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Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Agenda

TO: Technical Coordinating Committee Members
FROM: Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director
DATE: October 29, 2026
SUBJECT: November 4th meeting

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area MPO's Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 10:00 am. This meeting will be held in the WMPO Board Room located at 525 North 4th Street in downtown Wilmington. Members of the public, TCC Members and MPO Staff can attend the meeting in person and virtually through the Zoom platform. The meeting will be streamed live online so that simultaneous live audio, and video, if any, of the meeting is available at the following URL: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87386126835>

Simultaneous live audio of the meeting is also available via audio conference at the following dial in number: 646-558-8656.

Meeting ID: 873 8612 6835

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The following is the agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of the Agenda
- 3) Presentations
 - a. 2026 Commuter Challenge Results- Carolyn Caggia, WMPO
- 4) Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of TCC Meeting Minutes- October 14, 2026
 - b. Resolution adopting the Wilmington Urban Area MPO 2027 Meeting Schedule
 - c. Opening of the 30-day public comment period for 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendment #26-8
 - d. Resolution adopting the 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modifications #26-11
 - e. Resolution adopting the WMPO's Amended Public Participation Plan
 - f. Resolution adopting Targets for Safety Performance Measures established by the North Carolina Department of Transportation

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- 5) Regular Agenda
 - a. Resolution approving the WMPO's Prioritization 8.0 Division Needs Tier Point Assignment
 - b. Resolution approving the 2020 Census Adjusted Urbanized Area Boundary for the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
 - 6) Discussion
 - a. 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modifications #26-12
 - 7) Updates
 - a. Wilmington Urban Area MPO
 - b. Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority
 - c. NCDOT Division 3
 - d. NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division
 - e. NCDOT Transportation Planning Office
 - 8) Announcements
 - a. Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting- December 15, 2026
 - 9) Next meeting- January 13, 2027

Attachments:

- TCC Meeting Minutes- October 14, 2026
- Wilmington Urban Area MPO Proposed 2027 Meeting Schedule
- Resolution adopting the Wilmington Urban Area MPO 2027 Meeting Schedule
- Proposed 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendment #26-8
- Proposed 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modifications #26-11
- Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modifications #26-11
- WMPO's Proposed Public Participation Plan Amendment Memorandum
- Proposed Wilmington Urban Area MPO Amended Public Participation Plan (September 2026)
- Resolution adopting the Wilmington Urban Area MPO Amended Public Participation Plan
- Safety Performance Measures – FHWA Assessment and 2027 Targets Memorandum
- Resolution Endorsing Targets for Safety Performance Measures Established by the North Carolina Department of Transportation
- WMPO's Division Needs Tier Local Input Point Assignment for Prioritization 8.0 Memorandum
- Proposed WMPO Division Needs Tier Local Input Point Assignment for Prioritization 8.0
- Resolution approving the WMPO's Prioritization 8.0 Division Needs Tier Point Assignment
- 2020 Census Urbanized Area and Metropolitan Planning Area Boundaries Adjustments Memorandum
- Post 2020 Census Boundary Review Maps
- Resolution Approving the 2020 Census Adjusted Urbanized Area Boundaries and Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary Updates
- Proposed 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modifications #26-12
- Wilmington Urban Area MPO Update (November)
- Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority Update (November)
- NCDOT Division Project Update (November)
- NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (November)
- NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Project Update (November)



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WMPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 14, 2026
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Members Present, In person

Carolyn Caggia, WMPO TDM/Go Coast
Denys Vielkanowitz, City of Wilmington
Mike Kozlosky, (Chair) WMPO
Robert O'Quinn, Town of Wrightsville
Beach

Members' Present, Remote

Sam Boswell, Cape Fear Rural Planning
Organization
Amanda Killian, NCDOT TPO
Mark Hairr, Cape Fear Public Transportation
Authority
Helen Bunch, Brunswick County
Mandy Sanders, Town of Kure Beach
Liam Mikael, Town of Leland
Karlene Ellis Vitalis, New Hanover County
Planning Department
Gloria Abbotts, Town of Carolina Beach

Others Present, In Person

Abby Lorenzo, WMPO
Greer Templer, WMPO
Tessa Jones, WMPO
Ronda Hogan, WMPO
Luke Hutson, WMPO
Beth King, WMPO
Amanda Halbert, WMPO
Krysdan Burden, WMPO
Caitlin Cerza, WMPO
Regina Hopkins, WMPO
Rusty Thompson, NCDOT
Patrick Wurzel, NCDOT
Doug Lafave, NCDOT

Others Present, Remote

Bill Kincannon, HDR

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

Robert O'Quinn made a motion to approve the agenda with an added item to the Regular Agenda, item 9e. Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a data licensing agreement for the National Performance Management Research Dataset. Denys Vielkanowitz seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

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3. Election of Vice Chair

Mike Koslosky stated that with the current Vice Chair, Nazia Sarder, moving on from her position at the NCDOT, the committee is looking for someone to serve as the Vice Chair of the Technical Coordinating Committee. Mr. Kozlosky opened the floor for nominations, and nominated Sam Boswell, Robert O'Quinn seconded the nomination of Sam Boswell. There were no other nominations.

Robert O'Quinn made a motion to approve Sam Boswell as TCC Vice Chair, Carolyn Caggia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of TCC Meeting Minutes- September 16, 2026
- b. Opening of the 30-day public comment period for 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendment #26-7
- c. Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modification #26-10
- d. Resolution requesting an amendment to the 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs for TG-6824 Capital Improvements

Sam Boswell made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Carolyn Caggia seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Regular Agenda

- a. Resolution approving Amendment #4 to the FY 27 Unified Planning Work Program
Regina Hopkins, WMPO's Accounting Manager, presented Amendment #4 to the FY27 UPWP. Ms. Hopkins stated this amendment is to fund a new feasibility study that will be managed by the NCDOT with cooperation from the MPO. The study is to address the removal from the STIP, the Independence Boulevard Extension Project. Ms. Hopkins noted improving the north-south connectivity is still an important consideration and the project is still included in the 2050 MTP. Ms. Hopkins stated the NCDOT has offered to provide 80% of the costs with State Planning and Research (SPR) funds for a total of \$160,000. The 20% local match, or \$40,000 will be provided using a portion of the \$50,000 contingency funds already budgeted in the FY27 UPWP. Ms. Hopkins noted this amendment will add \$160,000 in SPR funds to the UPWP but it will not increase the local amount.

Mike Kozlosky clarified that earlier this year the WMPO Board voted to remove the Independence Boulevard Extension project from the STIP but recognized that there needs to be north-south connectivity in central Wilmington. He stated that this

feasibility study would evaluate potential options to provide north-south connectivity in lieu of the Independence Boulevard Extension project.

Denys Vielkanowitz made a motion to approve amendment #4 to the FY27 UPWP. Carolyn Caggia seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

b. Opening of a 14-day Public Comment Period for the WMPO's Division Needs Tier Local Input Point Assignment for Prioritization 8.0

Greer Templer, WMPO Senior Transportation Planner, presented the committee with an overview of where we are in the Prioritization 8.0 process, what the next steps will be, and the results of the regional impact programming. Ms. Templer reviewed the three tiers for projects for the prioritization process and reminded the committee that the tiers are data driven, 100% at the Statewide level, 70% at the Regional level and 50% at the Division level, with the remainder being made up with point assignments. Ms. Templer presented the three projects within the WMPO boundary, selected for Regional Impact Tier funding. These being the Mann's Harbor Shipyard Dorm Facility, the US-17 Business (Market Street) Improvements (U-4902B) and the Wilmington to Raleigh Passenger Rail project. She then reviewed dates for Division Needs Tier Local Input Point assignment, anticipating that the projects in this tier will receive final scores between December 2026 and January 2027. She noted there are 1,600 points for eligible Division Needs Tier projects and draft point assignments are in accordance with the WMPO Board's approved Local Input Point Methodology, which she reviewed quickly. Ms. Templer presented the 16 projects selected for Division Needs Local Input Points, with the WMPO's top seven being roadway projects. Ms. Templer reviewed the seven projects and reminded the committee that all of this will be brought back before them next month at the November meeting for approval.

Robert O'Quinn made a motion to open the 14-day public comment period for the WMPO's Division Needs Tier Local Input Point assignment for Prioritization 8.0. Sam Boswell seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

c. Resolution supporting the allocation of FY29 and FY30 Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Direct Attributable Funds

Krysdyn Burden, WMPO Grants Coordinator, presented the committee with an overview of the FY29-2030 Special Call for Projects and the funding recommendations. She reviewed the timeline of the special call, stating that the call began on June 1st, there was a pre-submittal informational meeting on June 10th, pre-applications were due on July 17th and final applications were due September 18th. Ms. Burden noted there were seven applications submitted by six of our member

jurisdictions with a total request of \$12,124,000 in funding. She noted we do not have \$12 million in funding, but we do have \$5,553,004 available to award. She gave an overview of the seven applications that were submitted, the scores they received and the funding requested. Ms. Burden presented the Committee with three different options that the WMPO staff had identified as possible options to award funding in FY29 and FY30. She opened the floor for input from the committee about which option they would recommend.

Denys Vielkanowitz questioned what the pros and cons of having remaining funding after the call. Ms. Burden answered that the funds remain in a reserve that can help cover shortfall funding, or another special call could be scheduled, and the funds would remain for the next call for projects. Mike Kozlosky clarified that the way the Board structured their calls, they created a 5-year program, and it is updated every 2 years, so if the funds are not spent in 2029 or 2030, they would roll over to the next call. Denys Vielkanowitz questioned if the grant money is federal money, will the funds be available if the grant programs get put on pause. Mike Kozlosky clarified that these programs are part of the continuing resolution and it is envisioned that with reauthorization, these programs will continue. Rusty Thompson, NCDOT, stated that there are opportunities to fund some of the projects with the NCDOT Safety Fund, they can fund up to \$750,000. Mark Hairr requested to see the slide about the New Hanover County project to clarify the project. Ms. Burden highlighted the project for him and the funds they are requesting. Denys Vielkanowitz questioned how many phases are included in the New Hanover County project. Ms. Burden clarified that NCDOT is working on a multi-use path in the area and New Hanover County will begin their project where DOT ends and continue it to Veterans Park area. Mike Kozlosky noted that some of the challenges for staff with that project are that the design is not complete and so the cost estimate may not be accurate. The lack of final design makes the WMPO staff think this project would be a better submission for the next round, when they have a more defined design. Karlene Ellis Vitalis thank everyone for the clarification of this project, because she had been wondering what the issues were.

Denys Vielkanowitz made a motion to support Option B for the allocation of FY29 and FY30 WMPO Direct Attributable Funds. Mark Hairr seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

d. Resolution dissolving the Go Coast Committee

Carolyn Caggia, WMPO Transportation Planner, highlighted a memo that was included in the committee's packet explaining the rationale for dissolving the WMPO's Go Coast Committee. Ms. Caggia reviewed with the committee that Go

Coast is the WMPO's Transportation Demand Management Program, which has been guided by a short-range plan, as well as a committee consisting of representatives from area employers, higher education institutions, and other agencies. Ms. Caggia stated that the Go Coast program is well guided by its current short-range plan, which is included in the WMPO's MTP. She noted that the dissolution of the committee would allow Go Coast staff to focus on services offered to employers, while reducing employer commitments to quarterly meetings. Ms. Caggia stated that when additional employer input is needed, staff proposes convening employer representatives on an as-needed basis.

Denys Vielkanowitz made a motion to dissolve the Go Coast Committee, Robert O'Quinn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a data licensing agreement for the National Performance Management Research Data Set.

Abby Lorenzo, WMPO Deputy Director, overviewed a resolution authorizing the WMPO Executive Director to enter into a data sharing licensing agreement for the National Performance Management Research Data Set (NPMRDS). Ms. Lorenzo explained that the NPMRDS is a collection of traffic data sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration to help transportation agencies such as DOTs and MPOs understand how well the nation's roads are performing. She stated that the data set provides information on travel speeds, travel times for passenger vehicles, trucks, as well as both groups combined. Ms. Lorenzo explained that this data is collected anonymously from cars and trucks equipped with devices that provide location and speed information. Ms. Lorenzo stated that NPMRDS is already in use by many DOTs and MPOs to evaluate traffic patterns, identify congested areas, and support transportation planning, decision making, and performance management requirements. Ms. Lorenzo noted that the WMPO would like to have access to this data to support the same efforts, including future MTP and CMP development. Ms. Lorenzo stated that as a federally designated and funded MPO, the WMPO is eligible to access this data set for free, once a data sharing agreement for its use has been fully executed.

Denys Vielkanowitz questioned if the member jurisdictions would have access to the data or could they work through the WMPO to obtain the data. Ms. Lorenzo replied that the WMPO would have access for their particular projects, but per the licensing agreement, the WMPO cannot publish the data.

Denys Vielkanowitz made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a data licensing agreement for the National

Performance Management Research Data Set. Karlene Ellis Vitalis seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion

- a. 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modifications #26-11

Mike Kozlosky stated that this modification is for informational purposes only and will be brought back for approval at the next meeting.

7. Updates

- a. Wilmington Urban Area MPO

Updates are in the packet

- b. Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority

Mark Hairr gave an additional update on bus stop and amenities projects. Mr. Hairr noted that 19 bus shelters have been delivered for installation, 19 bus benches are being delivered this week, and CFPTA has an engineering contract that's been executed with Ardurra to do all the engineering site design for all 38 sites that have bus shelters and benches. The big final piece CFPTA is working on, is an invitation for bids for the installation of the shelters and benches, and they are hoping to get started on installation before the end of the calendar year.

- c. NCDOT Division 3

Mike Kozlosky noted that NCDOT Division 3 requested that everyone be made aware of NCDOT's policy for political signs in state right of ways.

- d. NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division

Updates in the packet.

- e. NCDOT Transportation Planning Office

Amanda Killian updated that NCDOT TPO is currently working on the bike and pedestrian project sheets to show to the steering committee, then there will be public input sessions. Ms. Killian also noted that the 2027 NCDOT Multimodal Freight Plan has an easy-to-read fact sheet, which is included in the agenda packet.

8. Announcements

- a. Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting – October 20, 2026

9. Next meeting – November 4, 2026

10. Adjournment

Robert O'Quinn made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Carolyn Caggia seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Kozlosky

Executive Director

Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

THE ABOVE MINUTES ARE NOT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS.
THE ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS ARE RECORDED DIGITALLY AS PART OF THIS
RECORD.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: TCC/Board members

FROM: Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director

DATE: October 28, 2026

SUBJECT: Wilmington Urban Area MPO Proposed 2027 Meeting Schedule

Technical Coordinating Committee	Board
January 13	January 27
February 10	February 24
March 17	March 31
April 14	April 28
May 12	May 26
June 16	June 30
July 14	July 28
August 11	August 25
September 15	September 29
October 13	October 27
November 3	November 17
December –no meeting scheduled	December 8*

The TCC meetings will begin at 10 am on the date of the meetings.

The Board meetings will begin at 3 pm on the date of the meetings.

*Board meeting begins at 10 am.

All TCC and WMPO Board meetings will be held in the WMPO Board Room located at 525 North 4th Street in downtown Wilmington unless otherwise publicly noticed.

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**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S 2027 MEETING CALENDAR**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board adopts the meeting calendar on an annual basis.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby adopts the 2027 meeting calendar.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on November 18, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

REVISIONS TO THE 2026-2035 STIP/MPO TIP
HIGHWAY PROGRAM
Amendment #26-8

STATEWIDE PROJECT

STIP ADDITIONS

* BO-2616 - STATEWIDE PROJECT
STATEWIDE
PROJ.CATEGORY
DIVISION

VARIOUS; SYSTEMWIDE. FUNDING FOR MULTI-MODAL PLANNING
PLANNING.

