cox, NCDOT
Zach Bugg, Kittelson & Associates
Cheryl Hannah, HDR
Bill Kincannon, HDR
Travis Henley, City of Wilmington
Chrissy Roane, City of Wilmington
Kathy Dimopoulos, City of Wilmington
Pearl Bandringa, City of Wilmington

1. Call to Order

Mike Kozlosky called the meeting to order at 10:00a.m.

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2. Approval of the Agenda

Adrienne Harrington made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Sam Boswell. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of TCC Meeting Minutes- June 11, 2025
- b. Opening of a 30-day public comment period for 2024-2033 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendment #25-4
- c. Resolution approving the 2024-2033 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modifications #25-5

Mike Kozlosky asked if there were any items that needed to be pulled from the Consent Agenda, there were none. Trevor Carroll made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Adam Moran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Regular Agenda

a. Resolution adopting the WMPO's Safe Streets and Roads for All Commitment Abby Lorenzo gave an overview of the Safe Street and Roads for All Resolution which is a requirement of the SS4A program. This commitment was brought before the Board in May for discussion and at this point staff is recommending approval of this resolution. Ms. Lorenzo stated that she would answer any questions the committee may have; Adam Moran questioned how this commitment compares to other commitments in the area. Ms. Lorenzo answered that this is a regional plan and it is constant with the regional goals of the area.

Adrienne Harrington made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, Adam Moran seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

b. <u>Resolution adopting the 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs</u>

Mike Lorenzo gave an overview of the resolution, stating that the North Carolina Board of Transportation had adopted the State Transportation Improvement Plan on July 9th, the WMPO conducted a 30-day public comment period and will conduct a public hearing on the draft 2026-2035 State/WMPO Transportation Improvement Programs. The Board will have the option to adopt the plan at their July 30th meeting. Mr. Kozlosky asked if there were any questions, there were none.

Trevor Carroll made a motion to approve the resolution as presented; Sam Boswell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. <u>Resolution supporting the allocation of additional Direct Attributable Funds to the Navassa Park Multi-use Path (U-5534U) project</u>

Mike Kozlosky explained that the Board had allocated Direct Attributable funds to the Town of Navassa on July 7, 2016, for the Navassa Park Multi-Use Path project. Now that the project is construction ready, the increased construction costs have created a funding gap. Mr. Kozlosky stated that the Town of Navassa has requested additional Direct Attributable funds in the amount of \$468,940 with the Town providing the 20% local match in the amount of \$117,236. Ben Andrea asked Mr. Kozlosky to give some background information on the project, stating that he was not familiar with it, Mr. Andrea questioned where the project started and finished. Mr. Kozlosky responded by telling Mr. Andrea the project starts at Brooklyn Street and ends at Navassa Park. Trevor Carroll questioned where this would leave the remaining funds for other projects. Mr. Kozlosky responded that this funding gap would be covered by the reserves.

Adrienne Harrington made a motion to approve the resolution; Adam Moran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. <u>Discussion</u>

a. <u>2024-2033 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Modifications #25-6</u>

Mike Kozlosky stated that this discussion point is for information purposes only, it will be brought back at the next meeting.

b. Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050 Public Outreach and Recommended Changes Greer Templer summarized and presented the comments received during the public comment period and the proposed changes that they will have in the MTP. Ms. Templer asked if anyone had any questions, there were none, however Trevor Carroll applauded the WMPO for the efforts they have made to incorporate the changes into the final plan.

c. Prioritization 8.0 Project Submittals

Abby Lorenzo gave an overview of all the project submittals for aviation, bicycle and pedestrian, ferry, public transit, rail and roadway for Prioritization 8.0. Mike Kozlosky asked for an outline of when draft final submittals are due. Ms. Lorenzo stated that they would be due by the end of July so that the draft list can go before the Board at their July meeting and come back to the Board in August as a final list.

6. Updates

a. Wilmington Urban Area MPO

Mike Kozlosky asked Regina Hopkins of the WMPO to overview updates from the Federal Highway Administration and grant funded projects. Ms. Hopkins stated that there are changes that everyone should be aware of, she relayed that there is upcoming training at the end of the month that would be very beneficial to all, and reminded people that if they are not getting the emails regarding the trainings, to email Marta Matthews and she is able to get you on the email list. Ms. Hopkins also explained the new Fiori interface update that happened on June 20th; in the email that was sent out there is a quick link that helps you learn how to navigate Fiori. The last update that Ms. Hopkins highlighted was the updated language needed on cover letters for reimbursement claims, stating that the claim is true and accurate. Mr. Hopkins opened the floor for questions, there were none.

Mike Kozlosky reminded the TCC about the monthly newsletter that the WMPO is putting together and reminded everyone to get on the email list to receive it. Mike Kozlosky also introduced and welcomed Amanda Halbert and Luke Hutson to the WMPO, they are the new GIS Analyst and Engineering Associate respectively.

b. Cape Fear Public Transit Authority

Mark Hairr presented that; they have applied for a federal transit administrative discretionary grant through two grant programs; if this is awarded, they would be able to replace six of their smaller shuttles used on UNCW campus and all the fixed route vehicles would be CNG fuel. All other updates are in the packet.

c. NCDOT Division 3

Trevor Carroll stated that yesterday they opened bids for the Hampstead Bypass Section A and they had a low bid so they will be moving on to the award stage. Eric Ritzel stated that there are quite a few projects in development, three projects in construction, and a number of projects in maintenance but still moving forward.

d. NCDOT Transportation Planning Division

Nazia Sarder gave an update for Pender County CTP stating that the last meeting was on July $1^{\rm st}$, and they discussed and reviewed the Bicycle and Pedestrian network and the next meeting will be July $28^{\rm th}$ where they will finalize the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian network.

7. Announcements

a. WMPO 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Public Comment Period Closes- July 25, 2025

- b. LAPP Pre-application Review Submittal Deadline- August 15, 2025
- c. LAPP Final Electronic Application Submittal Deadline- September 19, 2025

8. Next Meeting—August 13, 2025

9. Adjournment

Sam Boswell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trevor Carroll, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Kozlosky Executive Director Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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