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Meeting Minutes
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
June 10, 2025

Members Present

Steve Zinder (Chair), UNCW
Karin Mills (Vice Chair), City of Wilmington
Carolyn Caggia, WMPO
Adrienne Cox, NCDOT Division 3
Jon Dodson, 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
Al Schroetel, Cape Fear Cyclists
Carol Stein, Pender County

Members Absent

Jonathan Harrell, NC Board of Transportation
Katie Ryan, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Steve Whitney, Brunswick County

Others Present

Greer Templer, WMPO
Tessa Jones, WMPO
Bijan Salehi, Resident
James Bailey, Resident
James Chisum, New Hanover County
Ben Andrea, Town of Leland
Sajendra Nithiananthan, Resident
Cat Suria, Kittelson & Associates
Kim Ngyuen, NCDOT
Eric Ritzel, NCDOT
Shawn Spencer, UNCW

1. Call to Order

Chairman Steve Zinder called the meeting to order at 2:04pm.

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

Chairman Zinder opened the floor for public comments.

Bijan Salehi, Resident: Mr. Salehi provided comments regarding bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County. He requested an expansion of the current facilities available at multiple locations.

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.

5. Presentations

- a. Bike Month Recap | Carolyn Caggia, WMPO

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Ms. Caggia overviewed Bike Month, which took place in May. Included in her presentation was a summary of the events and results. Following the presentation, Ms. Caggia opened the floor to questions.

Carol Stein asked how River to Sea went, including the financial outlook. Ms. Caggia reported that there were 389 total participants, and the sponsorships helped cover the costs of the event.

Chairman Zinder asked if there was any merchandise leftover from River to Sea. Ms. Caggia said there were a few t-shirts and some water bottles left. Chairman Zinder then asked if WMPO had looked into promoting helmet and bike donations over the holidays. Ms. Caggia stated that she has heard interest in this from other organizations.

b. Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050 | Beth King, WMPO

Ms. King provided an update on the 2050 MTP. Included in her presentation was an overview of the MTP and summary of the work that has been done so far. Ms. King requested that BPAC committee members review the plan and provide feedback during the public comment period, which closes on June 27.

c. UNCW Transportation | Shawn Spencer, UNCW

Mr. Spencer, Manager of Parking & Transportation at the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW), provided a presentation on the department's current operations and initiatives. Included in his presentation was information on the Hawk Wheels bike support office, the Bird Bike and Scooter share program, Seahawk Shuttle, the campus's Bicycle Friendly University (Silver) status, and the UNCW Master Plan. Mr. Spencer spoke about the university's intention to focus on alternative transportation, moving vehicular travel to the edges of campus. He also spoke about wanting to partner more with other organizations and agencies off campus to improve the services provided to students.

Chairman Zinder asked about a potential pedestrian bridge at the intersection of S College Road and Randall Parkway, which is a busy intersection leading onto campus. Adrienne Cox stated that there were design plans for this project, but no funding has been identified. Mr. Spencer commented that he would like to pursue this project and keep conversations going about it.

Karin Mills stated that it would be interesting to have a student representative on BPAC. Mr. Spencer agreed, sharing that the student workers at Hawk Wheels may be interested.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of WMPO BPAC Regular Meeting Minutes-April 8, 2025
A motion was made by Karin Mills, seconded by Rodney Kidd. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion

a. 5th Annual Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride

Ms. King opened a discussion for the upcoming 5th Annual Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride. Ms. King stated that WMPO is looking to enhance the ride, as it is in its 5th year. The committee brainstormed ideas, including merchandise, promotions and advertisements, and after-events. Ms. King stated she would take the ideas to WMPO staff and would provide updates at the next meeting.

8. Updates and Announcements

a. Committee Round Robins

Karin Mills: Ms. Mills shared about the Gregory International School Bike Bus in Wilmington. She shared a WHQR article and stated that the parent organizers are looking to help start more bike buses in the area.

Adrienne Cox: Ms. Cox introduced Eric Ritzel, NCDOT's new Corridor Development Engineer.

Rodney Kidd: Mr. Kidd stated that he would have more information about the annual Tour de Island Ride at the next BPAC meeting.

Mo Linquist: Ms. Linquist shared that the Cycle North Carolina ride will be ending at Fort Fisher this year on 10/11. She stated that Kure Beach is looking for ideas on how to greet the cyclists when they arrive. She also shared that Kure Beach is speaking with NCDOT about green bicycle lane striping within the town.

Al Schroetel: Mr. Schroetel shared that the Terry Benjey Bicycling Foundation (TBBF) has approved a \$1,000 donation to the Fort Fisher Historical Site Museum for two bicycle racks. TBBF has also approved a \$2000 grant for the Carolina Beach Police Department to purchase an additional bicycle and equipment for its bike Patrol unit. He stated that TBBF has funds for small grants like these that will improve bicycle safety, awareness and accessibility, and welcomes applications for grants that support those goals. In addition, he shared that the Cape Fear Cyclists (CFC) will be hosting the 2025 Tour de Blueberry on Saturday, June 21st. He shared that the funds raised through the event will be

donated to organizations like Burgaw Middle School and the UNCW Blueberry Festival Scholarship & Health Services Scholarship. He also proposed an agenda item for the August BPAC Meeting: Awareness and Regulating E-Bike Safe Riding Practices

b. WMPO

Updates are included in the packet.

c. NCDOT Division 3

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9. Next Meeting: August 12, 2025

10. Adjournment

Carol Stein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mo Linquist. Chairman Zinder adjourned the meeting at 3:43pm.