**ADD PROJECT AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED
MOBILITY DIVISION.**

FY 2027 -	\$400,000	(BGANY)
FY 2027 -	\$100,000	(HF(M))
FY 2028 -	\$400,000	(BGANY)
FY 2028 -	\$100,000	(HF(M))
FY 2029 -	\$400,000	(BGANY)
FY 2029 -	\$100,000	(HF(M))
	<u>\$1,500,000</u>	

* HN-0044 - STATEWIDE PROJECT
STATEWIDE
PROJ.CATEGORY
EXEMPT

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLEMENTATION
QUALITY; STATEWIDE. NC DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY
PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH: NC AIR
AWARENESS PROGRAM PROVIDING PUBLIC
EDUCATION AND OUTREACH TO REDUCE MOBILE
SOURCE EMISSIONS, REDUCE AIR POLLUTION, AND
IMPROVE AIR QUALITY.

**ADD PROJECT AT THE REQUEST OF DIVISION OF
PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING. "O(M)" FUNDS
REPRESENT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.**

FY 2027 -	\$536,000	(CMAQ)
FY 2027 -	\$134,000	(O(M))
	<u>\$670,000</u>	

**REVISIONS TO THE 2026-2035 STIP/MPO TIP
HIGHWAY PROGRAM
Administrative Modification #26-11**

WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

STIP MODIFICATIONS

EB-6039 NEW HANOVER PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	ST. JOSEPH AVENUE / LEWIS DRIVE; LAKE PARK BOULEVARD TO ACCESS ROAD IN CAROLINA BEACH CONSTRUCT BIKE LANES. <u>TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR PLANNING AND DESIGN, DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 26 TO FY 27.</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2027 -	\$1,200,000	(TADA)
				FY 2027 -	<u>\$300,000</u>	(L(M))
					\$1,500,000	
I-6037 NEW HANOVER PROJ.CATEGORY STATEWIDE	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	I-140; US 421 TO I-40. REHABILITATE BRIDGE AND PAVEMENT. <u>COST INCREASE EXCEEDING \$2 MILLION AND 25% THRESHOLDS.</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2028 -	\$2,923,000	(NHPIM)
				FY 2028 -	\$731,000	(T(M))
				FY 2029 -	\$5,746,000	(NHPIM)
				FY 2029 -	\$1,436,000	(T(M))
				FY 2030 -	\$1,411,000	(NHPIM)
				FY 2030 -	<u>\$353,000</u>	(T(M))
					\$12,600,000	

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS #26-11 TO
THE 2026-2035 STATE /MPO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Board has found that the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is conducting transportation planning in a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive manner; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Board of Transportation adopted the 2026-2035 State Transportation Improvement Program on July 9, 2025, and the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Board adopted the 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs on July 29, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization desires to modify the adopted 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs for Administrative Modifications #26-11.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves modifying the 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs for Administrative Modifications #26-11.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on November 18, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary



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MEMORANDUM

To: WMPO Board Members

From: Tessa Jones, Public Information Officer

Date: October 27, 2026

Subject: Proposed WMPO Public Participation Plan Amendment: Integration of Online Comment Forms

The Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Public Participation Plan (PPP), adopted by the WMPO Board on May 27, 2026, outlines how the organization ensures meaningful and accessible opportunities for public involvement across its core work products and plans.

To improve how the public can share input, staff are recommending an amendment to the adopted PPP to add an online form as one way community members may submit comments during public comment periods. This update would be reflected in the list of "Comment Opportunities" for applicable WMPO work products, including:

- Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MPO TIP)
- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- PPP (Public Participation Plan)

WMPO staff reviewed how an online form could complement existing public comment methods and determined that formally integrating this option into the PPP would provide clarity and consistency. The considerations supporting this amendment include:

- **Expanded accessibility** - providing an additional, convenient option for community members to submit comments, particularly for those who prefer digital engagement or cannot participate through existing methods.
- **Improved organization and efficiency** - enabling staff to more effectively receive, categorize, and track comments through ArcGIS Survey123, Esri's online survey collection tool, which allows comment forms to be integrated into the WMPO website and easily exported as spreadsheets.

The adopted PPP specifies that a 45-day public comment period must occur prior to the WMPO Board's consideration of approval for any changes to the plan. The 45-day public comment period for the proposed PPP amendment opened on September 30 and will close on November 14, 2026. At this time, WMPO staff have received zero public comments regarding the proposed amendment.

Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Draft Amendment - September 2026



WILMINGTON URBAN AREA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Public Participation Plan

Adopted May 27, 2026



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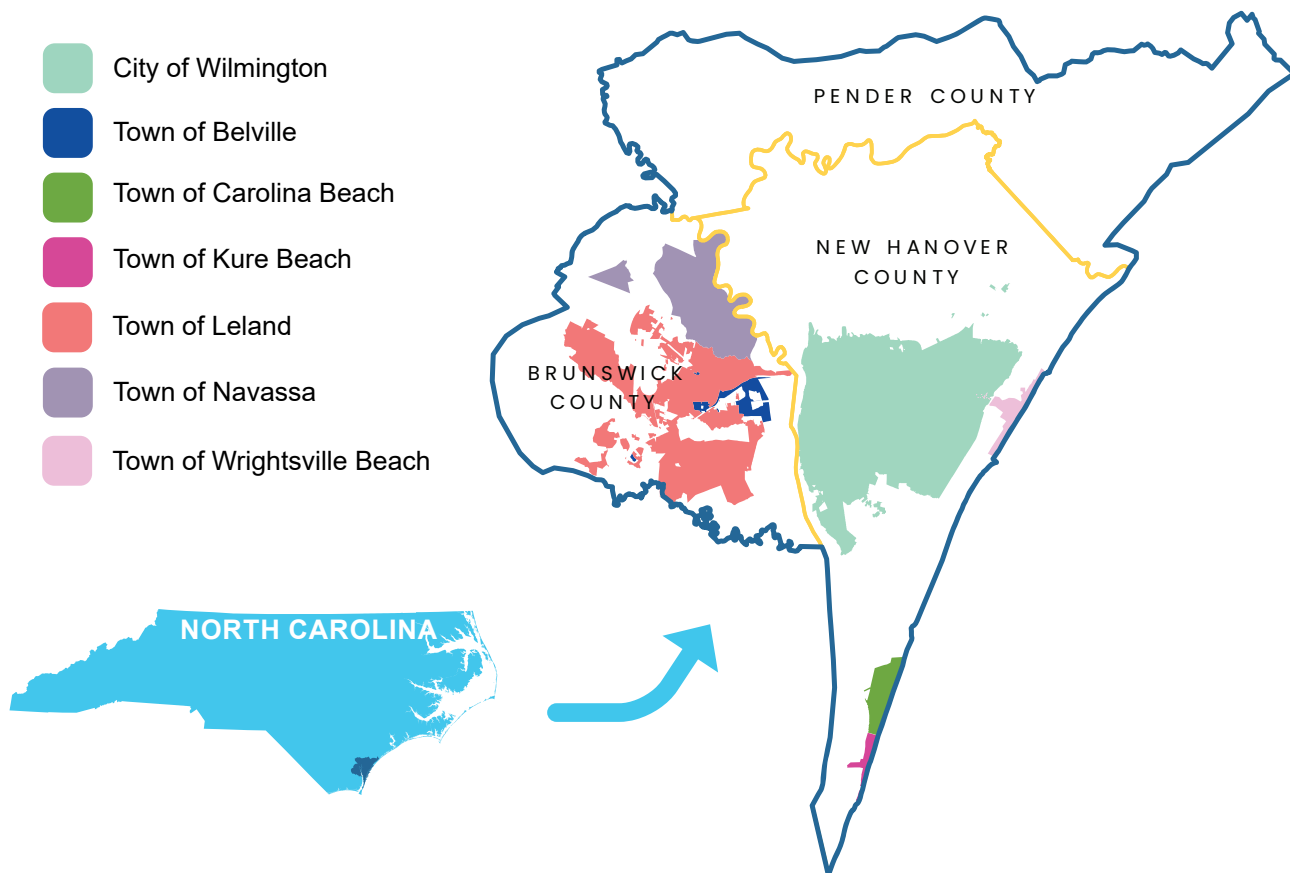
Getting to Know the WMPO

The Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) leads regional transportation planning in the greater Wilmington area. As a federally funded organization, the WMPO helps guide how federal transportation dollars are spent and ensures planning is coordinated, continuous, and comprehensive. Our work includes developing long-range transportation plans, reviewing projects, coordinating with local boards and committees, and setting regional transportation goals. Simply put, the WMPO brings together the community, local officials, and transportation experts to plan for safe, efficient, and reliable transportation in our region.

Here to Serve the Region

The WMPO's planning area spans about 494 square miles and includes the City of Wilmington, the Towns of Belville, Carolina Beach, Kure Beach, Leland, Navassa, and Wrightsville Beach, as well as all of New Hanover County and portions of Brunswick and Pender Counties. The policy and direction of our organization are guided by a Board of representatives from these communities, Wave Transit, and the North Carolina Board of Transportation, all working together to plan for transportation that meets our region's needs.

WMPO Planning Area Boundary



WMPO Mission:

The mission of the WMPO is to create and carry out continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive regional transportation planning efforts that proactively guide transportation decisions to improve safety, connectivity, economic development, and quality of life throughout the Wilmington region.

What is the Public Participation Plan?

The WMPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP) outlines how the public is informed, engaged, and involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process. The PPP is designed as a blueprint for action to ensure that public participation is fair, transparent, and effective. WMPO planning work products, as well as major amendments to adopted plans and programs, must follow the public involvement requirements outlined in this PPP. The plan also ensures compliance with applicable federal requirements, including the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The PPP serves as a guiding framework for meaningful public involvement across all major WMPO planning activities.

It establishes the policies, procedures, and techniques used to inform the public and gather feedback.

Your Involvement and Input Matter!

Meaningful public involvement is essential to the development and successful implementation of transportation plans, projects, and programs, and helps ensure that transportation decisions reflect the needs, values, and priorities of the region's residents, businesses, and stakeholders. This plan establishes the policies, procedures, and techniques used to inform the public and gather feedback from residents, community groups, partner agencies, and other interested parties throughout the WMPO. By expanding the information available to decision-makers, the PPP helps strengthen planning outcomes and promotes participation from all members of the community.



WMPO staff speaking with community member at an outreach event.

The Goals of this Plan

The goals of the WMPO's Public Participation Plan are:



Ensure meaningful and timely public involvement in decision-making

Actively seek, consider, and respond to public input by providing clear, accessible opportunities for participation early and throughout WMPO planning and decision-making processes.



Promote transparency and understanding in transportation planning

Provide timely, understandable, and accessible information so the public, stakeholders, and decision-makers can understand transportation issues, processes, and outcomes.



Engage a broad and diverse range of community voices

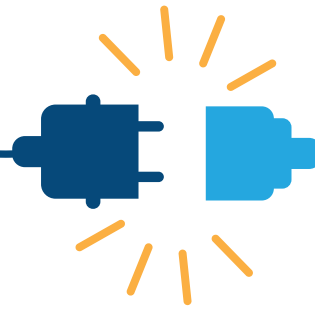
Use a variety of outreach methods and communication tools to reach diverse populations and encourage participation from a wide cross-section of the community.



Integrate and continuously improve public participation practices

Embed credible public participation processes into all WMPO activities, maintain effective feedback channels, evaluate outcomes, and adapt strategies to meet community needs and federal requirements, including IIJA, Title VI, ADA, and FTA/FHWA guidance.

Connect with Us!



Participate In-Person

Make a public comment at a WMPO Board meeting or visit WMPO's office at 525 N. 4th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401

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Call us at (910) 341-3258

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525 N. 4th Street

Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

Come to an Event

WMPO participates in special events throughout the region and hosts events for the public to learn about projects and resources. Visit the WMPO website to view opportunities.



Who is Involved in the Process?

The WMPO is a cooperative partnership of local governments, transportation agencies, and planning partners that collaboratively address the region's transportation needs through a coordinated regional planning process. As a federally mandated Metropolitan Planning Organization, the WMPO operates in accordance with federal transportation planning regulations and works in partnership with state and federal partners to help guide transportation investments throughout the Wilmington region. This process is directed by the WMPO Board, with input and recommendations from three standing committees and various ad hoc steering and subcommittees, as needed.

The WMPO Board

The WMPO is governed by a 13-member Board, which serves as the region's transportation policy-making body. The Board is established in accordance with federal regulations (23 CFR § 450.104) and is composed of 12 elected officials and one appointed representative from local jurisdictions and transportation agencies with authority over transportation planning and project implementation within the WMPO planning area. The Board provides overall policy direction and approvals for the metropolitan transportation planning and programming process.

Each voting member is entitled to one vote. Non-voting members may include representatives from state and federal transportation agencies and other partner organizations, as identified in the WMPO's adopted Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and serve in an advisory capacity to support coordination and compliance with federal and state requirements.

WMPO Board Meetings

All WMPO Board meetings are conducted in accordance with North Carolina's open meetings law, N.C.G.S. Chapter 143, Article 33C.

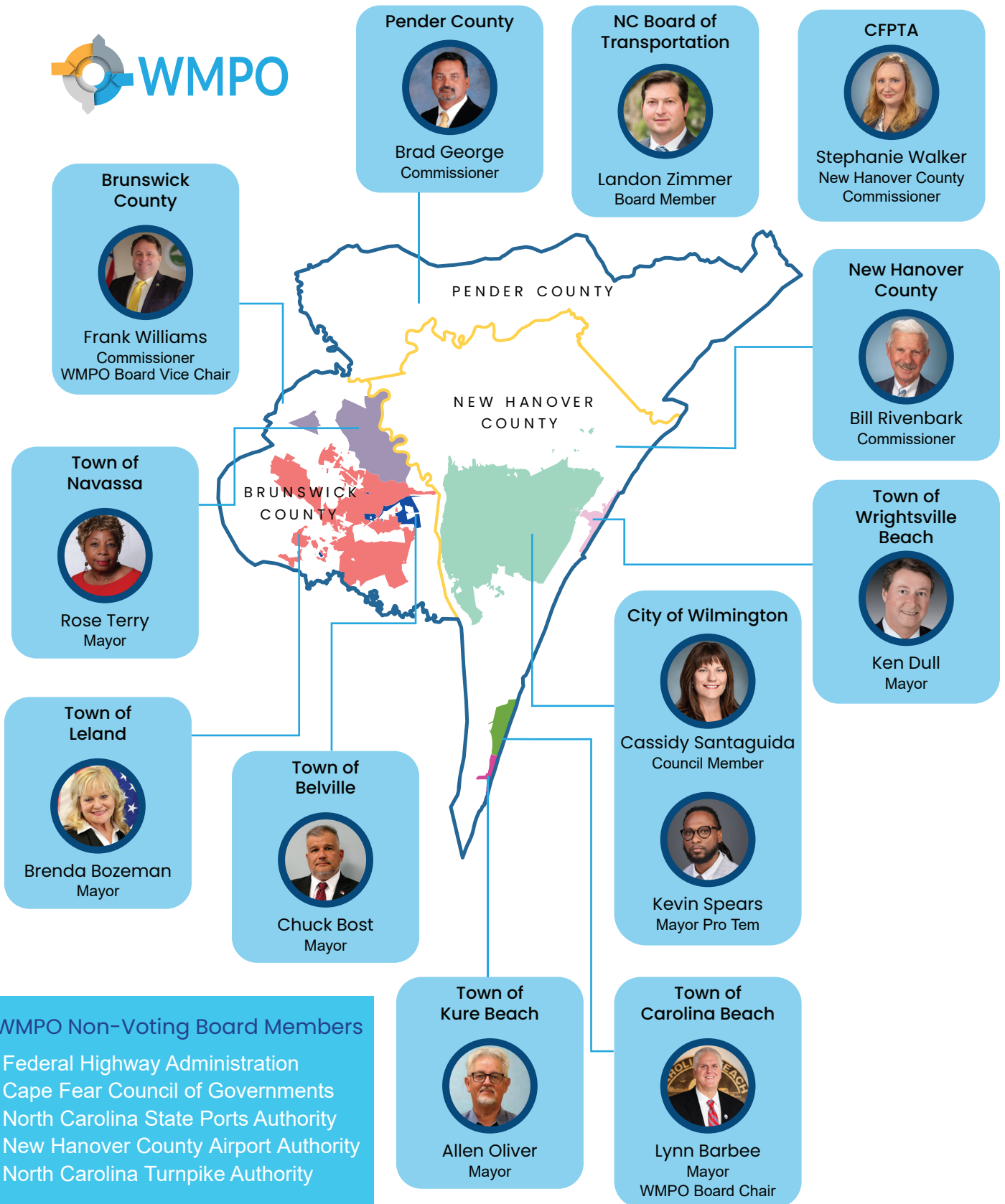
WMPO Board Regular Meetings

When 	Where 	Who 	What 
3:00 p.m. Last Wednesday of each month	WMPO Office or via Zoom	WMPO Board Open to the public	Agenda posted ≥5 days before the meeting at wmpo.org Begins with public comment period

There is typically no regular WMPO Board meeting in December. The dates, times, and locations of meetings are subject to change. Additionally, certain situations may require the WMPO Board to hold special and/or emergency meetings, or to hold meetings fully virtual.

