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**Meeting Minutes**  
**2050 MTP Technical Steering Committee (MTPC)**  
**May 14, 2024**

**Members Present:**

Daniel Adams, Vice Chairman, Pender County  
Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports  
Tommy Batson, Pender County EM  
Sam Boswell, Cape Fear RPO  
Helen Bunch, Brunswick County  
Brad Cannon, Wave Transit  
Michelle Howes, NCDOT Div. 3  
Paul Loukas, CAC Chairman  
Linda Painter, Chairwoman, City of Wilmington  
Rebekah Roth, New Hanover County

**Members Absent:**

Ben Andrea, Town of Leland  
Granseur Dick, ILM Wilmington International Airport  
Bill Marley, FHWA  
Nazia Sarder, NCDOT TPD  
Amy Schlag, City of Wilmington  
Carol Stein, BPAC Chairwoman  
Steven Still, New Hanover County EM

**Staff and Guests Present:**

Carolyn Caggia, WMPO Associate Transportation Planner/TDM Coordinator  
Allison Fluitt, Kimley-Horn  
Vanessa Lacer, WMPO Senior Planner  
Abby Lorenzo, WMPO Deputy Director  
Greer Shivers, WMPO GIS Analyst  
Kristina Whitfield, Kimley-Horn

- 1) Call to Order**
  - a. Chairwoman Painter called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.
- 2) Approval of the Agenda**
  - a. The motion to approve was made by Tommy Batson.
  - b. The motion was seconded by Rebekah Roth.
  - c. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Approval of the May 9, 2024, Minutes**
  - a. The motion to approve was made by Stephanie Ayers.
  - b. The motion was seconded by Jon Dodson.
  - c. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Presentations**

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- a. Financial Element of the 2050 MTP and Alternative Funding Sources | Kimley-Horn
    - i. Kristina Whitfield and Allison Fluitt, consultants with Kimley-Horn overviewed the financial element of the MTP, which the Kimley-Horn team is leading. The Committee received information about how the financial forecast will be determined, available funding sources, and was provided with a preliminary capital funding forecast for the Plan. Alternative funding options and possible financing mechanisms were also presented and discussed. The Committee discussed several of the alternative funding sources and was in favor of a vehicle rental tax but recommended that bicycle registration fees be removed from further consideration. Committee members also completed an activity where they ranked each funding and financing strategy based on how feasible they thought it would be within the WMPO, and how much they did or did not support it. The Kimely-Horn team will compile the results of that activity to inform future funding discussions. The next steps for the financial element are to finalize the revenue projections for existing funding sources, further research and forecast alternative funding sources, and provide cost estimates for draft projects. The Kimley-Horn team will also provide presentations on the financial element of the MTP to the WMPO TCC and Board. Once Kimley-Horn's work on the financial element is complete, WMPO staff will financially constrain projects and a draft financially constrained project list will be presented to the WMPO TCC and Board in fall of 2024.

**5) Next Meeting**

- a. The next meeting will take place on June 20, 2024.

**6) Adjourn**

- a. Chairwoman Painter adjourned the meeting at 11:50am.