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Meeting Minutes
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
April 8, 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
Jonathan Harrell, NC Board of Transportation
Adrienne Harrington, Town of Belville
Rodney Kidd, Town of Carolina Beach
Bethany King, WMPO
Mo Linqvist, Town of Kure Beach
Katie Ryan, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Carol Stein, Pender County
Steve Whitney, Brunswick County

Members Absent

Duncan McCabe, City of Wilmington
Al Schroetel, Cape Fear Cyclists

Others Present

Jim Chisum, New Hanover County
Gaither Deitz, Resident
Tessa Jones, WMPO
Mike Kozlosky, WMPO
Terry Lansdell, Bike Walk NC
Virginia Norris, New Hanover County
Greer Templer, WMPO
Madelyn Wampler, New Hanover County

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

Steve Whitney made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Jonathan Harrell. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment Period

Chairman Zinder opened the floor for public comments.

Gaither Deitz, Resident: Mr. Deitz provided comments regarding River Road in New Hanover County. He spoke about the road conditions and signage, requesting more share the road signs be posted and the asphalt be fixed where it is deteriorating. He also mentioned that he would like to see a bicycle safety public service announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2025 Meeting

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

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5. Presentations

a. Bike Walk NC | Terry Lansdell

Terry Lansdell of Bike Walk NC gave a presentation on Bike Walk NC, a statewide bicycle and pedestrian advocacy and education nonprofit. Mr. Lansdell spoke about what the organization does and provided examples of advocacy and education efforts currently underway. He also referenced specific legislation being introduced at the state level and provided resources for how others can get involved in their work.

Mr. Lansdell then answered committee questions related to state funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects, noting the funding limitation on standalone bicycle and pedestrian projects. Senate Bill 576, “E-Bike Definition and Local Regulation,” was also discussed, with Mike Kozlosky noting that this legislation has been on the WMPO Board’s legislative agenda for five years. Mr. Lansdell stated that he would like to meet with the WMPO to work on coming to a consensus about the bill.

Chairman Zinder then thanked Mr. Lansdell for his presentation and the information he provided.

6. New Business

a. Committee Member Roud Robins

Chairman Zinder: Chairman Zinder shared that Shawn Spencer is back at UNCW as the director of the transportation department.

Carol Stein: Ms. Stein announced that Pender County is waiting to hear if they received funding from Great Trails for a portion of the East Coast Greenway in the county. Additionally, she shared that the Pender County Bicycle/Pedestrian plan is in development.

Karlene Ellis Vitalis: Ms. Ellis Vitalis spoke about New Hanover County’s ongoing outreach for its comprehensive plan, sharing that they have received lots of feedback about bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure being a priority.

Mo Linquist: Ms. Linquist announced that the Kure Beach Island Greenway feasibility study was adopted by the Town Council, and state funding may be available for the next phase of the project, which is environmental assessment.

Steve Whitney: Mr. Whitney shared that the Town of Leland's Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan was adopted by the Town Council. He also stated that the town's Integrated Mobility Plan is in development.

Katie Ryan: Ms. Ryan provided updates regarding Wrightsville Beach's bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure updates, sharing that Causeway Drive has been repainted to include bike lanes and new crosswalk locations.

Adrienne Harrington: Ms. Harrington spoke about the multiuse path along NC 133 in the Town of Belville and illustrated its progress regarding funding.

Rodney Kidd: Mr. Kidd shared that Carolina Beach's bicycle and pedestrian plan was up for adoption at the April Town Council meeting. He also said the town's BPAC is looking to work with local businesses to add bicycle parking.

b. 2025 Bike Month

Ms. Caggia overviewed the events and ongoing efforts of the WMPO for Bike Month in May. She also spoke about the Be A Looker campaign, which will be promoted throughout 2025 and at the Bike Month events.

Karin Mills suggested the creation of lawn signs or other similar items to be put up at multiuse paths or crosswalks throughout the region that remind people to be a looker. Ms. Caggia agreed this could be a good idea for future initiatives.

7. Old Business

a. River to Sea Bike Ride Update

Ms. Caggia also provided an update on the annual River to Sea ride. She announced that the WMPO had received nine sponsorships to offset the cost of this year's ride.

b. Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050 Update

Beth King provided an update on the WMPO's long range transportation plan, Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050. Ms. King overviewed the process so far and highlighted the next steps, which included the public comment period for the draft plan which will open at the end of May.

8. Updates and Announcements

All updates were included in the packet.

9. Next Meeting: June 10, 2025

10. Adjournment

Mr. Harrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Linquist.

Chairman Zinder adjourned the meeting at 3:41pm.