2026 WMPO Board Members

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WMPO Non-Voting Board Members

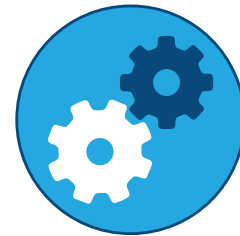
Federal Highway Administration
Cape Fear Council of Governments
North Carolina State Ports Authority
New Hanover County Airport Authority
North Carolina Turnpike Authority

Committees and Subcommittees

WMPO committees and subcommittees help the Board explore specific topics in more detail and better understand complex issues. They provide an opportunity for focused discussion that supports informed, transparent decision-making and helps guide the WMPO's transportation planning work. There are three standing committees: the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC), and the Go Coast Committee. Plan-specific committees and Board subcommittees meet on an as-needed basis.

Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)

The TCC provides overall oversight, direction, and coordination of the transportation planning process, and is responsible for making recommendations to the appropriate local and state government agencies, as well as the WMPO Board, on actions needed to support and advance the ongoing transportation planning process in the Wilmington region. The TCC is comprised of planners, engineers, and other staff from the WMPO's member jurisdictions and planning partners.



The TCC meets monthly and is composed of planners, engineers, and other staff from each member jurisdiction and WMPO planning partners.

TCC meets at 10 a.m., two weeks prior to the WMPO Board meeting, except December. Meetings are typically held in the Board Room of the WMPO office.

Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)

The ATAC is composed of members appointed by the Board and is responsible for making recommendations to the Board on implementing relevant programs, policies, projects, and funding priorities related to active transportation access. Active transportation refers to any human-powered means of transportation.

The ATAC advises the WMPO Board in three focus areas:

1. Safety & Education
2. Planning & Policy
3. Public Engagement & Community Partnerships

ATAC members represent local jurisdictions, agencies, and stakeholder groups. Members may be private citizens, employees of WMPO member jurisdictions, nonprofit employees, educators, students, healthcare providers, and more.



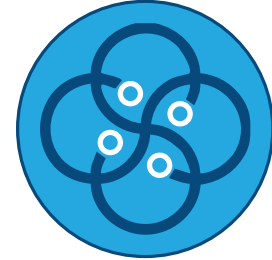
The ATAC meets every other month and is composed of citizens, subject matter experts, and stakeholders involved in matters related to active transportation.

The ATAC meets bimonthly on the third Tuesdays of February, April, June, August, October, and December at 2 p.m. in the Board Room of the WMPO office.

Go Coast Committee

The Go Coast Committee is composed of representatives from area employers, WMPO member jurisdictions, higher education institutions, and Wave Transit. The Committee guides the activities of the Go Coast program in implementing the short-range Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan included in the WMPO's adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan, *Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050*, as Appendix L.

The Go Coast Committee shapes the program's various events, challenges, and campaigns, including the annual commuter challenge in October, the Be A Looker safety campaign, and Bike Month in May. The committee also provides valuable employer perspectives needed to inform outreach and support programs for area employers. The Committee's input helps facilitate a shift away from driving alone toward other modes of transportation, supporting Go Coast's goals to mitigate traffic congestion, improve air quality, and enhance the travel experience for residents, employees, and visitors of the Cape Fear region.



Go Coast meets quarterly and is composed of staff from major employers throughout the region.

Go Coast meetings are held quarterly at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of the second month of each quarter. The committee meets in person at the WMPO office in February and August, and meets virtually in May and November.

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

The CAC is composed of individuals appointed by each WMPO Board member to assist in public engagement efforts during the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The committee is established by the WMPO Board at the start of the MTP development process and is dissolved following the completion of the plan. A meeting schedule for the committee is determined to correspond with the public engagement phases of the MTP's development.



MTP Advisory Committee (MTPC)

The MTPC is composed of technical staff from member agencies, planning partners, and modal subject matter experts to guide and oversee the development of the MTP. The committee is established by the WMPO Board at the start of the MTP development process and is dissolved following the completion of the plan. The MTP Advisory Committee typically meets on a monthly basis throughout the development of the technical components of the MTP.

The CAC and MTPC meet during MTP development cycles. The CAC meeting schedule corresponds with public engagement phases, while the MTPC typically meets on a monthly basis.

Board Subcommittees

To help guide its work, the WMPO Board uses subcommittees to take a closer look at specific topics. Subcommittees are composed of Board members who meet to learn more about an issue, hear presentations, ask questions, and discuss ideas before bringing their findings and recommendations back to the full Board. They do not make final decisions; instead, they provide recommendations that inform Board discussions and actions. For example, the Alternative Funding Subcommittee explores ways to fund transportation projects beyond traditional sources. Other subcommittees include Boundary, Governance and Structure; Evaluation and Compensation; and Cape Fear Memorial Bridge Replacement Aesthetics.



WMPO Board subcommittees meet on an as-needed basis and provide recommendations to the Board regarding specific issues. Meeting schedules vary.

Meeting Notice and Agendas

Notice of WMPO Board and committee meetings, including special and emergency meetings, will be provided in accordance with the North Carolina Open Meetings Law, as set forth in North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 143, Article 33C. For regular meetings, agendas and supporting materials will be posted on the WMPO website at least five (5) calendar days prior to regularly scheduled meetings.

The WMPO Board adopts its regular meeting schedule for the upcoming calendar year at its final meeting of each year. Any changes to the adopted schedule will be publicly noticed in accordance with state law.

WMPO Meeting Notice Requirements



- The date, time, and place of the meeting.
- A brief description of the meeting.
- The contact information where individuals can obtain meeting information and a copy of the agenda.
- Information about how to obtain a record of the meeting as stated in North Carolina Open Meetings Law.
- If held solely electronically, post on WMPO's website the meeting's electronic location and means, and instructions where the public may watch a livestream and/or listen to the meeting.
- Contact information for persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate in the proceeding in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and North Carolina Open Meetings Law.

Accessibility

All WMPO Board and Committee meetings will be held in facilities that are accessible to persons with disabilities and, where feasible, served by public transportation. Individuals requiring special accommodations, auxiliary aids, or language assistance to participate in a meeting are encouraged to contact the WMPO in advance. Instructions for requesting accommodations will be included in the meeting notices.

Virtual and Hybrid Meetings

WMPO meetings may be conducted in-person, virtually, or in a hybrid format, consistent with the North Carolina law. When meetings are held virtually or include a virtual participation option, the WMPO will take reasonable steps to ensure public access, which may include live streaming, call-in options, and the advance posting of agendas and presentation materials.

When in-person public comment is not feasible, alternative methods for submitting comments, including but not limited to, mail, email, voicemail, online forms, or other electronic means may be provided. Deadlines for submitting public comments will be clearly communicated and will allow reasonable time for public participation.

Public Comment During Meetings

Public comment is offered at regularly scheduled meetings of the WMPO Board and some of its advisory committees. Comment periods generally occur at the beginning of meetings and provide an opportunity for the public to speak on matters listed or not listed on the agenda.

Prior to the start of each regular meeting, a sign-up sheet will be available for those who wish to speak. Speakers are asked to state their name for the record before providing comments. Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes, and the total public comment period shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. If necessary, the Board or advisory committee Chair may extend the public comment period by a majority vote of the Board or committee.

For meetings held in a hybrid format (both in-person and virtual), public comment is accepted in person only, in accordance with the WMPO's public comment policy.

Public Hearings

For certain projects, plans, and programs, federal, state, or local law may require a public hearing. The purpose of a public hearing is to provide public input into a decision to be made by a local government unit or body. Public hearings are conducted per the requirements of applicable statutes and the WMPO's adopted Rules and Procedures.

WMPO Meetings Summary	Meeting Frequency	Public Notice	Agenda Posted in Advance	Public Access to Attend	Public Comment on Agenda
WMPO Board- Regular	Monthly	●	●	●	●
WMPO Board- Non-Regular	As needed	●	●	●	
TCC- Regular	Monthly	●	●	●	
TCC- Non-Regular	As needed	●	●	●	
ATAC	Bimonthly	●	●	●	●
Go Coast	Quarterly	●	●	●	●
Ad Hoc Planning Subcommittees	As needed	●	●	●	
Standing/Ad Hoc Subcommittees	As needed	●	●	●	

Federal Certifications

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

The WMPO operates under the federal requirements established in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), signed into law on November 16, 2021. This law reauthorizes and provides long-term funding for federal surface transportation programs while largely maintaining existing program structures. Under IIJA, the metropolitan transportation planning process must be continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive. The law also reaffirms certification requirements for Metropolitan Planning Organizations to ensure compliance with federal planning standards.



Self-Certification

In addition to the federal certification conducted no less than every four years, the WMPO completes an annual self-certification typically with the development of the upcoming fiscal year's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Through this process, the WMPO affirms that its transportation planning activities are being carried out in accordance with applicable federal and state requirements. The draft UPWP, including self-certification, is made available for public review and comment prior to Board consideration.

Federal Certification

Conducted at a minimum of every four years by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), federal law requires these agencies to review and certify the transportation planning process for Transportation Management Areas (TMAs), which are urbanized areas with populations of more than 200,000. The WMPO was designated a TMA in 2012, based on the 2010 census. During the Certification Review, FHWA and FTA examine how the MPO functions, transportation plans are developed, and how public outreach and participation efforts are included. The WMPO was designated as a TMA in 2012, beginning the requirement for federal certification review. Prior to a review, the WMPO notifies the public of this review through a press release that announces the opportunity to provide public comment.

The most recent Federal Certification Review was conducted in the spring of 2023.

WMPO Federal Certification Review (2023)

Visit wmpo.org/organizational-documents to view the most recent Certification Review. Hard copies are available upon request.

Public Participation Strategies and Tools

The WMPO uses a variety of outreach methods to inform, engage, and solicit input from the public and stakeholders throughout the transportation planning process. These methods are selected based on the purpose, scope, and audience of each planning effort and may be used individually or in combination. The WMPO is committed to making participation accessible by holding meetings in locations served by transit, offering virtual and in-person engagement options, providing multiple formats for surveys and materials, and accommodating language and accessibility needs whenever possible to reduce barriers to participation.

Engagement Strategies

Engagement strategies describe the structured ways the WMPO involves the public, stakeholders, and decision-makers in transportation planning. These strategies range from broad opportunities for public input to targeted collaboration with partner agencies and formal involvement through committees and governing bodies. Together, they support ongoing communication, informed discussion, and consideration of input throughout the planning process.

Public and Stakeholder Engagement

Opportunities for the public and stakeholders throughout planning or project development process to gather input, share information, and build collaborative relationships. Engagement may include coordination with local governments, partner agencies, community organizations, advocacy groups, and residents. These efforts help ensure that transportation plans, programs, and projects reflect regional needs and community priorities.



A stakeholder group was convened to inform the Go Coast short-range plan.

Public Meetings and Interactive Engagement

Opportunities for community members to learn about transportation initiatives and offer input. These meetings may be held in-person or virtually and are designed to encourage two-way communication. Formats may include open houses, workshops, charettes, small-group discussions, and transportation summits.



Community members explore project materials at a public meeting.

Advisory and Steering Committees

The WMPO uses advisory committees as targeted strategies to support outreach and engagement during major planning efforts, such as the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). For planning initiatives, the WMPO may establish a steering committee to guide the planning process and provide focused input at key milestones. The steering committee typically includes representatives from local governments, transportation agencies, planning partners, and other stakeholders to ensure a balanced mix of technical expertise and community perspectives.



A steering committee meeting for the SS4A Safety Action Plan.

Engagement Tools

The WMPO uses a range of engagement tools to help inform the public and gather feedback on transportation planning efforts. These tools are designed to make participation easier and to ensure community input is considered in decision-making.

Print and Traditional Media

These tools share information through established, non-digital channels to raise awareness and reach audiences who may not regularly engage online. They are especially effective for brand distribution and targeted community awareness. Some examples include local media coverage, brochures and flyers, billboards, newsletters, and the WMPO Annual Report.

Surveys and Input Collection

Used to gather structured input from the public and stakeholders, these tools help the WMPO understand community priorities, concerns, and preferences related to transportation planning. Tools include paper and online surveys, comment forms, feedback cards, and written input collected at meetings.

In-Person Outreach and Educational Displays

These tools support face-to-face engagement and help explain transportation topics through visual and interactive materials. They are commonly used at public meetings, workshops, and community events to encourage discussion and learning, through maps, display boards, posters, and hands-on activities.

Websites and Online Engagement Platforms

Online platforms provide centralized, on-demand access to planning information and engagement opportunities, allowing the public to participate regardless of time or location. Tools used include the WMPO website, project web pages, online comment portals, and virtual meeting materials.

Social Media and Digital Communications

These tools are used to share timely updates, promote engagement opportunities, and encourage two-way communication with the public in formats that are familiar and widely used. Methods may include social media posts, digital newsletters, email announcements, and event reminders.

Multimedia and Interactive Visualization Tools

These tools use digital media to explain transportation plans, projects, and data in engaging, easy-to-understand formats. They are especially helpful for illustrating complex concepts or long-range plans. Examples include videos, animations, interactive maps, and dashboards.



WMPO staff gathering feedback from trail users.



WMPO staff seeking input from the community at a pop-up event.



An excerpt of the WMPO's monthly e-newsletter.



WMPO staff providing input for the Town of Leland's Safety Action Plan at an open house event.

WMPO Core Work Products and Plans

The WMPO is responsible for four core documents and transportation studies that all MPOs must complete to maintain federal certification and remain eligible to receive federal transportation funding.

Public participation requirements prescribed by federal law vary by document, but all of the plans and programs detailed on the following pages are developed through an open process that allows public review and feedback at various stages of plan or program development. Final products and reports are adopted after careful consideration of community comments.

