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WMPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

525 N 4th Street
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Members Present, In person

Carolyn Caggia, WMPO TDM/Go Coast
Denys Vielkanowitz, City of Wilmington
Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports Authority
Sam Boswell, Cape Fear Rural Planning
Organization

Adrienne Cox, NCDOT
Mike Kozlosky, (Chair) WMPO
Karlene Ellis Vitalis, NHC
Robert O'Quinn, Town of Wrightsville
Beach

Members' Present, Remote

Gloria Abbotts, Town of Carolina Beach
Nazia Sarder, NCDOT
Mark Hairr, Cape Fear Public Transportation
Authority
Ben Andrea, Town of Leland
Helen Bunch, Brunswick County

Adrienne Harrington, Town of Belville
Marcy Waters, Pender County
Granseur Dick, ILM
Cambell Pfister, NCDOT IMD
Kim Nguyen, NCDOT IMD

Others Present, In Person

Krysdan Burden, WMPO
Luke Hutson, WMPO
Amanda Halbert, WMPO
Ronda Hogan, WMPO
Caitlin Cerza, WMPO
Greer Templer, WMPO
Regina Hopkins, WMPO
Fint Harris, NC Ports Authority

Others Present, Remote

Kirsten Spirakis, NCDOT
Patrick Warzel, NCDOT

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

Sam Boswell made a motion to approve the agenda; Robert O'Quinn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Presentations

- a. WMPO Annual Member and Stakeholder Survey Results – Tessa Jones, WMPO
Tessa Jones, Public Information Officer for the WMPO, gave an overview of the results of the survey offered previously to member jurisdictions and stakeholders of

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the WMPO. Ms. Jones reviewed the results from this year, comparing them with the results from last year's survey, and noting the differences. Overall, the results were comparable with previous year's results and gave the WMPO considerable feedback which is extremely useful.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of TCC Meeting Minutes- May 13, 2026
- b. Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modification #26-3
- c. Opening of a 30-day Public Comment Period for 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendment #26-4
- d. Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modification #26-6
- e. Resolution supporting the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority's application to the Federal Transit Administration's Transit-Oriented Development Planning Program

Denys Vielkanowitz requested to remove item c. from the consent agenda for discussion.

Stephanie Ayers made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the removal of item c. Opening of a 30-day Public Comment Period for 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendment #26-4, Sam Boswell seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Denys Vielkanowitz questioned why Amendment #26-4 includes project removals at the request of the Integrated Mobility Division. Mike Kozlosky stated not much information was given to everyone as for a reason for IMD removing projects. Krysden Burden stated she could check the reasoning and report back.

Denys Vielkanowitz made a motion to approve the opening of a 30-day public comment period for 2026-2035 STIP/MPO TIP's Amendment #26-4. Adrienne Cox seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

5. Regular Agenda

- a. Resolution supporting the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's application to NCDOT's Advanced Air Mobility Planning Program. Krysden Burden, WMPO Grants Coordinator, presented information on the Advanced Air Mobility Planning Program, including definitions of what a eVTOL is and showed a video describing the different prototypes being researched. Ms. Burden gave some background on the Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Planning Program and described how this emerging technology could complement current transportation systems. Ms. Burden explained that North Carolina Department of Transportation's Division of Aviation has developed the AAM Planning Program to support regional planning organizations in exploring and preparing for the integration of AAM technologies into future transportation efforts and processes. This program is only

open to MPO's, RPO's and COG's, a 10% contribution is required from selected participants and the typical plan costs around \$250,000. Ms. Burden explained that to move forward, WMPO staff are looking for TCC and WMPO Board support to fill out an interest form, which is due June 26, 2026. Ms. Burden opened the floor for questions. Mike Kozlosky clarified that if the WMPO was chosen, the 10% contribution needed is available in the UPWP, no addition of funds is needed.

Stephanie Ayers made a motion to approve the resolution supporting the WMPO's application to NCDOT's AAM Planning Program. Granseur Dick seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion

a. 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modifications #26-7

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. Prioritization 8.0 Statewide Tier Funded Projects and Project Scoring

Greer Templer, WMPO Senior Transportation Planner, gave an overview of Prioritization 8.0 Scoring Results and Statewide Mobility Funding. Ms. Templer stated a total of 1,602 projects were scored for five modes of transportation, bicycle and pedestrian project quantitative scores have yet to be released. At the Statewide level, 466 projects were eligible: 15 aviation, 304 highway and 147 rail. Ms. Templer noted that \$296 million was available in the Statewide Mobility Tier, this funded 43 projects: 25 highway projects, 3 aviation projects and 15 rail projects. Wilmington MPO has two funded projects at ILM. Ms. Templer reviewed the WMPO Statewide Mobility Tier eligible highway project scores and the forecasted funding availability in the Regional Impact and Division Needs tiers as of May 28, 2026. Ms. Templer concluded her presentation by reviewing the revised schedule, stating that currently we are in the Regional Impact local input point assignment phase until August. Ms. Templer opened the floor for questions. Mike Kozlosky mentioned some observations, of the \$296 million available, there is \$1 million coming to the WMPO area and hundreds of millions of dollars going to the triangle, the triad, Charlotte area and Ashville. Mr. Kozlosky mentioned the Ashville project alone is a project costing over \$500 million dollars, but there is only \$296 million dollars available. Mr. Kozlosky stated that it has been said that the monies available are for PE only and the projects will have to compete again in the next prioritization cycle. Adrienne Cox agreed that PE funding only has been more common since covid. Mr. Kozlosky stated that WMPO staff are still reviewing the data, to check for accuracy and he believes when the NCDOT releases the bike/ped scores, they will also be releasing updated scores for projects, reiterating there will more information available soon. Sam Boswell congratulated the WMPO for their work on the projects that scored highly and cost a fairly small amount. Mike Kozlosky clarified that the projects mentioned cost much higher in dollar value, the funding available is just a drop in the bucket of what is needed. Granseur Dick agreed that the projects will cost a lot more, but these funds could be the matching funds needed. Mike Kozlosky concluded the discussion

by noting there is more work to be done and the WMPO staff will be bringing more data back to the Board in the coming months.

7. Updates

- a. Wilmington Urban Area MPO
Updates are in the packet.
- b. Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority
Updates are in the packet. Mark Hairr highlighted the continued increase in ridership since the reconfiguration in January of 2025.
- c. NCDOT Division 3
Updates are in the packet; however, Adrienne Cox highlighted the WB bridge replacement, noting the NCDOT has come out with an update process where you can sign up for updates on the projects and receive the information via email. Ms. Cox also mentioned a new app the NCDOT is testing, called “Projects Near Me” allowing users to access more information about NCDOT projects.
- d. NCDOT Transportation Planning Division
Updates are in the packet

8. Announcements

- a. Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting – June 9, 2026

9. Next meeting – July 15, 2026

10. Adjournment

Stephanie Ayers made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Kim Nguyen, from NCDOT IMD gave a few updates, noting that they are still working on the STIP deletions and they will be presenting an update soon to explain. Ms. Nguyen also stated that she will be moving on to the Western Region as a regional planner and introduced Cambell Pfister as her replacement for the Coastal Plains regional planner. Mr. Pfister introduced himself and gave a bit of background to his experience. Mike Kozlosky wished Ms. Nguyen the best of luck and welcomed Mr. Pfister aboard.

Carolyn Caggia seconded the motion to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:46am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Kozlosky

Executive Director

Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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