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Meeting Minutes
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
August 12, 2025

Members Present

Steve Zinder (Chair), UNCW
Karin Mills (Vice Chair), City of Wilmington
Carolyn Caggia, WMPO
Adrienne Cox, NCDOT Division 3
Brad Cannon, Wave Transit
Karlene Ellis Vitalis, New Hanover County
Adrienne Harrington, Town of Belville
Rodney Kidd, Town of Carolina Beach
Bethany King, WMPO
Mo Linquist, Town of Kure Beach
Katie Ryan, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Al Schroetel, Cape Fear Cyclists
Carol Stein, Pender County
Steve Whitney, Brunswick County

Members Absent

Jonathan Harrell, NC Board of Transportation

Others Present

Tessa Jones, WMPO
Abby Lorenzo, WMPO
Amanda Halbert, WMPO
Krysdan Burden, WMPO
Caitlin Cerza, WMPO
Luke Hutson, WMPO
Travis Henley, City of Wilmington
Grace Morrison, City of Wilmington
James Chisum, New Hanover County
Eric Ritzel, NCDOT
Chianti Johnson, Resident
Anna Barrett, Resident
Noah Bridge, Resident

1. Call to Order

Chairman Steve Zinder called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Carol Stein made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mo Linquist. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment Period

Chairman Zinder opened the floor for public comments.

Anna Barrett and Noah Bridge, Residents: Ms. Barrett and Mr. Bridge spoke about pedestrian safety around Mayfair Town Center in Wilmington. They shared that there are locations at the center that do not have sidewalks or crosswalks, making it difficult for pedestrians to gain safe access to the shops and neighborhoods. Additionally, they voiced concerns about ADA accessibility around the center and requested actions be taken to improve pedestrian safety at this location.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of WMPO BPAC Regular Meeting Minutes-June10, 2025

Ms. Stein made a motion to approve the February minutes, seconded by Steve Whitney. The motion passed unanimously.

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5. Discussion

a. 5th Annual Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride Update

Beth King provided an update on the 5th Annual Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride. She spoke about the merchandise that will be available for participants and that the WMPO will be hosting a table for their ongoing Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan after the event. Ms. King also mentioned that the ride will need volunteers, and requested that any BPAC members available for the event contact her.

b. Go Coast Get There Greener

Carolyn Caggia shared about Go Coast's annual Get There Greener challenge, which encourages people to travel using alternative transportation methods during the month of October. Chairman Zinder asked if the challenge allowed participants to see others' entries. Ms. Caggia said that in the past they had updated a leaderboard weekly. Ms. Stein asked about how the event is being promoted. Ms. Caggia said that WMPO shares a press release every year.

c. Trail Etiquette

Ms. Caggia overviewed WMPO's ongoing trail etiquette campaign efforts, including a draft list of trail rules and some logo ideas. The committee provided feedback on these items, including suggestions on additional rules such as encouraging trail users to wear bright clothing at night. Ms. Caggia suggested amending one of the rules to include that users should be alert and be seen. The committee liked this suggestion and felt the draft list captured the most important etiquette habits.

d. BPAC Bylaws Update

Ms. King shared that staff are working to update the BPAC's bylaws, which had not been reviewed since 2019. Ms. King stated that Chairman Zinder and Vice Chair Karin Mills will be involved in this process, and the committee would be able to provide feedback before the bylaws are formally updated.

6. Updates and Announcements

a. Committee Round Robins

Karin Mills: Ms. Mills shared about the Gregory International School Bike Bus in Wilmington is hosting an ice cream social ahead of the new school year starting. She also shared that they have heard from other schools about wanting to start a bike bus.

Carol Stein: Ms. Stein provided an update on Pender County's Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP), which is currently in development. She shared that the Cape Fear Cyclists are advocating for bicycle and pedestrian projects to be included in the plan.

Brad Cannon: Mr. Cannon shared that Wave Transit has updated its live-tracking apps for its fixed route service and RideMICRO. He also stated that they got two new RideMICRO vehicles.

Mo Linquist: Ms. Linquist announced that the 2nd Annual Tour de Island is taking place on October 18th. She also shared that she will be attending the BikeWalkNC Summit in Hickory, NC in September. Ms. Linquist also requested committee members volunteer to host a pit stop for the annual Cycle NC bike ride which is ending in Fort Fisher this year.

Steve Whitney: Mr. Whitney announced that the Town of Leland adopted its Integrated Mobility Plan.

Katie Ryan: Ms. Ryan shared that Wrightsville Beach will host its first bike rodeo in October.

Rodney Kidd: Mr. Kidd stated that the Carolina Beach Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is working on applying to be a designated Bicycle Friendly Community with the League of American Cyclists.

Al Schroetel: Mr. Schroetel shared that the Tour de Blueberry in June was a success, and that they were able to donate \$14,000 to a variety of organizations. He also shared that grants are available through the Terry Benjey Bicycling Foundation for communities, organizations, and others who are interested.

Adrienne Harrington: Ms. Harrington shared that the Town of Belville is hoping to host a ribbon cutting for the new multiuse path along NC133 soon.

b. WMPO

Updates are included in the packet.

c. NCDOT Division 3

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7. Next Meeting: October 14, 2025

8. Adjournment

Mr. Whitney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Linquist. Chairman Zinder adjourned the meeting at 3:40pm.