Core Work Products & Transportation Studies:

- Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
- Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP)
- Public Participation Plan (PPP)
- Transportation Studies
- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Core Work Product	Adoption Schedule	Public Comment Period	Public Hearing	Draft Document Locations
Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)	Every 5 years	30 days	Not Required	• WMPO offices and website • WMPO member planning department offices • Area libraries
Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)	Annually	30 days	Not Required	• WMPO offices and website
Public Participation Plan (PPP)	As needed	45 days	Not Required	• WMPO offices and website
MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	Biannually	30 days	Yes	• WMPO offices and website

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

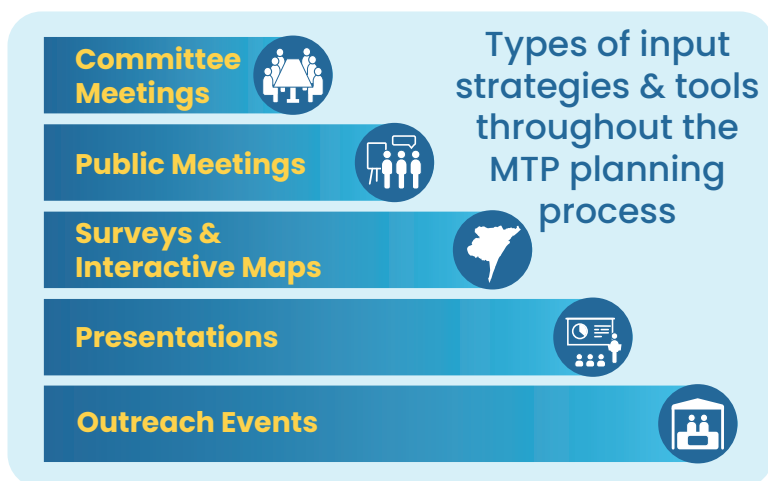
The MTP is fiscally constrained, developed for the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) and covers at least a 20-year planning horizon. The MTP encompasses transportation strategies to maintain the existing transportation infrastructure while meeting the future needs of all federally funded transportation modes in the MPA, including highways, public transportation, bicycle and pedestrian, freight and rail, ferry, and aviation. Throughout the development of the MTP, the WMPO provides multiple opportunities for community members, partners, and stakeholders to share input and help shape priorities. Engagement occurs at key milestones in the planning process to ensure the plan reflects local needs, values, and long-term goals.

When can I make comments on the MTP?

Public Comment Period	Adoption	Amendments
30 days prior to adoption Available for public review and comment for 30 days before adoption, including amendments	The MTP is updated and adopted every 5 years	Conducted on an as-needed basis

How can I make comments on the MTP?

Comment Opportunities	Consideration	Draft Document Locations
• Via email and mail • Online form • Public meetings and in-person events • Virtual open house	When significant written/oral comments are received on the draft, a summary, analysis, and report on the comments shall be made as part of the final MTP	• WMPO offices and website • WMPO member planning department offices



Where can I view the MTP document?

To view the full document, visit wmpo.org/mtpl/. Hard copies are available at WMPO office, Member Jurisdiction offices, and local libraries.

Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MPO TIP)

The MPO TIP is a multimodal capital improvement document that outlines the scheduling and funding of all transportation projects across the state over a minimum four-year time period, as required by federal law. The WMPO's MPO TIP spans a 10-year period, with the first five years designated as the delivery TIP and the latter five years as the developmental TIP. Federal law also requires the MPO and State TIPs to match exactly in projects, schedules, and scope, for projects to move forward with federal funding.

In North Carolina, MPO TIPs are typically updated every two years (but no later than four years) and developed in concert with federal and state revenue forecasts, the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) Strategic Prioritization process, preconstruction, and project development timetables, and in adherence with federal and state laws. When amendments to the MPO TIP are proposed, they are made available for public review and comment on the WMPO website, including in the announcements section and on the MPO Transportation Improvement Program webpage, where information on proposed changes, comment periods, and how to provide feedback is posted.

When can I make comments on the MPO TIP?

Public Comment Period	Adoption	Amendments
30 days prior to adoption Available for public review and comment for 30 days before adoption, including amendments A public hearing is conducted prior to adoption	The MPO TIP is updated and adopted biannually	Conducted on an as-needed basis Require 30-day comment period

How can I make comments on the MPO TIP?

Comment Opportunities	Consideration	Draft Document Locations
• Via email and mail • Online form • Public hearing • Public meetings	When significant written/oral comments are received, they are presented to the WMPO Board	WMPO offices and website

Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

The WMPO publishes the annual listing of obligated projects which displays projects and strategies that were authorized and committed using federal funds in the previous year. The annual listing will be published on the WMPO website at www.wmpo.org within 90 days following the end of the program year. Hard copies are available upon request by contacting the WMPO.

Where can I view the MPO TIP document?

To view the full document, visit wmpo.org/mpo-state-transportation-improvement-program/. Hard copies are available at the WMPO office.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The UPWP outlines how the WMPO will use its transportation planning funds. It serves as the WMPO’s work plan and budget, identifying the tasks to be completed and the products to be delivered to support the region’s transportation planning efforts.

The UPWP guides the day-to-day planning activities needed to carry out the goals of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and ensures that the WMPO’s planning process meets federal and state requirements. It also documents how federal, state, and local transportation planning funds will be spent and helps coordinate work among WMPO staff, partner agencies, and funding agencies.

Public involvement is an important part of the UPWP process. Providing opportunities for public input helps keep the community informed about upcoming planning activities and ensures that transportation planning efforts reflect local needs, priorities, and concerns.

When can I make comments on the UPWP?

Public Comment Period	Adoption	Amendments
30 days prior to adoption Available for public review and comment for 30 days before adoption	The UPWP is adopted annually	Conducted on an as-needed basis Do not require 30-day comment period

How can I make comments on the UPWP?

Comment Opportunities	Consideration	Draft Document Locations
- Via email and mail Online form - Public meetings	When significant written/oral comments are received, they are presented to the WMPO Board	WMPO offices and website

Where can I view the UPWP document?

To view the full document, visit wmpo.org/upwp-budget/. Hard copies are available at the WMPO office.

Public Participation Plan (PPP)

The PPP outlines how the WMPO provides opportunities for the public to be informed, involved, and engaged in the transportation planning process. The PPP establishes the strategies, tools, and procedures for gathering public input and ensuring meaningful participation across all WMPO plans, programs, and projects.

When can I make comments on the PPP?

Public Comment Period	Adoption	Amendments
45 days prior to adoption Available for public review and comment for 45 days before adoption	The PPP is updated and adopted as needed	Conducted on an as-needed basis

How can I make comments on the PPP?

Comment Opportunities	Consideration	Draft Document Locations
• Via email and mail • Online form • Public meetings	When significant written/oral comments are received, they are presented to the WMPO Board	WMPO offices and website

Where can I view the PPP document?

To view the full document, visit wmpo.org/organizational-documents/.
Hard copies are available at the WMPO office.

Transportation Studies

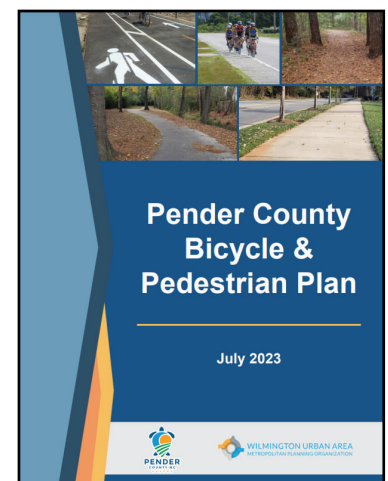
In addition to the Core Work Products, the WMPO also completes special studies and plans. Periodically, the WMPO conducts specialized planning studies focused on specific transportation modes, issues, corridors, or areas within the region. These studies are funded through the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and help advance the goals of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The results often inform future transportation projects and improvements and help highlight community needs, concerns, and priorities in particular areas or among specific groups of residents.

When can I make comments on local and regional transportation studies?

Public Comment Period	Adoption	Amendments
Varies Each planning effort develops a plan- and community-specific engagement strategy with opportunities for input throughout the study	Transportation studies are completed and adopted as needed	Conducted on an as-needed basis

How can I make comments on local and regional transportation studies?

Comment Opportunities	Consideration	Draft Document Locations
- Public comment at Board meetings - Public engagement occurs throughout plan development process	Study-specific Public comment is typically incorporated throughout the plan development process	WMPO office and website



Where can I view specialized planning studies?

To view the full documents, visit wmpo.org. Hard copies are available at the WMPO office.

Working Together

The Public Participation Plan (PPP) explains how the WMPO invites, encourages, and considers public input when making transportation plans and decisions. This plan is designed to:

- Provide clear, accessible ways for the public to learn about transportation projects and plans
- Offer meaningful opportunities for people to share ideas, concerns, and feedback
- Ensure public input is considered throughout the planning and decision-making process

Public participation helps us create transportation solutions that better serve the people who live, work, and travel in our region.

How We Measure Success

The WMPO regularly reviews how well our public engagement strategies are working. This helps us understand what is effective and where improvements are needed. Success can be measured by:



Open and click rates of email correspondence and social media links



Use of online tools, surveys, and comment opportunities



Social media reach (the number of people who see our content) and engagement (how people interact with it through likes, shares, comments, and clicks)



Range of geographic reach of public input



Participation levels at meetings and events



Feedback on the clarity, accessibility, and usefulness of information shared

This information is used to refine various approaches and strengthen future engagement efforts.

A Living, Evolving Plan

The PPP is a living document, meaning it is not fixed or final. As our community grows and changes, so do the ways people communicate, access information, and engage with public agencies. We update this plan as needed to respond to:

- Changes in community needs and priorities
- New technologies and communication tools
- Feedback from the public on how engagement can be improved
- Updates to federal or state requirements

This flexibility helps ensure our outreach efforts remain relevant and effective over time.

Conclusion

Building a transportation system that meets the needs of the region depends on continued collaboration. The WMPO is committed to listening to the community, evaluating what works, and adjusting its approach as needs and priorities change.

This Public Participation Plan will continue to evolve over time. By working together, the WMPO and the public can help shape transportation decisions that support safe, connected, and accessible travel for everyone in the region—now and in the future.

Appendix

Title VI

The WMPO strives to ensure full and fair participation by all potentially affected individuals, groups, and communities in the transportation decision-making process. The WMPO does not discriminate against any person with respect to any WMPO program, activity, or service and adheres to the Federal non-discrimination requirements under Title VI and other related regulations and statutes. *Public comments are solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status.*

The WMPO will seek out and consider the input and needs of interested parties and groups traditionally underserved by transportation systems who may face challenges accessing our services, such as minority and limited English proficient (LEP) persons. Underlying these efforts in our commitment to determining the most effective outreach methods for a given project or population.

General public involvement practices will include:

- Expanding traditional outreach methods.
- Providing for early, frequent, and continuous engagement by the public.
- Use of social media and other resources as a way to gain public involvement.
- Coordinating with community- and faith-based organizations such as the Hispanic Liaison, educational institutions, and other entities to implement public engagement strategies that reach out specifically to members of affected minority and/or LEP communities.
- Providing opportunities for public participation through means other than written communication, such as personal interviews or use of audio or video recording devices to capture oral comments.
- Considering radio, television, or newspaper ads on stations and in publications that serve LEP populations. Outreach to LEP persons could also include audio programming available on podcasts.

If you have questions or comments about the WMPO's Public Participation Plan, please contact:

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To review the complete Title VI program administration and general responsibilities, please see the WMPO's Adopted Title VI Program Plan at wmpo.org/organizational-documents/

Accommodations

All notices for planning activities of the WMPO will include an announcement that states that persons with disabilities will be accommodated. Special provisions will be made if notified 48 hours in advance (e.g., having available large print documents, audio material, someone proficient in sign language, a translator or other provisions requested). Public meetings will be held in locations accessible to persons with disabilities and will be located near or on a transit route if possible. TTY users may dial 711 to contact the WMPO.

Acronyms

3-C	Continuing, Cooperative, and Comprehensive Planning Process
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ATAC	Active Transportation Advisory Committee
CAC	Citizens Advisory Committee
CMP	Congestion Management Process
CTP	Comprehensive Transportation Plan
DOT	Department of Transportation
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FY	Fiscal year
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
IIJA	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
LRTP	Long Range Transportation Plan
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPA	Metropolitan Planning Area
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
MTPC	Metropolitan Transportation Plan Advisory Committee
MTIP	Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program
NCDOT	North Carolina Department of Transportation
PPP	Public Participation Plan
RPO	Rural Planning Organization
STIP	Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
TCC	Technical Coordinating Committee
TDM	Transportation Demand Management
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TMA	Transportation Management Area
UA	Urbanized Area
UNCW	University of North Carolina at Wilmington
UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program
WMPO	Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization



**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S AMENDED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, and the N.C. Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, public participation is an integral part of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's transportation planning process and is essential to ensuring that transportation decisions reflect the needs, values, and priorities of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization developed the 2026 Public Participation Plan to serve as a guiding framework for how the public is informed, engaged, and involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the plan was adopted by the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on May 27, 2026; and

WHEREAS, to support increased accessibility and the further reduction of barriers to public involvement, an online public comment form option for core planning products was identified and added as an additional method for the public to provide comments; and

WHEREAS, the development of the amended Public Participation Plan included a 45-day public comment period, opened September 30, 2026, and closed on November 14, 2026, to provide the public with an opportunity to review and submit comments on the draft amended plan; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby adopts the amended Public Participation Plan.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on November 18, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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DATE: October 2, 2026

TO: Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director, Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning
Organization

FROM: Brian Murphy, PE
State Traffic Safety Engineer
Transportation Mobility & Safety Division

SUBJECT: Safety Performance Measures – FHWA Assessment and 2027 Targets

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Background

Effective April 14, 2016, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) established five highway safety performance measures in accord with regulations set forth in the Federal MAP-21 and FAST Act transportation funding bills. These performance measures are:

1. Number of fatalities;
2. Rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled;
3. Number of serious injuries;
4. Rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled; and
5. Number of combined non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries.

These targets are established annually, are based on 5-year rolling averages, and are for calendar years. North Carolina state targets are set in agreement with our [Strategic Highway Safety Plan \(SHSP\)](#) goals. The SHSP goals are developed through collaborative efforts of a diverse group of stakeholders including state, regional, and local partners (including MPOs). The goal of the most recent (2024) SHSP is to reduce fatalities and serious injuries by half by 2035, moving towards zero by 2050.

North Carolina Safety Performance Target Achievement Determination

Earlier this year, FHWA completed an assessment of target achievement for NCDOT's calendar year (CY) 2024 safety targets, based on the 5-year averages for 2020-2024 for each measure. As per 23 CFR 490.211(c)(2), a State Department of Transportation (DOT) has met or made significant progress towards meeting its safety performance targets when at least four of the safety performance targets established under 23 CFR 490.209(a) have been met or the actual outcome is better than the baseline performance. **Based on FHWA's review, North Carolina has not met or made significant progress toward achieving its safety performance targets.** As a result, NCDOT must ensure that all HSIP safety funds are obligated and must develop an HSIP Implementation Plan that describes actions the State will take to meet or make significant progress toward achieving its targets. Table 1 below provides a summary of the target achievement determination at the state level.

Table 1: North Carolina Safety Performance Target Achievement Determination Summary for CY 2024.

Performance Measures	Target	Actual	Baseline	Target Achieved?	(Actual) Better than Baseline?	Met or Made Significant Progress?
	2020 - 2024	2020 - 2024	2018 - 2022			
Number of Fatalities	1,151.7	1,611.6	1,551.0	No	No	No
Rate of Fatalities	0.967	1.358	1.328	No	No	
Number of Serious Injuries	3,312.1	5,289.6	5,039.0	No	No	
Rate of Serious Injury	2.767	4.446	4.304	No	No	
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	451.1	719.6	661.4	No	No	

Table 2 below shows what this determination would look like if the state's methodology for establishing the CY 2024 goal was applied to crash data specific to Wilmington Urban Area MPO.

