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WMPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 10, 2025
525 N 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

Members Present, In person

Sam Boswell, Cape Fear Rural Planning
Organization
Virginia Norris, Pender County
Denys Vielkanowitz, City of Wilmington
Mike Kozlosky, WMPO
Eric Ritzel, NCDOT
Karlene Ellis Vitallis, New Hanover County
Carolyn Caggia, WMPO
Nazia Sarder (Vice Chair), NCDOT TPD

Members' Present, Remote

Adrienne Harrington, Town of Belville
Haley Anderson, Town of Carolina Beach
Mark Hairr, Cape Fear Public Transportation
Authority
Mandy Sanders, Town of Kure Beach
Ben Andrea, Town of Leland
Robert O'Quinn, Town of Wrightsville
Beach

Others Present, In Person

Doug Lafave, NCDOT
Marcy Waters, Pender County
Caitlin Cerza, WMPO
Krysden Burden, WMPO
Regina Hopkins, WMPO
Luke Hutson, WMPO
Amanda Halbert, WMPO
Tessa Jones, WMPO
Abby Lorenzo, WMPO
Greer Templer, WMPO
Beth King, WMPO
Adrienne Cox, NCDOT
Rus Thompson, NCDOT

Others Present, Remote

Chad Staradumsky, Town of Belville
Kim Nguyen, NCDOT

1. Call to Order

Mike Kozlosky called the meeting to order at 10:01am and took roll call.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Virginia Norris made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Dennis Vielkanowitz.
The motion passed unanimously.

Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

City of Wilmington • Town of Carolina Beach • Town of Kure Beach • Town of Wrightsville Beach
County of New Hanover • Town of Belville • Town of Leland • Town of Navassa • County of Brunswick
County of Pender • Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority • North Carolina Department of Transportation

3. Presentations

- a. Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050 Plan Update – Abby Lorenzo, WMPO
Abby Lorenzo introduced Greer Templer, WMPO Senior Transportation Planner, who overviewed the final stage of the Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050 Plan. Ms. Templer explained that the MTP identifies the region's transportation needs and provides a blueprint for the next 25 years. She went over the requirements by Federal Law for an MTP and highlighted the plan development process, as well as where the WMPO is currently in that process. Ms. Templer reviewed the first public outreach phase that was completed to collect necessary data for the plan, the modal project scoring and policy development, how regional priority projects were identified, and the financial forecast for funding projects through 2050. Ms. Templer stated that the financial forecast included looking at alternative funding/revenue opportunities or options. At this point in her presentation, Ms. Templer defined the second public outreach phase and all the outreach events that were a part of it. In conclusion of her presentation, Ms. Templer highlighted the six chapters of the Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050 plan, the appendices and how the MTP will be used.

Greer Templer asked if there were any questions; Mark Hairr asked if there is any impact from the Alternative Funding Committee that could be incorporated in the MTP. Mike Kozlosky clarified that the WMPO Board wanted to include all the funding options in the MTP, stating that the only projects that are fiscally constrained using alternative funding are the replacement of the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge and the Cape Fear Crossing.

- b. Get There Greener Update – Carolyn Caggia, WMPO
Carolyn Caggia gave a presentation explaining the Get There Greener/Bike to Work Day Challenge. Ms. Caggia defined what the challenge is, how anyone can participate and the rewards from participating. Ms. Caggia concluded her presentation by highlighting the second annual Bike To Work Day taking place on October 17, 2025, letting everyone know how to sign up to participate.

Ms. Caggia asked if there were any questions, Virginia Norris asked how the committee was promoting this to local businesses, Ms. Caggia stated they are contacting them directly.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of TCC Meeting Minutes- August 13, 2025
- b. Resolution approving the 2024-2033 and 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendment #25-4
- c. Opening of the 30-day public comment period for the 2024-2033 and 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendment #25-5
- d. Resolution approving the 2024-2033 and 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modifications #25-7

- e. Resolution authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with the City of Wilmington and Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority for FY 26 Section 5303 Funding
- f. Resolution supporting the Award of Additional FY 2026 Section 5310 Community Grant Project Funds
- g. Resolution clarifying the regular meeting location for the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization as the Board Room located at 525 North 4th Street in downtown Wilmington, North Carolina
- h. Resolution adopting the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Federal Functional Classification Maps

Nazia Sarder made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Sam Boswell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Regular Agenda

- a. Resolution requesting a modification to the 2024-2033 and 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs for the Carolina Beach Road/College Road intersection improvements (W-5703C)

Mike Kozlosky overviewed the resolution before the committee, stating that the NCDOT has a highway safety project from US 117/NC 132 to 200 feet north of Wiloughby Park to install curb and gutter, multi-use path, sidewalk, pedestrian signals, crosswalks and lighting. Mr. Kozlosky stated that in September 2022, New Hanover County requested Direct Attributable funding from WMPO in the amount of \$461,949 for 2,600 linear feet of multi-use path and committed the required local match of \$115,488. This request was approved in October of 2022. Due to costs of the plan and lack of grant funds, the multi-use trail has been replaced with a sidewalk and because the funds from the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and New Hanover County were related to the multi-use path, there will not be a need for the cost share as it was originally agreed upon. Mr. Kozlosky explained that the resolution is requesting a modification to the 2024-2033 and 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs.

Karlene Ellis Vitallis expressed her management's concerns about replacing the multi-use path with a sidewalk. Denys Vielkanowitz asked if there were physical restraints to install the multi-use path, Adrienne Cox replied it was fiscal constraints that changed the plan to a sidewalk. Tabling the item on the agenda was discussed but it was decided not to table it at this time.

Eric Ritzel made a motion to approve the resolution; Nazia Sarder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion

- a. 2024-2033 and 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Modifications #25-8

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

7. Updates

- a. Wilmington Urban Area MPO
Mike Kozlosky reminded everyone that the LAPP Call for Projects deadline is September 19th.
- b. Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority
All updates are in the packet.
- c. NCDOT Division 3
Eric Ritzel gave a quick overview of the updates in the packet.
- d. NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division
Kim Nguyen noted there were no updates.
- e. NCDOT Transportation Planning Division
Nazia Sarder stated that the Pender County CTP Committee met and reviewed the Rail and Transit recommendations and volume and capacity maps. The next meeting will be on October 6th, and they will finalize the above-mentioned deliverables.

8. Announcements

- a. WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee- October 14, 2025

9. Next meeting – October 15, 2025

10. Adjournment

Sam Boswell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Nazia Sarder seconded by, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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