



GO COAST
CAPE FEAR'S OFFICIAL AGENCY
FOR SMART TRANSPORTATION

Go Coast Committee
May 15, 2025 Minutes

Members in Attendance

Carolyn Caggia (WMPO)
Brad Cannon (Wave Transit)
Karlene Ellis-Vitalis (New Hanover County)
Rosemary Guendner (Cape Fear Workforce Development Board)
Travis Henley (City of Wilmington)
Deb Porterfield (CastleBranch)
Toni Scollins (Novant Health)
Shawn Spencer (UNCW)

Members Absent

Chrissy Hennessey (nCino)
Adam Moran (Pender County)

Others in Attendance

Tessa Jones (WMPO)
Beth King (WMPO)
Abby Lorenzo (WMPO)
Mark Sumner
Madelyn Wampler (New Hanover County)

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.
2. Approval of the Agenda
Deb Porterfield made a motion to approve the agenda which was seconded by Shawn Spencer. The motion passed.
3. Approval of the minutes from February 20, 2025 and March 20, 2025 meetings
Travis Henley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the February and March 2025 committee meetings, which was seconded by Shawn Spencer. The motion passed.

4. Old business

a. Recap River to Sea Bike Ride

Carolyn Caggia shared a presentation which overviewed the 35th Annual River to Sea Bike Ride, which took place Saturday, May 3, 2025. 389 participants were counted at the halfway point at Wrightsville Beach. Carolyn overviewed sponsorships, registration and swag sale revenues, and shared photos from the ride.

b. Updates about Bike Month and Be a Looker

Carolyn Caggia shared an update about Bike Month, taking place during May 2025 and shared participation so far as well as which communities had signed proclamations recognizing Bike Month at the time of the meeting. She also shared about two upcoming events where bicycling and bike safety would be promoted, Tune Up and Tunes at Special Pedals, and the Summer Safety Bash at the Boys & Girls Club on Vance St. Regarding Be a Looker, the campaign is ongoing with an update about a promotional booth being implemented at Independence Mall.

5. New Business

a. Request from ACT to assist in identifying cosponsor for TDM language in future transportation funding reauthorization bill

A request from the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT), a TDM association which the WMPO is a member of, was sent to Carolyn Caggia and Beth King. ACT staff requested that Senator Tillis cosponsor a draft TDM bill along with Sen. Lisa Blunt Rochester of Delaware, and sought support from its members in advocating and educating on behalf of the bill. The bill includes a codified definition of TDM, clarified eligibility for TDM funding, and other provisions. Carolyn Caggia requested the Go Coast committee's perspective for WMPO staff to move forward with pursuing this opportunity. A motion to support the effort was made by Shawn Spencer and seconded by Travis Henley. The motion passed. WMPO staff will provide updates as they are available.

b. Approve FY 26 Meeting Schedule

A motion to approve the FY26 meeting schedule was made by Deb Porterfield and seconded by Toni Scollins. The motion passed.

c. TDM short-range plan update and next steps

Abby Lorenzo provided an update about guidance received from USDOT regarding changes made to the WMPO's draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050, which contains the short-range TDM plan update. Abby overviewed changes including non-discrimination clauses and removal of DEI-based classifications for USDOT funded policies and programs; cooperation with Federal Immigration Law and supremacy of federal law; potential enforcement actions; and how the WMPO must comply. Abby shared impacts to the draft MTP which included updates to the vision, goals, objectives, project prioritization scoring criteria and metrics, and policies (for example, changing the goal of "Equitable" to "Fair", and

broadening language pertaining to specific demographic or socioeconomic groups). These updates have been reflected in the TDM short range plan draft and Carolyn Caggia walked the committee through the updates that have been made as a result of this guidance.

6. Discussion

a. Open discussion

There were no items for open discussion.

7. Updates

- a. Requesting approval of TDM short range plan in August
- b. Bicycle Helmet Initiative – 100 helmets received
- c. MTP Public Comment Period opens May 28 – June 27

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Travis Henley and seconded by Shawn Spencer. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.