Table 2: Wilmington Urban Area MPO Safety Performance Target Achievement Determination Summary for CY 2024.

Performance Measures	5-Year Rolling Averages			Target Achieved?	(Actual) Better than Baseline?	Met or Made Significant Progress?
	Target	Actual	Baseline			
	2020 - 2024	2020 - 2024	2018 - 2022			
Fatalities (5 Year Average)	22.9	35.2	33.8	No	No	No
Fatality Rate (5 Year Average)	0.906	1.251	1.276	No	Yes	
Serious Injuries (5 Year Average)	60.9	88.2	88.8	No	Yes	
Serious Injury Rate (5 Year Average)	2.415	3.182	3.376	No	Yes	
Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries (5 Year Average)	16.1	21.0	20.4	No	No	

2027 State Safety Performance Targets

2027 state safety performance targets were submitted to FHWA on August 31st, as required, with the submission of the annual Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) report. These targets reflect the 2024 SHSP goal to reduce fatalities and serious injuries by half by 2035, moving towards zero by 2050. The calculated targets are shown in Table 3 below. More detailed information about each target can be found at this [link](#).

Table 3: North Carolina Calendar Year 2027 Safety Performance Targets.

Performance Measure	CY 2027
Number of Fatalities	1,012.6
Rate of Fatalities	0.846
Number of Serious Injuries	3,000.5
Rate of Serious Injuries	2.499
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities & Serious Injuries	403.4

2027 Wilmington Urban Area MPO Safety Performance Targets

Table 4 below provides crash data specific to your MPO and shows what the safety performance targets would look like if you applied the state's methodology (reducing fatalities and serious injuries by half by 2035). More detailed information specific to your MPO can be found at this [link](#).

Table 4: Wilmington Urban Area MPO Specific Safety Performance Targets.

Year	Fatalities (5 Year Average)	Fatality Rate (5 Year Average)	Serious Injuries (5 Year Average)	Serious Injury Rate (5 Year Average)	Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries (5 Year Average)
2016 – 2020	30.8	1.186	80.2	3.114	19.8
2017 – 2021	33.2	1.273	86.8	3.355	21.4
2018 – 2022	33.8	1.276	88.8	3.376	20.4
2019 - 2023	35.2	1.288	89.6	3.291	20.6
2020 - 2024	35.2	1.251	88.2	3.182	21.0
2021 - 2025	37.8	1.283	88.2	3.022	26.2
2027 Target	19.2	0.770	53.4	2.145	13.5

Next Steps

MPOs are not directly assessed by FHWA on their progress towards meeting safety performance targets. However, coordination and deliberate action will be needed to achieve the fatal and serious injury crash reduction goals outlined in the NC Strategic Highway Safety Plan and as communicated through the safety performance targets. We encourage additional coordination between MPO's and NCDOT Traffic Safety Unit in all areas of safety, but specifically in data sharing, safety tools development, safety need identification and shared safety project implementation. The Traffic Safety Unit is available to meet with your MPO for additional discussion and partnership.

FHWA guidance allows each MPO to establish safety performance targets by either agreeing to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishments of the State DOT performance targets or committing to quantifiable HSIP targets for their specific MPO area. If an MPO establishes its own targets, it will need to do so in coordination with the State per FHWA guidelines. The Traffic Safety Unit is available to facilitate this coordination. As a reminder, MPOs must establish safety performance targets no later than February 27 of each year per FHWA guidance. If you have not already done so, please transmit a signed adoption resolution indicating the establishment of safety targets for your MPO or supporting the state's targets to Daryl Vreeland (dvreeland@ncdot.gov) in the Transportation Planning Division just as you have in previous years. An adoption resolution template can be found at this [link](#).

Finally, the NCDOT Traffic Safety website seeks to communicate safety information to the public and the following links may be of specific interest to MPOs:

- Main NCDOT Traffic Safety Unit website: [link](#)
- Mapped safety data: [link](#)
 - Here you can find a variety of spatial datasets related to traffic safety, including: fatal and serious injury crashes, pedestrian and bicycle crashes, safety projects (completed and funded), and several interactive map-based dashboards that allows the user to select an area of interest for more specific crash statistics.

Please contact me directly at (919) 814-4948 or bgmurphy@ncdot.gov for further questions or discussion.

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**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING TARGETS FOR SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES
ESTABLISHED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has been designated by the Governor of the State of North Carolina as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the MPO's metropolitan planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) final rule (23 CFR Part 490) requires States to set targets for five safety performance measures annually, by August 31; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has established targets for five performance measures based on five year rolling averages for: (1) Number of Fatalities, (2) Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), (3) Number of Serious Injuries, (4) Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT, and (5) Number of Non-Motorized (bicycle and pedestrian) Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT coordinated the establishment of safety targets with the 20 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in North Carolina continually through outreach conducted by NCDOT's Mobility and Safety Group; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT officially establishes and reports the safety targets in the Highway Safety Improvement Program annual report by August 31, of each year; and

WHEREAS the MPO's may establish safety targets by agreeing to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the State's targets for each measure or establish its own target within 180 days of the State establishing and reporting its safety targets in the HSIP annual report.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby agrees to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the State's targets as noted below for each of the aforementioned performance measures:

1. For the 2027 HSIP, the goal is to reduce total fatalities by 36 percent from 1,602.8 (2021-2025 average) to 1,012.6 (2023-2027 average) by December 31, 2027.
2. For the 2027 HSIP, the goal is to reduce the fatality rate by 24 percent from 1.110 (2021-2025 average) to 0.846 (2023-2027 average) by December 31, 2027.
3. For the 2027 HSIP, the goal is to reduce total serious injuries by 44 percent from 5,346.8 (2021-2025 average) to 3,000.5 (2023-2027 average) by December 31, 2027.
4. For the 2027 HSIP, the goal is to reduce the serious injury rate by 36 percent from 3.910 (2021-2025 average) to 2.499 (2023-2027 average) by December 31, 2027.
5. For the 2027 HSIP, the goal is to reduce the total non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries by 47 percent from 756.2 (2021-2025) to 403.4 (2023-2027 average) by December 31, 2027.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on November 18, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

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MEMORANDUM

To: WMPO Board Members

From: Greer Templer, Senior Transportation Planner

Date: October 29, 2026

Subject: Prioritization 8.0 – Final Division Needs Local Input Point Assignments

On September 21, 2026, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) released Prioritization 8.0 Regional Impact Tier project scores and funded projects, project eligible to be assigned Division Needs Tier local input point assignment, and revised Division Needs Tier project funding availability.

Based on the funding availability published by NCDOT on September 21, approximately \$24 million is available for Division Needs Tier projects competing within NCDOT Division 3, which is comprised of Brunswick, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, and Sampson counties. NCDOT has noted that these funding amounts represent a snapshot in time and remain subject to change as project cost estimates, delivery schedules, anticipated revenues, and other programmatic factors are updated throughout the Prioritization process.

The Local Input Point assignment period for Division Needs Tier projects is open from October 1 through November 20, 2026. Following the Division Needs Tier assignment period, projects are anticipated to be programmed between December 2026 and January 2027. Because projects cascade through the Prioritization tiers, Statewide Mobility Tier and Regional Impact Tier programming decisions and resulting project scores influence the available project pool and local input point assignment considerations for Division Needs Tier projects.

The WMPO has 1,600 Regional Impact Tier Local Input Points available for assignment among eligible projects. A maximum of 100 Local Input Points may be assigned to any individual project. The attached final Division Needs Tier Local Input Point assignment was developed in accordance with the WMPO Board-approved Local Input Point Methodology.

The Board-approved methodology evaluates eligible projects using the following criteria:

- Prioritization 8.0 quantitative score
- Coordination with NCDOT Division 3
- Consistency with adopted plans
- Status of project development
- Number of Prioritization cycles

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Each criterion is worth up to 100 points, for a maximum of 500 points per project. Projects are then ranked by their methodology score, and the top 16 are each eligible to receive 100 points. The WMPO's adopted methodology also includes provisions that at least one project from each non-highway mode is awarded local input points; that allow the Board to deviate from the methodology for the final point assignment; and that public input be considered.

The draft WMPO Local Input Point assignment was presented to the WMPO Board on October 28, initiating a 14-day public comment period that will end on November 11.

The attached point assignment reflects the application of the approved methodology, including the Coordination with NCDOT Division 3 criterion. Based on the strict application of the methodology and following discussions with planning organizations with which the WMPO shares some project limits, staff make the following deviation recommendations:

Deviate From	Deviate To	Reasoning
<i>Additional (second) Ramp at Southport Ferry Terminal (F320649)</i>	<i>Cape Fear Crossing – New River Crossing South of Existing Cape Fear Memorial Bridge [Toll Project] (H171924)</i>	- The <i>Additional (second) Ramp at Southport Ferry Terminal (F320649)</i> project is not directly within the WMPO's planning area and does not include improvements to the Fort Fisher Ferry Terminal. <i>H171924</i> is the next-highest-scoring project following the top 16 projects identified for WMPO Local Input Point assignment per the adopted methodology. - Reassignment of points to <i>Cape Fear Crossing – New River Crossing South of Existing Cape Fear Memorial Bridge [Toll Project] (H171924)</i> would allow points to be allocated to a project directly within the WMPO's planning area that is also a WMPO Board unfunded priority project, as identified in the WMPO 2026-2031 Strategic Business Plan.
<i>US 117 (College Road) at US 76 (Oleander Drive) Grade Separated Intersection Improvements (H149006-E/U-5704)</i>	<i>Wilmington Multimodal Transportation Center Intercity Passenger Station (R150128)</i>	- The <i>US 117 (College Road) at US 76 (Oleander Drive) At-Grade Intersection Improvements (H250015/U-5704)</i> project is receiving WMPO Local Input Points per the adopted methodology, has a higher Division Needs quantitative score, and is receiving Local Input Points from NCDOT Division 3. <i>R150128</i> is the second-highest-scoring project following the top 16 projects identified for WMPO Local Input Point assignment per the adopted methodology. - Reassignment of points to <i>Wilmington Multimodal Transportation Center Intercity Passenger Station (R150128)</i> supports fulfilling the multimodal criteria outlined in the WMPO's adopted methodology.
<i>Central College Road Trail (B230787)</i>	<i>Forden Station Ticket Kiosks (T250790)</i>	<i>Central College Road Trail (B230787)</i> is funded for construction through the WMPO's Locally Administered Projects Program (LAPP). <i>T250790</i> is the highest-scoring public transit project directly within the WMPO's planning area identified for WMPO Local Input Point assignment per the adopted methodology. - Reassignment of points to <i>Forden Station Ticket Kiosks (T250790)</i> supports fulfilling the multimodal criteria outlined in the WMPO's adopted methodology.

Discussions regarding proposed point donations to and from the WMPO for shared projects are ongoing. Point donations will be reflected in the WMPO's final local input point assignment recommendation once coordination with regional partners is complete.

All Division Needs Local Input Point assignments must be submitted to NCDOT by November 20, 2026.

Prioritization 8.0 Divison Needs Tier Projects - Final Local Point Assignment																		
Project Information										Local Input Criteria								
SPOT ID	Mode	TIP	Project Category	Route / Facility / Project Name	From / Cross Street / Location	To / Cross Street	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	P 8.0 Quantitative Score (x of 100)	FINAL Division 3 Points (x of 100)	Consistency with Plans (x of 100)	Status of project in development (x of 100)	Number of Prioritization Cycles (x of 100)	Total (x of 500)	FINAL Point Assignment	Notes	Ranking
H250015	Highway	U-5704	Statewide Mobility	US 117 (College Road)	US 76 (Oleander Drive)	N/A	Upgrade the intersection to an at-grade quadrant design, utilizing utilize Parkway Drive with improvements including roadway widening and turn lanes.	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 57,700,000	62.66	100	100	50	100	412.66	100	*Points assigned by NCDOT Division 3 and WMPO during Regional Impact Tier Local Input Point Assignment	1
H192190	Highway		Division Needs	New location	US 17 (Ocean Highway)	NC 133 (River Road)	Construct new roadway connection between US 17 and NC 133 in Brunswick County.	5 - Construct Roadway on New Location	\$ 55,800,000	73.73	100	100	25	100	398.73	100		2
F230649	Ferry		Regional Impact	Southport - Ft Fisher	Southport terminal	N/A	Additional (second) ramp at Southport	8 - Expand Facility	\$ 18,000,000	79.36	100	100	25	25	329.36	0*	*WMPO able to assign up to 50 points, CFRPO able to assign 50 points **WMPO staff recommend reassigning points from F230649 to H171924,the next-highest-scoring project to fall outside the top 16 threshold per the adopted methodology to support a project directly within the WMPO planning area boundary.	
H149006-D	Highway	U-5881	Statewide Mobility	US 117 (College Road)	South of SR 1272 (New Centre Drive)	NS-94068 (Ringo Drive)	Upgrade Roadway	2 - Upgrade Arterial to Freeway/Expressway	\$ 55,700,000	74.28	0	100	50	100	324.28	100	*Points assigned by NCDOT Division 3 and WMPO during Regional Impact	3
B250267	Bicycle & Pedestrian	5702AA	Division Needs	UNCW Pedestrian Bridge across College Road	West US 117 (South College Road)	East US 117 (South College Road)	The feasibility study describes a proposed pedestrian facility crossing US 117/NC 132/South College Road to provide additional connectivity to the University of North Carolina - Wilmington (UNCW) campus. It also includes pedestrian improvements to the College Road corridor as a supplemental design component of the project.	6 - Grade-Separated Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 6,845,451	73.56	100	100	25	25	323.56	100		4
B231171	Bicycle & Pedestrian		Division Needs	US 421 (Carolina Beach Road)	SR 1187 (Sanders Road)	SR 2566 (Halyburton Memorial Parkway)	Construct a multi-use path along S College Beach Road from Sanders Road to the intersection with Halyburton Memorial Parkway.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 8,722,400	73.14	100	100	25	25	323.14	100		5
H110987	Highway	U-5729	Regional Impact	US 421 (Carolina Beach Road)	US 421 (Burnett Boulevard)	US 117 (Shipyard Boulevard)	Upgrade roadway	11 - Access Management	\$ 72,100,000	72.98	0	100	50	100	322.98	100	*Points assigned by WMPO at Regional Impact Tier **U-5729SW is now included in the scope of U-5729 and no longer being scored separately.	6
F230648	Ferry		Regional Impact	Southport - Ft Fisher	Southport and Ft Fisher terminals	N/A	Replace and expand Operations Buildings / Visitor Centers at Southport and Fort Fisher	8 - Expand Facility	\$ 4,448,500	65.48	100	100	25	25	315.48	100*	*WMPO able to assign up to 50 points, CFRPO able to assign 50 points. Coordination with CFRPO regarding point assignments ongoing.	7
H149006-A	Highway	U-5702B	Regional Impact	NC 132 (College Road)	US 421 (Carolina Beach Road)	US 117 (Shipyard Boulevard)	Access management and travel time improvements.	11 - Access Management	\$ 129,300,000	63.18	0	100	50	100	313.18	100	*Points assigned by WMPO at Regional Impact Tier	8
H110993	Highway	U-6080	Division Needs	SR 1175 (Kerr Avenue)	Patrick Avenue	SR 1411 (Wrightsville Avenue)	Widen existing 2-lane facility to 4-lane divided facility with bicycle lanes, 5' sidewalk, 10' multiuse path	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 68,400,000	52.37	0	100	50	100	302.37	100		9
H149006-E	Highway	U-5704	Statewide Mobility	US 117 (College Road)	US 76 Oleander Drive	N/A	Upgrade the intersection to a grade-separated quadrant design, utilizing utilize Parkway Drive with improvements including roadway widening and turn lanes.	7 - Upgrade At-grade Intersection to Interchange or Grade Separation	\$ 184,600,000	52.00	0	100	50	100	302.00	0*	**WMPO staff recommend reassigning points from H149006-E to R150128,the next-highest-scoring project to fall outside the top 16 threshold per the adopted methodology. The at-grade alternative to H149006-E (H250015) is recommended to receive points under the adopted methodology.	
H090287-AG	Highway	R-4462	Statewide Mobility	US 74 (US 76)	NC 87 (Maco Road)	SR 1426 (Mount Misery Road)	Upgrade roadway to interstate standards	2 - Upgrade Arterial to Freeway/Expressway	\$ 375,800,000	51.30	0	100	50	100	301.30	100**	*Points assigned by NCDOT Division 3 and WMPO during Regional Impact **WMPO able to assign up to 89 points, CFRPO able to assign 11 points. Coordination with CFRPO regarding point assignments ongoing.	10

