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WMPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

525 N 4th Street

Wilmington, NC 28401

Members Present, In person

Marcy Waters, Pender County
Greer Templer, WMPO TDM/Go Coast
Denys Vielkanowitz, City of Wilmington
Ben Andrea, Town of Leland
Sam Boswell, Cape Fear Rural Planning
Organization
Mike Kozlosky, (Chair) WMPO

Members' Present, Remote

Mark Hairr, Cape Fear Public Transportation
Authority
Karlene Ellis Vitalis, New Hanover County
Nazia Sarder (Vice Chair), NCDOT TPD
Adrienne Harrington, Town of Belville
Gloria Abbotts, Town of Carolina Beach
Granseur Dick, Wilmington International
Airport
Robert O'Quinn, Town of Wrightsville
Beach
Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports Authority

Others Present, In Person

Abby Clayboss, Town of Leland
Liam Mikeal, Town of Leland
Doug Lafave, NCDOT
Patrick Wurzel, NCDOT
Abby Lorenzo, WMPO
Krysdan Burden, WMPO
Regina Hopkins, WMPO
Luke Hutson, WMPO
Tessa Jones, WMPO
Amanda Halbert, WMPO
Ronda Hogan, WMPO
Caitlin Cerza, WMPO

Others Present, Remote

Celia Miars, AECOM
Jayley Martin ??
Kirsten Spirakis, NCDOT
Zach Bugg, Kittelson & Associates
Kim Nguyen, NCDOT IMD

1. Call to Order

Mike Kozlosky called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and took roll call.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Mike Kozlosky stated that he would like to add an item to the Regular Agenda, noting that the additional item, the resolution requesting administrative modifications to the 2026-2035 State /MPO Transportation Improvement Programs to modify U-5525 Surface

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Transportation Block Grant Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) planning allocations based on the amended FY26 Unified Planning Work Program and the adopted FY27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), was emailed to committee members yesterday for their review. Mr. Kozlosky would like to add this item to the Regular Agenda as item e. Ben Andrea made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Granseur Dick. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Presentations

- a. Town of Leland Integrated Mobility Plan (IMP) – Ben Andrerera, Town of Leland
Mike Kozlosky introduced Ben Andrea, Planning and Inspections Director for the Town of Leland who gave a presentation on the Town of Leland’s Integrated Mobility Plan. Mr. Andrea began his presentation with an overview of the project and their scheduled timeframe, from the kickoff in June of 2024 to the completion in July of 2025. Mr. Andrea reviewed the goals and objectives of the plan, as well as the project identification and prioritization process they used. Mr. Andrea explained the public engagement piece to the project, stating that they held open houses as well as having online engagement with the public. He went over the summary of the responses they received for both phases of the public outreach. Mr. Andrea highlighted the IMP deliverables, explaining that the bulk of the technicals and results of the public engagement are in the appendices. He presented the analysis project maps from the IMP showing the proposed projects by priority. Mr. Andrea concluded his presentation by speaking about project funding and implementation and thanking the sponsors of the project.

Mike Kozlosky clarified that the consent agenda includes a resolution adopting the Town of Leland’s Integrated Mobility Plan. There were no questions for Ben Andrea.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of TCC Meeting Minutes- February 11, 2026
b. Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendment #26-1
c. Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modification #26-3
d. Resolution adopting the Town of Leland’s Integrated Mobility Plan
e. Resolution supporting the Bridge And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success (BASICS) Act (HR 7437)

Sam Boswell made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Adrienne Harrington seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

5. Regular Agenda

- a. Opening of the 45 Day Public Comment Period for the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Public Participation Plan
Tessa Jones, WMPO Public Information Officer, reviewed with the committee what the Public Participation Plan (PPP) is and what the purpose of the plan is. Ms. Jones explained the federal requirements that regulate the PPP and what the document

requires the WMPO to do. She explained how WMPO puts the PPP into action and gave an overview of the 2026 Public Participation Plan, presenting the updated format and user-friendly graphics.

There were no questions, Ben Andrea made a motion to recommend to the Board the opening of the 45-Day Public Comment Period for the WMPO's Public Participation Plan. Granseur Dick seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

b. Resolution approving Amendment #3 to the FY 26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Regina Hopkins, WMPO Accounting Manager, explained that the amendment in the committees packet is a housekeeping amendment, used to move funds within the UPWP from projects that are already completed and have funds left in the management fund, which will allow the WMPO to utilize those funds.

There were no questions, Mark Hairr made a motion to recommend to the Board approval of the resolution. Robert O'Quinn seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

c. Resolution adopting the FY 27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Regina Hopkins, WMPO Accounting Manager, explained that in January the WMPO brought the FY27 UPWP before the TCC and the WMPO Board to open the 30-day public comment period, the only comment received was from the NCDOT requesting more definition in the traffic counter, GIS and management and operations tasks. The WMPO provided that narrative and updated the FY27 UPWP and would now like the committee's recommendation to take the FY27 UPWP to the WMPO Board for adoption.

There were no questions, Denys Vielkanowitz made a motion to recommend to the Board adoption of the FY27 Unified Planning Work Plan. Sam Boswell seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

d. Resolution certifying the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Planning Process for FY 2026-2027

Regina Hopkins, WMPO Accounting Manager, explained that the self-certification process certifies that the WMPO is compliant with 23 CFR 450.336 in the Code of Federal Regulations. She stated that like the other two documents on the agenda, this certification is required to be approved by March 31st.

There were no questions, Ben Andrea made a motion to recommend the Board approve the resolution. Marcy Waters seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

e. Resolution requesting Administrative Modifications to the 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs to Modify U-5525 Surface Transportation Block Grant – Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) Planning Allocations based on the

Amended FY26 Unified Planning Work Program and the Adopted FY27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Regina Hopkins, WMPO Accounting Manager, explained that this resolution allows the WMPO to update the 2026-2035 STIP to reflect the FY26 and FY27 Surface Transportation Block Grant – Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) planning allocations adopted in the FY26 and FY27 UPWP’s.

There were no questions, Denys Vielkanowitz made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution to the WMPO Board. Ben Andrea seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion

a. 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modifications #26-4

Mike Kozlosky stated that this modification is for informational purposes only and will be brought back for approval at the next meeting. There were no questions.

b. WMPO Strategic Plan Update- Special Meeting- March 24, 2026

Mike Kozlosky explained that the WMPO is currently updating their strategic plan and the original scope of services included a special meeting. However, it has been decided that the best approach is to have the TCC and the staff fill out a survey and there will be member facilitated conversations with the Board. Mr. Kozlosky encouraged the committee to fill out the survey. Mr. Kozlosky explained that the Strategic Plan will be brought to the committee and the board for final approval. There were no questions.

7. Updates

- a. Wilmington Urban Area MPO
Updates are in the packet.
- b. Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority
Updates are in the packet.
- c. NCDOT Division 3
Updates are in the packet.
- d. NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division
Updates are in the packet.
- e. NCDOT Transportation Planning Division
Updates are in the packet.

8. Announcements

- a. Active Transportation Advisory Committee- April 21, 2026

9. Next meeting – April 15, 2026

10. Adjournment

Sam Boswell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ben Andrea seconded the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Kozlosky

Executive Director

Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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