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Meeting Minutes
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
October 14, 2025

Members Present

Steve Zinder (Chair), UNCW
Karin Mills (Vice Chair), City of Wilmington
Carolyn Caggia, WMPO
Brad Cannon, Wave Transit
Adrienne Cox, NCDOT Division 3
Jonathan Harrell, NC Board of Transportation
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

Adrienne Harrington, Town of Belville
Karlene Ellis Vitalis, New Hanover County

Others Present

Tessa Jones, WMPO
Amanda Halbert, WMPO
Caitlin Cerza, WMPO
Luke Hutson, WMPO
Sally Thigpen, City of Wilmington
Andrea Talley, City of Wilmington
Virginia Norris, Pender County
Kim Nguyen, NCDOT IMD
Jim Chisum, New Hanover County
Kevina Casaletto, Resident
David Ellegood, Resident
Sajendra Nithiananthan, Resident
Catherine Suria, Kittelson and Associate, Inc.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Steve Zinder called the meeting to order at 2:01pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

3. Public Comment Period

No public comments were received.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of WMPO BPAC Regular Meeting Minutes- August 12, 2025

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

5. Presentations

a. Gregory International School Bike Bus | Kevina Casaletto, Sajendra Nithiananthan

Ms. Casaletto and Mr. Nithiananthan overviewed the Bike Bus they started for Gregory International School students. The presentation included tips on how to

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start a bike bus in other communities/schools, the process they followed to get theirs going, an overview of participation so far, and future plans. Following the presentation, Chairman Zinder opened the floor for questions and comments.

Al Schroetel commented that the Terry Benjey Bicycle Foundation has grants available that might help fund some of the Bike Bus's needs, such as bike lights and spare tubes. Vice Chair Karin Mills asked how the Bike Bus navigates busy intersections, and Ms. Casaletto stated that they use a strategy called corking. Mr. Nithiananthan emphasized safety in numbers.

Ms. Linquist stated that she would be interested in having Ms. Casaletto and Mr. Nithiananthan present at the Kure Beach BPAC meeting, adding that they are working on a bicycle and pedestrian safety curriculum for children. She also shared that this topic might be interesting for a panel during next year's BikeWalk NC conference, which Ms. Casaletto and Mr. Nithiananthan expressed interest in.

6. Regular Agenda

a. Letter of Support Request: City of Wilmington Parks & Recreation grant application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the reconstruction of Lions Bridge in Greenfield Park

Sally Thigpen and Andrea Talley from City of Wilmington Parks and Recreation overviewed the city's grant application for funding to reconstruct Lions Bridge. Ms. Stein commented about the importance of ensuring the bridge is safe and accessible to all modes under all conditions. Ms. Thigpen and Ms. Talley agreed.

Ms. Stein made a motion to approve the letter of support, seconded by Jonathan Harrell.

7. Discussion

a. 2026 Work Plan

Beth King overviewed the draft work plan for 2026 and asked the committee for suggestions and feedback. Chairman Zinder suggested that the work plan include a section for ongoing projects that may not fit into one month. Steve Whitey requested that regionally significant projects, such as the replacement of the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge, are included in BPAC business as appropriate. Ms. Stein suggested that the committee work on partnering with police departments to increase awareness of bicycle and pedestrian safety, as well as laws. Ms. Linquist asked to stay updated on the City of Wilmington's Vision Zero initiative.

Ms. King stated that she would incorporate the feedback and bring the draft back to the December meeting for adoption.

8. Updates and Announcements

a. Committee Round Robins

Brad Cannon: Mr. Cannon shared that Wave Transit has opened a public comment period regarding potential service changes. He also stated that they have seen a significant increase in RideMICRO ridership following the purchase of two new vehicles.

Mo Linquist: Ms. Linquist announced that the 2nd Annual Tour de Island is taking place on October 18th. She also shared that Kure Beach is celebrating Walktober throughout the month and invited committee members to participate.

Steve Whitney: Mr. Whitney shared that he worked with NCDOT to successfully fix erosion on US 17 in Leland.

Carolyn Caggia: Ms. Caggia reminded the committee about Go Coast's Get There Greener challenge and shared that Bike to Work Day is being held on October 17th.

Katie Ryan: Ms. Ryan shared that Wrightsville Beach will host its first bike rodeo on October 18th.

Rodney Kidd: Mr. Kidd stated that the bike rodeo hosted in Carolina Beach had over 200 participants. He also shared that the Town has secured bike racks for bicycle parking during the annual Kite Festival.

Al Schroetel: Mr. Schroetel provided an update on TBBF activities, including on the Let's Go NC initiative in elementary schools.

b. WMPO

Updates are included in the packet.

c. NCDOT Division 3

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9. Next Meeting: December 9, 2025

10. Adjournment

Ms. Stein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Linquist. Chairman Zinder adjourned the meeting at 3:16pm.