A150101	Aviation	AV-5795	Statewide Mobility	ILM - Wilmington International Airport: GA Apron Expansion	34.277476901379764, -77.91062332512783	N/A	The airport is experiencing unprecedented demand for GA and corporate tiedown and hangar space, exceeding ramp availability. Project Expands the North Apron toward new tenant ramp areas to expand capacity and enhance economic	1200 - Aircraft Apron / Helipad Requirements	\$ 1,000,000	74.20	0	100	50	75	299.20	100		11
B230787	Bicycle & Pedestrian		Division Needs	Central College Road Trail	SR-2048 (Gordon Road)	SR-2206 (Northchase Parkway NE)	Construct a 10' shared-use path adjacent to US 117/NC 132/N College Road.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 11,212,800	69.46	0	100	100	25	294.46	0**	*Funded for construction through the WMPO's LAP Program. **WMPO staff recommend reassigning points from B230787 to T250790, the highest-scoring transit project to directly support Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority/Wave Transit operations and fall outside the top 16 threshold per the adopted methodology.This recommended deviation also supports fulfilling the multimodal criteria outlined in the WMPO's adopted methodology.	
F150235	Ferry		Regional Impact	Southport - Ft Fisher	Southport - Ft Fisher route	N/A	Additional River Class vessel	6 - Expand Vehicle Vessel	\$ 35,000,000	44.20	0	100	50	100	294.20	100**	*Points assigned by NCDOT Division 3 and WMPO during Regional Impact **WMPO able to assign up to 89 points, CFRPO able to assign 11 points. Coordination with CFRPO regarding point assignments ongoing.	12
H090713	Highway		Regional Impact	NC 133 (River Road SE)	SR 1551 (Blackwell Road)	SR 1599 (Jackeys Creek Lane)	Widen NC133 (River Road SE) from SR 1551 (Blackwell Road) to SR 1599 (Jackey's Creek Lane SE) to four-lane, divided cross section with curb and gutter.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 67,000,000	63.06	0	100	25	100	288.06	100	Points assigned by WMPO at Regional Impact Tier	13
H171924	Highway	U-4738	Statewide Mobility	US 117 (Shipyards Boulevard), US 17 (Ocean Highway), US 17 bus, US 421 (Carolina Beach Road), US 74	US 117 (Shipyards Boulevard)	I-140 (Wilmington Bypass)	Upgrade existing roadways and construct new river crossing south of existing Cape Fear Memorial Bridge. [TOLL PROJECT]	6 - Widen Existing Roadway and Construct Part on New Location	\$ 1,629,700,000	59.92	0	100	25	100	284.92	100*	*WMPO staff recommend reassigning points from F230649 to H171924, the next-highest-scoring project to fall outside the top 16 threshold per the adopted methodology to support a project directly within the WMPO planning area boundary.	14
R150128	Rail		Division Needs	CSX SE Line (Wilmington Multimodal Transportation Center)	Downtown Wilmington Multimodal Transportation Center located on Campbell Street between 3rd and 4th Street, across from Padgett Transfer Station (Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority/Wave Transit).	N/A	Construction of an intercity passenger station in Wilmington to accommodate future rail service between Raleigh and Wilmington. This passenger station will be part of a larger multimodal center ultimately accommodating public transportation, private mass transportation, passenger rail, bicyclists, and pedestrians.	4 - Passenger rail station improvement or construction (point)	\$ 93,925,000	34.00	0	100	50	100	284.00	100*	*WMPO staff recommend reassigning points from H149006-E to R150128, the next-highest-scoring project to fall outside the top 16 threshold per the adopted methodology.This recommended deviation also supports fulfilling the multimodal criteria outlined in the WMPO's adopted methodology.	15
H170244	Highway		Regional Impact	NC 133 (River Road SE)	SR 1599 (Jackeys Creek Lane SE)	Rabon Way SE	Widen NC133 (River Road SE) from SR 1599 (Jackey's Creek Lane SE) to Rabon Way to four-lane, divided cross section with curb and gutter.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 65,500,000	46.01	0	100	25	100	271.01	0	Points assigned by WMPO at Regional Impact Tier	
H230873	Highway		Statewide Mobility	US 17 BUS	US 74 Interchange	5th Street	Replace the existing Cape Fear Memorial Bridge	5 - Construct Roadway on New Location	\$ 1,029,800,000	60.71	0	100	25	75	260.71	0	Points assigned by WMPO at Regional Impact Tier	
B230788	Bicycle & Pedestrian		Division Needs	South College Road Trail	South 17th Street	SR-1521 (Piner Road)	Construct a 10' shared-use path adjacent to NC 132 (N College Road) from South 17th Street to SR-1521 (Piner Road).	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 11,004,800	77.22	0	100	50	25	252.22	0	Funded for construction through the WMPO's LAP Program	
R140031	Rail		Regional Impact	NCDOT AC Line	Wallace to Castle Hayne	N/A	Restoration of the Wallace to Castle Hayne Rail Corridor from just north of Wilmington to Wallace. This project is contingent upon the awarding of an 80/20 federal grant and if the grant is not awarded, then the project is void.	5 - Passenger rail service (line)	\$ 52,845,600	26.18	0	100	25	100	251.18	0		
A150420	Aviation		Statewide Mobility	ILM - Wilmington International Airport: Perimeter Road Improvements (Ph.1)	Various Areas, General Location: 34°, 16', 21.59"N 77°, 53',56.94"W	N/A	Project will improve safety and emergency response by relocating the Airport's vehicle perimeter road outside NAVAID critical areas and Object Free Areas while also providing enhanced separation of airport operational vehicles, emergency response vehicles and aircraft. [DOA PRN = 3415]	3000 - Other	\$ 1,000,000	20.40	0	100	25	100	245.40	0	Points assigned by WMPO at Regional Impact Tier	
H190398	Highway		Statewide Mobility	US 17	SR 2734 (Marsh Oaks Drive)	SR 1582 (Washington Acres Road)	Convert roadway to reduced conflict intersection corridor configuration and provide access management.	4 - Upgrade Arterial to Signalized RCI Corridor	\$ 94,400,000	67.98	0	100	25	50	242.98	0	Points assigned by NCDOT Division 3 and WMPO during Regional Impact	
R150532	Rail		Statewide Mobility	NCDOT AC Line	From Burgaw to Castle Hayne	N/A	Restoration of the Wallace to Castle Hayne Rail Corridor from Burgaw to Castle Hayne (phase 2) per Pender Co CTP project PEND0001-R.	1 - Freight rail corridor improvement or construction (line)	\$ 202,239,824	15.60	0	100	25	100	240.60	0		
R150125	Rail		Statewide Mobility	CSX AF Line	MP AF 286.6, near the former Invista facility located on the New Hanover side of the New Hanover / Pender County boundary to the Pender County Commerce Park facility	N/A	Construction of approximately 1.5 mile rail line extension from MP AF 286.60 (near Invista) to support new rail volumes inbound & outbound from Pender Commerce Park. Project includes at-grade crossing improvements to US 421 (Crossing #629 171T).	1 - Freight rail corridor improvement or construction (line)	\$ 7,868,025	9.32	0	100	25	100	234.32	0		
F250422	Ferry		Regional Impact	Southport - Ft Fisher	Southport and Ft Fisher terminals	N/A	Additional (second) ramps at Southport and Fort Fisher	8 - Expand Facility	\$ 36,000,000	82.58	0	100	25	25	232.58	0		

R192033	Rail		Statewide Mobility	CSX AF Line (Yadkin Spur, CNC Lead)	US 17/421 South of I-140 Dan Cameron Bridge, Wilmington	N/A	Installation of grade crossing improvements at existing at-grade crossing (Crossing #629 163B) at US 421 in Wilmington. The project includes the installation of gates, signalization and supplementary safety measures per MUTCD guidelines and AREMA recommendations to achieve optimal benefit per spending.	3 - Highway-rail crossing improvement (point)	\$ 6,916,000	55.36	0	100	25	50	230.36	0		
R230522	Rail		Regional Impact	NCRR/NS NC Line, CSX AC Line, NCDOT AC Line, & CSX SE Line (Wilmington to Raleigh Passenger Service)	Wilmington to Raleigh via Goldsboro	N/A	Upgrade rail infrastructure to support new intercity passenger service from Wilmington to Raleigh via Goldsboro. Project includes necessary infrastructure, stations, and passenger equipment to begin service with three roundtrips per day. This project is contingent upon the awarding of an 80/20 federal grant and if the grant is not awarded, then the project is void.	5 - Passenger rail service (line)	\$ 154,938,000	79.74	0	100	25	25	229.74	0	Awarded funding at Regional Impact Tier	
F230761	Ferry		Regional Impact	Southport - Ft Fisher	Ft Fisher terminal	N/A	Additional (second) ramp at Fort Fisher	8 - Expand Facility	\$ 18,000,000	79.36	0	100	25	25	229.36	0		
B250735	Bicycle & Pedestrian		Division Needs	Country Club Drive Multi-Use Path	St Johns Church Road	SR-1563 (Sloop Point Loop Road)	Construct a 10' shared-use path adjacent to SR-1565/Country Club Drive.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 16,345,600	53.50	0	100	50	25	228.50	0		
A170927	Aviation		Statewide Mobility	ILM - Wilmington International Airport: Emergency Boat Ramp Access Launch Rwy 6	347, 15', 33.49"N 777, 54', 45.32"W	N/A	The existing emergency water rescue ramp (boat access) is an unimproved riverbank and regularly susceptible to erosion by tide and current. This project will Provide stabilized access for Rescue boat along with a dock to support life safety activities in response to waterway aircraft crash emergencies at runway end. [DOA PRN = 3806]	3000 - Other	\$ 1,000,000	25.28	0	100	25	75	225.28	0		
A231118	Aviation		Statewide Mobility	ILM - Wilmington International Airport: Apron Maintenance	347, 16', 18.6"N 777, 54', 32.38"W	N/A	Perform maintenance and renovations on the Modern Aviation FBO Ramp to ensure a safe operating surface amid increasing demand. [DOA PRN = 4931]	1200 - Aircraft Apron / Helipad Requirements	\$ 500,000	74.60	0	100	25	25	224.60	0		
A231184	Aviation		Statewide Mobility	ILM - Wilmington International Airport: Airline and Customs Apron-Joint and Pavement Repair	347, 16', 24.71"N 777, 54', 35.45"W	N/A	Clean, seal, and repair joints and concrete pavement sections for the Air Carrier and Customs Aprons to ensure a safe and adequate pavement system at on the existing airline and customs ramp.	1200 - Aircraft Apron / Helipad Requirements	\$ 500,000	73.34	0	100	25	25	223.34	0		
B231163	Bicycle & Pedestrian		Division Needs	SR 1521/1492 (Piner Road/Grissom Road/Masonboro Loop Road)	NC 132 (College Road)	Masonboro Sound Road	Construct a multi-use path along Piner Rd. and Masonboro Loop Road from the Monkey Junction intersection to the Masonboro Loop Road/Masonboro Sound Road intersection.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 16,803,676	67.62	0	100	25	25	217.62	0		
B231167	Bicycle & Pedestrian		Division Needs	US 421 (Carolina Beach Road)	SR 1247 (Antoinette Drive)	NC 132 (College Road)	Construct a multi-use path along Carolina Beach Road from Antoinette Drive to the Monkey Junction intersection.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 1,200,400	60.64	0	100	25	25	210.64	0		
H231084	Highway		Division Needs	SR 1521 (Piner Road), SR 1492 (Myrtle Grove Road)	SR 1520 (Grissom Road)	N/A	Redesign multiple intersections along SR 1521 (Piner Road) and SR 1492 (Myrtle Grove Road). SR 1521 at SR 1520; SR 1521 at SR 1492; and SR 1492 at SR 1520. Widen SR 1521 from US 421 to SR 1492 to include median divider, multiuse path, and 5' sidewalk.	21 - Realign Multiple Intersections	\$ 11,600,000	60.59	0	100	25	25	210.59	0		
F230763	Ferry		Regional Impact	Southport - Ft Fisher	Ft Fisher terminal	N/A	Terminal improvement: install 5' sidewalk at Fort Fisher between ferry terminal building entrance and US 421	8 - Expand Facility	\$ 39,006	60.00	0	100	25	25	210.00	0		
T250305	Public Transit		Division Needs	Duplin County Transit Vehicle Expansion	Duplin County Public Transportations building - 144 Duplin Commons Dr., Kenansville	N/A	Purchase (2) 22' LTV Demand Response Vehicles	4 - Demand Response	\$ 303,070	55.42	100	0	25	25	205.42	0		
F250415	Ferry		Regional Impact	Southport - Ft Fisher	Southport - Ft Fisher route and terminals	N/A	Additional River Class vessel, additional (second) ramps at Southport and Fort Fisher, and replace/expand dorm at Southport	6 - Expand Vehicle Vessel	\$ 74,591,000	52.26	0	100	25	25	202.26	0		
F250418	Ferry		Regional Impact	Southport - Ft Fisher	Southport - Ft Fisher route and Southport terminal	N/A	Additional River Class vessel, additional (second) ramp at Southport, and replace/expand dorm at Southport	6 - Expand Vehicle Vessel	\$ 56,591,000	50.96	0	100	25	25	200.96	0		
F250416	Ferry		Regional Impact	Southport - Ft Fisher	Southport - Ft Fisher route and Southport terminal	N/A	Additional River Class vessel and additional (second) ramp at Southport	6 - Expand Vehicle Vessel	\$ 53,000,000	50.32	0	100	25	25	200.32	0		
H230971	Highway		Regional Impact	US 17 (Oleander Drive)	Pine Grove Drive	Greenville Loop Road	Construction of access management improvements to include raised median, turning lanes, and driveway access closures.	11 - Access Management	\$ 86,100,000	49.48	0	100	25	25	199.48	0	Points assigned by WMPO at Regional Impact Tier	
H231083	Highway		Division Needs	SR 1209 (Independence Boulevard)	US 421 (Carolina Beach Road)	River Road	Widen Independence Boulevard to 4-lane, divided cross section with 10' multiuse path and 5' sidewalk.	18 - Widen Existing Local (Non-State) Roadway	\$ 94,500,000	49.21	0	100	25	25	199.21	0		
B230803	Bicycle & Pedestrian		Division Needs	US 421 (Carolina Beach Road) Pedestrian Crossing Improvements	SR-1247 (Antoinette Drive)	N/A	Construct crosswalks at existing signalized intersection of US 421 (Carolina Beach Road) and SR-1247 (Antoinette Drive). Includes six (6) curb ramps, six (6) pedestrian signal heads, and three (3) painted crosswalks.	8 - Multi-Site Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,082,400	49.14	0	100	25	25	199.14	0		

R231208	Rail		Regional Impact	NCRR/NS NC Line, CSX A & SE Lines (New Passenger Service)	Wilmington to Raleigh via Fayetteville and Pembroke	N/A	Improvement to rail infrastructure to support new intercity passenger service from Wilmington to Raleigh via Fayetteville and Pembroke on the NCRR/NC NC, CSX A, and CSX SE Lines. Project includes necessary infrastructure, stations, and passenger equipment to begin service with three roundtrips per day. This project is contingent upon the awarding of an 80/20 federal grant and if the grant is not awarded, then the project is void.	5 - Passenger rail service (line)	\$ 204,786,600	48.98	0	100	25	25	198.98	0		
R192058	Rail		Statewide Mobility	CSX ACB Line	New railroad line: Cape Fear Memorial Bridge to Port of Wilmington's north end	N/A	Construction of new rail line connecting the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge to the NCSPA-owned trackage at its north end in Wilmington (Surry St to CSX ACB Line to port). The project is funding-eligible since CSX uses trackage to conduct interchange with WTRY (port). The project would also maintain project funding eligibility if CSX reserved rights to own and/or operate over this stretch of trackage in the future.	1 - Freight rail corridor improvement or construction (line)	\$ 651,218,000	23.48	0	100	25	50	198.48	0		
R230524	Rail		Regional Impact	CSX AC Line, NCDOT AC Line, & CSX SE Line (Wilmington to Goldsboro Passenger Service)	CSX AC Line (Goldsboro to Wallace), NCDOT AC Line (Wallace to Castle Hayne), CSX SE Line (Castle Hayne to Wilmington)	N/A	Improvement to and construction of rail infrastructure to support new intercity passenger service from Wilmington to Goldsboro on the CSX SE, NCDOT AC, and CSX AC Lines. Project includes necessary infrastructure, stations, and passenger equipment to begin service with three roundtrips per day. This project would also include a layover facility at one endpoint. This project is contingent upon the awarding of an 80/20 federal grant and if the grant is not awarded, then the project is void.	5 - Passenger rail service (line)	\$ 144,230,800	48.48	0	100	25	25	198.48	0		
H129637-A	Highway	U-4434	Division Needs	SR 1209 (Independence Boulevard Extension)	Randall Parkway	US 17 BUS (Market Street)	Randall Parkway to US 74 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway) in Wilmington. Multi-lanes on new location.	5 - Construct Roadway on New Location	\$ 424,600,000	47.53	0	100	50		197.53	0		
H250557	Highway		Division Needs	SR 1322 (Murrayville Road)	US 117 (College Road)	I-40	Widen SR 1322 (Murrayville Road) from two lanes, undivided to four lanes, divided, with MUP and sidewalk.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 49,800,000	46.85	0	100	25	25	196.85	0		
B230917	Bicycle & Pedestrian		Division Needs	NC132 (College Road) Pedestrian Crossing Improvements	Shopping Center Drive	N/A	Construct crosswalks at existing signalized intersection of NC 132 (S College Road) and Shopping Center Drive. Includes six (6) curb ramps, six (6) pedestrian signal heads, and three (3) painted crosswalks.	8 - Multi-Site Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,212,000	44.76	0	100	25	25	194.76	0		
H230956	Highway		Regional Impact	US 421 (Carolina Beach Road)	SR 1576 (River Road)	Access Road	Replacement of existing bridge structure over Snow's Cut. Proposed cross section includes raised median, shoulders, and 12' MUP.	26 - Upgrade Roadway	\$ 113,500,000	43.35	0	100	25	25	193.35	0		
F251118	Ferry		Regional Impact	Statewide: Support Vessel	Manns Harbor Shipyard	N/A	Replace Tug Vessel (Cape Fear)	1 - Replace Support Vessel	\$ 1,684,280	36.80	0	100	25	25	186.80	0		
H231111	Highway		Division Needs	SR 1322 (Murrayville Road)	I-40	N/A	Convert grade separation of SR 1322 (Murrayville Road) at I-40 to half clover interchange.	9 - Convert Grade Separation to Interchange	\$ 89,100,000	36.48	0	100	25	25	186.48	0		
H230961	Highway		Regional Impact	US 74 (Causeway Drive), US 76 (Causeway Drive)	Airline Road	US 74 (West Salisbury Street)	Replace moveable span, 4-lane, undivided bridge with fixed span, 4-lane divided bridge with 12' multi-use path facility.	26 - Upgrade Roadway	\$ 262,600,000	35.41	0	100	25	25	185.41	0		
B230808	Bicycle & Pedestrian		Division Needs	US421 (Carolina Beach Road) Pedestrian Crossing Improvements	SR-1492 (Myrtle Grove Road)	N/A	Construct crosswalks at existing signalized intersection of US 421 (Carolina Beach Road) and SR-1492 (Myrtle Grove Road). Includes six (6) curb ramps, six (6) pedestrian signal heads, and three (3) painted crosswalks.	8 - Multi-Site Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,082,400	35.04	0	100	25	25	185.04	0		
T250790	Public Transit		Division Needs	Forden Station Ticket Kiosks	505 Cando St, Wilmington, NC 28405	N/A	Implementation of ticket kiosks and tap pay option for mobile payment to be placed at passenger facilities.	5 - Facility - Passenger Station	\$ 25,000	34.76	0	100	25	25	184.76	100*	*WMPO staff recommend reassigning points from B230787 to T250790, the highest-scoring transit project to directly support Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority/Wave Transit operations and fall outside the top 16 threshold per the adopted methodology.This recommended deviation also supports fulfilling the multimodal criteria outlined in the WMPO's adopted methodology.	16
B230789	Bicycle & Pedestrian		Division Needs	NC-133 (River Road SE) Belville Trail Ext/Gullah Geechee Heritage Greenway	Rice Hope Run	SR-1547 (Brunswick Place)	Construct a 10' shared-use path adjacent to NC-133 (River Road SE).	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 1,990,800	33.78	0	100	25	25	183.78	0		
A231185	Aviation		Statewide Mobility	ILM - Wilmington International Airport: Overlay Airport Blvd, Building Circulation and Surrounding Roadways	34°, 16', 4.44"N 77°, 55', 10.85"W	N/A	Overlay aging pavement on Airport Blvd. and ILM roadways leading to N 23rd St. to accommodate increasing traffic and support ILM passenger growth. [DOA PRN = 4934]	3000 - Other	\$ 1,000,000	29.16	0	100	25	25	179.16	0		
T250647	Public Transit		Division Needs	Paratransit Vehicles	1480 Castle Hayne Rd, Wilmington, NC 28401	N/A	Purchase two (2) new vehicles to provide paratransit ADA trips.	4 - Demand Response	\$ 222,000	27.92	0	100	25	25	177.92	0		
A231119	Aviation		Statewide Mobility	ILM - Wilmington International Airport: Perimeter Road Improvements (Ph. 2)	34°, 16', 24.33"N 77°, 53', 36.15"W	N/A	Project will improve safety by relocating the Airport's vehicle perimeter road outside NAVIAID critical areas and Object Free Areas. The road will be all-weather road allowing traffic to be separated from Aircraft movement areas. (Phase 2) [DOA PRN = 3835]	3000 - Other	\$ 500,000	25.26	0	100	25	25	175.26	0		
H193097	Highway		Statewide Mobility	US 17	SR 1563 (Sloop Point Loop Road)	NC 210	Upgrade to a controlled access facility with service roads.	2 - Upgrade Arterial to Freeway/Expressway	\$ 326,000,000	48.35	0	50	25	50	173.35	0		

H231085	Highway		Division Needs	SR 1572 (Sidbury Road)	Future NC 417 (Hampstead BYP, R-3300A)	N/A	Convert future grade separation on SR 1572 (Sidbury Road) at (future) NC 417 (Hampstead Bypass) to interchange.	9 - Convert Grade Separation to Interchange	\$ 72,900,000	18.34	0	100	25	25	168.34	0		
R231037	Rail		Statewide Mobility	CSX AC Line (MRSX DOD Junction)	SE Quadrant of the AC/DOD junction, near Leland	N/A	Construction of a third leg to create a full wye junction where the MRSX DOD Line meets the CSX AC Line near MP AC 252.5, near Eliah. Proposed limits of Old Fayetteville Rd and Lanvale Rd NE. The project is funding-eligible since CSX uses the first two miles of DOD trackage to conduct interchanges with the DOD.	1 - Freight rail corridor improvement or construction (line)	\$ 13,462,368	16.98	0	100	25	25	166.98	0		
R230604	Rail		Division Needs	NCDOT AC Line & CSX SE Line	Wilmington to Castle Hayne	N/A	Construct new route on existing preserved corridor of NCDOT AC Line from future rail station in Wilmington at N 3rd Street and tie into proposed Castle Hayne station via the CSX SE Line.	5 - Passenger rail service (line)	\$ 37,611,000	16.64	0	100	25	25	166.64	0		
T250643	Public Transit		Division Needs	Station and Operations Facility Security Improvements	CFPTA Operations Center - 1480 Castle Hayne Rd, Wilmington, NC 28401; Padgett Station - 520 N Third Street, Wilmington, NC 28401; Forden Station - 505 Cando St, Wilmington, NC 28405	N/A	Security improvements at Padgett Station and the CFPTA Operations Center. Improvements at Padgett Station to include new 6' perimeter fence and three (3) moveable gates. Improvements at the Operations Center includes new remote access gate to secure bus yard. New audio and visual monitoring equipment at Forden and Padgett Stations and the Operation Center. Includes security upgrades on all fixed route and paratransit vehicles.	8 - Facility - Administrative	\$ 396,000	14.76	0	100	25	25	164.76	0		
T250660	Public Transit		Division Needs	Automatic Bus Wash	1480 Castle Hayne Rd, Wilmington, NC 28401	N/A	New bus wash facility at Wave Transit Operations Center.	9 - Facility - Maintenance	\$ 285,000	14.76	0	100	25	25	164.76	0		
R230584	Rail		Regional Impact	CSX SE Line	MP 253.74 to MP 371 between Castle Hayne and Hamlet	N/A	Modernization of corridor (replace dark territory with signalized territory for a proposed passenger route) between MP 253.74 and 371 to increase the overall train capacity of the corridor.	7 - Corridor modernization (line)	\$ 233,046,000	14.26	0	100	25	25	164.26	0		
R230597	Rail		Division Needs	NCDOT AC Line	New route from N 3rd St to King St in Wilmington	N/A	Construction of a new route on an existing preserved corridor of NCDOT AC Line from future rail station in Wilmington at N 3rd Street that ties into the existing CSX ACB Line at King Street (Crossing #629 284Y).	5 - Passenger rail service (line)	\$ 10,893,267	12.16	0	100	25	25	162.16	0		
R170043	Rail		Statewide Mobility	CSX AC Line	From Malmo to the RJ Corman Carolina Line in Whiteville	N/A	Restoration of the former Atlantic Coast Rail line from Malmo to the RJ Corman Carolina line in Whiteville. Conceptual study completed by NCDOT FS-1706A.	1 - Freight rail corridor improvement or construction (line)	\$ 194,696,865	15.80	0	50	25	50	140.80	0		
R170434	Rail		Statewide Mobility	CSX AC Line	From Malmo to the International Logistics Park near the Columbus/Brunswick County Line	N/A	Restoration of the former Atlantic Coast Rail line from MP 255.05 on the CSX AC Line in Malmo to the International Logistics Park near the Columbus/Brunswick County Line.	1 - Freight rail corridor improvement or construction (line)	\$ 27,001,755	15.80	0	50	25	50	140.80	0		
F231106	Ferry		Regional Impact	Manns Harbor Shipyard	Manns Harbor Shipyard	N/A	Replace and expand dorm facility at Manns Harbor Shipyard	8 - Expand Facility	\$ 4,480,000	80.00	0	0	25	25	130.00	0	Awarded funding at Regional Impact Tier	
F250420	Ferry		Regional Impact	Southport - Ft Fisher	Ft Fisher terminal	N/A	Replace and expand Operations Building / Visitor Center at Fort Fisher	8 - Expand Facility	\$ 1,382,500	76.78	0	0	25	25	126.78	0		
H250014	Highway	BP3-R004A	Division Needs	SR 1438 ALT(Lanvale Road)	SR 1472 (Village Road)	N/A	Signalize intersection and coordinate with railroad.	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 2,084,000	62.79	0	0	25	25	112.79	0		
R230594	Rail		Statewide Mobility	CSX AC Line	SR 1438 (Lanvale Rd), Brunswick County	N/A	Construction of grade separation with road OVER rail at SR 1438 (Lanvale Road NE) and closure of existing at-grade crossing (Crossing #629 191E) near Leland.	3 - Highway-rail crossing improvement (point)	\$ 19,100,000	57.44	0	0	25	25	107.44	0		
R230591	Rail		Statewide Mobility	CSX SE Line	SR 1302 (23rd Street), New Hanover County	N/A	Construction of grade separation with road OVER rail at SR 1302 (23rd Street) and closure of existing at-grade crossing (Crossing #628 721N) near intersection of SR 1302 (23rd Street) and SR 1399 (Blue Clay Road) near Wilmington.	3 - Highway-rail crossing improvement (point)	\$ 26,800,000	56.46	0	0	25	25	106.46	0		
F251115	Ferry		Regional Impact	Statewide: Support Vessel	Manns Harbor Shipyard	N/A	Replace Dredge (Manteo)	1 - Replace Support Vessel	\$ 7,909,095	56.40	0	0	25	25	106.40	0		
F250411	Ferry		Regional Impact	Southport - Ft Fisher	Southport - Ft Fisher route	N/A	Replace and expand Operations Building / Visitor Center at Southport	8 - Expand Facility	\$ 3,066,000	55.80	0	0	25	25	105.80	0		
F231109	Ferry		Regional Impact	Statewide: Support Vessel	Manns Harbor Shipyard	N/A	Replace Support Vessel (Skyco)	1 - Replace Support Vessel	\$ 40,000,000	55.60	0	0	25	25	105.60	0		
F192751	Ferry		Regional Impact	Manns Harbor Shipyard	Manns Harbor Shipyard	N/A	Synchrolift Refurbishment. Includes equipment upgrades, retrofits, and dredging.	8 - Expand Facility	\$ 5,000,000	54.20	0	0	25	25	104.20	0		
F230647	Ferry		Division Needs	Southport - Ft Fisher	Southport - Ft Fisher route	N/A	Replace a River Class Vessel with a new River Class (MV Southport)	2 - Replace Vehicle Vessel	\$ 30,000,000	51.60	0	0	25	25	101.60	0		
F250451	Ferry		Division Needs	Statewide: Support Vessel	Manns Harbor Shipyard	N/A	Replace Tug Vessel (Wanchese)	1 - Replace Support Vessel	\$ 5,646,459	48.40	0	0	25	25	98.40	0		
F230645	Ferry		Division Needs	Southport - Ft Fisher	Southport - Ft Fisher route	N/A	Replace a River Class Vessel with a new River Class (MV Fort Fisher)	2 - Replace Vehicle Vessel	\$ 30,000,000	48.00	0	0	25	25	98.00	0		

F251117	Ferry		Regional Impact	Statewide: Support Vessel	Manns Harbor Shipyard	N/A	Replace Tug Vessel (Morehead City)	1 - Replace Support Vessel	\$ 1,684,276	35.20	0	0	25	25	85.20	0		
R231210	Rail		Regional Impact	CSX SF & SE Lines (New Passenger Service)	Wilmington to Charlotte via Hamlet	N/A	Improvement to rail infrastructure to support new intercity passenger service from Charlotte to Wilmington via Hamlet on the CSX SF and SE Lines. Project includes necessary infrastructure, stations, and passenger equipment to begin service with three roundtrips per day.	5 - Passenger rail service (line)	\$ 1,090,329,000	27.02	0	0	25	25	77.02	0		
F250453	Ferry		Division Needs	Statewide: Support Vessel	Manns Harbor Shipyard	N/A	Replace Tug Vessel (Hobucken)	1 - Replace Support Vessel	\$ 1,684,280	24.80	0	0	25	25	74.80	0		
R250597	Rail		Regional Impact	NCRR/NS NC, CSX AC, NCDOT AC, & CSX SE Lines	NCRR/NS NC, CSX AC, NCDOT AC, and CSX SE Lines between Raleigh and Wilmington	N/A	Modernization of corridor (replace dark territory with signalized territory for a proposed passenger route and improve curves with further spirals and superelevation) between MP 81 and MP 128.4 on the NCRR/NS NC Line, MP 160.9 and MP 235 on the CSX AC Line, and MP 364.1 and MP 372.2 on the CSX SE Line to support future intercity rail passenger traffic, increase speeds, and reduce travel times.	7 - Corridor modernization (line)	\$ 159,562,551	21.28	0	0	25	25	71.28	0		
F250454	Ferry		Division Needs	Statewide: Support Vessel	Manns Harbor Shipyard	N/A	Replace Tug Vessel (Manns Harbor)	1 - Replace Support Vessel	\$ 1,684,280	14.00	0	0	25	25	64.00	0		

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
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ASSIGNMENTS FOR DIVISION NEEDS TIER PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Transportation Investments is the formula to determine how the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), in partnership with local governments, will fund and prioritize transportation projects in the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs) and Division Engineers assign local input points to projects in the Regional Impact and Division Needs tiers; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization adopted a Local Input Methodology for Prioritization 8.0 on February 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization allocated 1,600 points at the Regional Impact tier and 1,600 points at the Division Needs tier; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has reviewed the projects in Prioritization 8.0 and consistent with the approved methodology released a draft point assignment for projects at the Division Needs tier; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization Board opened a 14-day public comment period on October 28, 2026, and the WMPO has conducted the public comment period for the Division Needs tier projects.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Local Input Point Assignment for the Division Needs tier projects in Prioritization 8.0.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on November 18, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary



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MEMORANDUM

To: WMPO Board Members

From: Greer Templer, Senior Transportation Planner

Date: October 29, 2026

Subject: Post-2020 Census Urbanized Area and Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary Adjustments

In September 2026, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), initiated the post-2020 Census Urbanized Area (UA) boundary update. As part of this process, NCDOT requested that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs) review draft UA boundary adjustments and corresponding Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary adjustments, confirm alignment between the boundaries, and identify any additional MPA revisions needed.

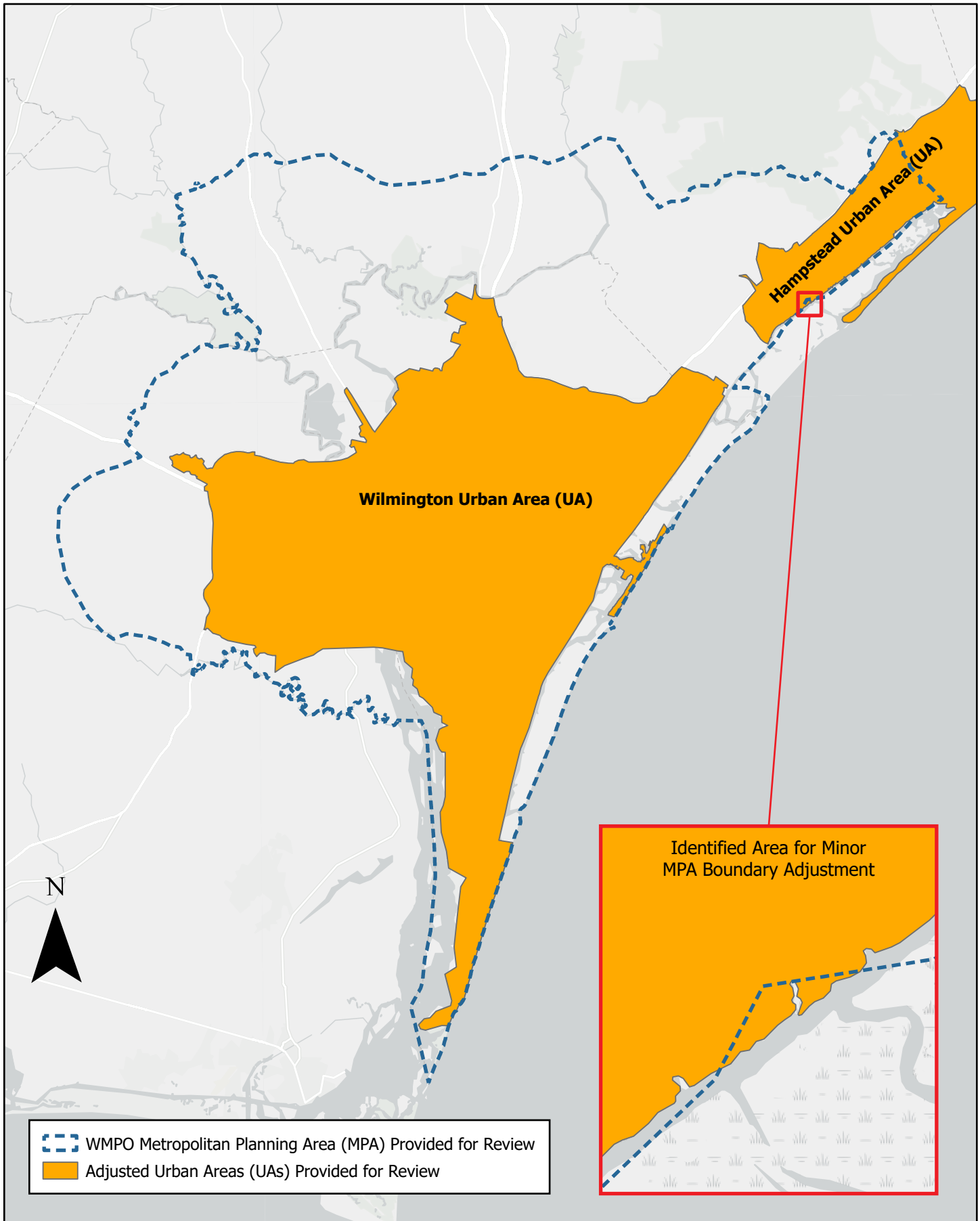
UAs are geographic areas designated by the U.S. Census Bureau based on established population and density criteria and inform certain federal transportation planning and funding activities. An MPA defines the geographic area within which an MPO conducts its transportation planning activities. Federal law requires an MPA to encompass, at a minimum, the MPO's designated UA.

WMPO staff reviewed the proposed boundary adjustments in coordination with NCDOT. The WMPO's primary designated UA, the Wilmington UA, is already fully within its existing MPA. However, a second UA, the Hampstead UA, extends into the WMPO planning area, and for which the updated UA and MPA boundaries did not fully align within the portion of that UA located inside the WMPO's MPA. To address this discrepancy, WMPO staff coordinated with NCDOT and recommended a minor MPA boundary adjustment to align it with the updated UA boundary in that area. The adjustment is limited to aligning the MPA boundary with the updated UA boundary where the two already overlap.

WMPO staff recommends approval of the updated UA boundaries and associated minor revisions to the WMPO's MPA boundary.

Post-2020 Census Boundary Review

Draft Urban Area and Metropolitan Planning Area Adjustments Provided by NCDOT



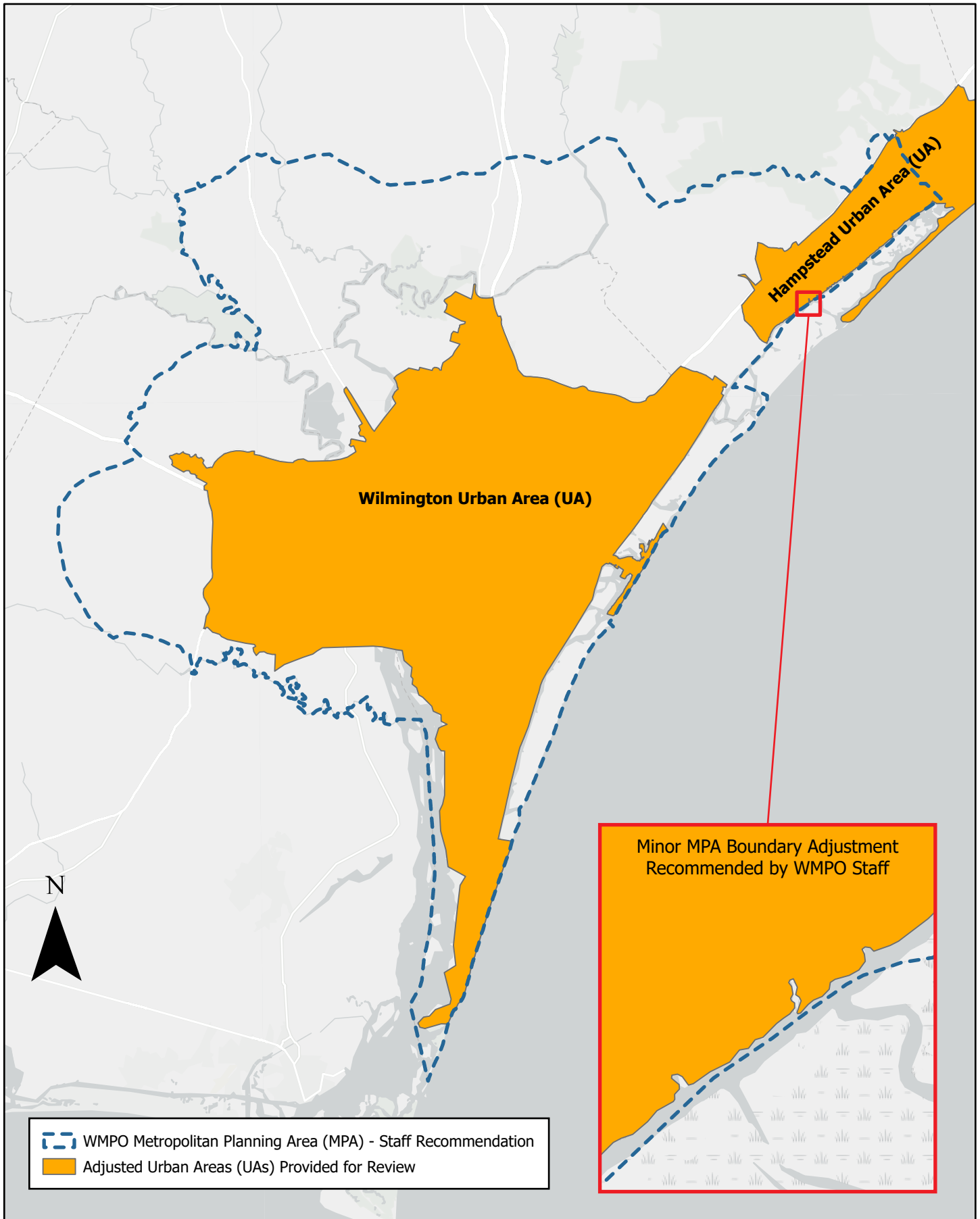
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Data Source: WMPO, NCDOT



Post-2020 Census Boundary Review

Urban Area and Metropolitan Planning Area Adjustments Recommended by WMPO Staff



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Data Source: WMPO, NCDOT



**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE POST-2020 CENSUS ADJUSTED URBANIZED AREA
BOUNDARIES AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY UPDATES FOR THE
WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has initiated the post-2020 Census update of North Carolina's Urbanized Area (UA) boundaries; and

WHEREAS, UAs are geographic areas designated by the U.S. Census Bureau based on population and housing unit density criteria, which inform federal transportation planning and funding activities; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT has requested that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs) review the proposed adjusted UA boundaries and corresponding Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary adjustments within their respective planning areas; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization reviewed the proposed adjusted UA boundaries and corresponding MPA boundary adjustments in coordination with NCDOT and identified minor adjustments to the MPA boundary to reflect updated UA geographies within the planning area.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves the proposed post-2020 Census adjusted Urbanized Area boundaries and associated minor adjustments to the Metropolitan Planning Area boundary updates for the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on November 18, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

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STATEWIDE PROJECT

STIP MODIFICATIONS

RX-2600 STATEWIDE PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION	- STATEWIDE PROJECT	VARIOUS; VARIOUS IMPROVE PASSENGER RAIL CROSSING SAFETY INVENTORY PROGRAM. <u>MODIFY FUNDING AT THE REQUEST OF THE RAIL DIVISION.</u>	ENGINEERING	FY 2027 -	\$500,000	(T)
				FY 2028 -	\$500,000	(T)
				FY 2029 -	\$500,000	(T)
				FY 2030 -	\$500,000	(T)
					\$2,000,000	
TA-6665 STATEWIDE PROJ.CATEGORY PUBLIC TRANS	- STATEWIDE PROJECT	STATEWIDE; SYSTEMWIDE. FUNDING FOR 5311 CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR RURAL AREAS. <u>ADD FUNDING IN FY 27 AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</u>	CAPITAL	FY 2027 -	\$3,750,000	(L(M))
				FY 2027 -	\$3,750,000	(S(M))
				FY 2027 -	\$30,000,000	(5311)
					\$37,500,000	
TC-0018 STATEWIDE PROJ.CATEGORY PUBLIC TRANS	- STATEWIDE PROJECT	NCDOT; SYSTEMWIDE. FUNDING FOR 5310 CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR RURAL AND URBAN AREAS. <u>ADD FUNDING IN FY 27 AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</u>	CAPITAL	FY 2027 -	\$792,000	(L(M))
				FY 2027 -	\$793,000	(S(M))
				FY 2027 -	\$6,340,000	(5310)
					\$7,925,000	
TC-0021 STATEWIDE PROJ.CATEGORY PUBLIC TRANS	- STATEWIDE PROJECT	NCDOT; SYSTEMWIDE. FUNDING FOR 5339 STATEWIDE RURAL. <u>ADD FUNDING IN FY 27 AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</u>	CAPITAL	FY 2027 -	\$1,500,000	(S)
				FY 2027 -	\$1,500,000	(L(M))
				FY 2027 -	\$12,000,000	(5339)
					\$15,000,000	
TM-0028 STATEWIDE PROJ.CATEGORY PUBLIC TRANS	- STATEWIDE PROJECT	NCDOT; VARIOUS LOCATIONS. FUNDING FOR OPERATING ASSISTANCE FOR FTA GRANTS. <u>ADD FUNDING IN FY 27 AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</u>	OPERATIONS	FY 2027 -	\$17,000,000	(5311)
				FY 2027 -	\$17,000,000	(L(M))
					\$34,000,000	

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TM-0029 STATEWIDE PROJ.CATEGORY PUBLIC TRANS	- STATEWIDE PROJECT	NCDOT; VARIOUS LOCATIONS. 5311 STATE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS FOR FTA GRANTS. <u>ADD FUNDING IN FY 27 AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</u>	ADMINISTRATIVE	FY 2027 - <u>\$6,000,000</u> (5311) \$6,000,000
TM-0032 STATEWIDE PROJ.CATEGORY PUBLIC TRANS	- STATEWIDE PROJECT	NCDOT; VARIOUS LOCATIONS. 5311(F) INTERCITY BUS FUNDS FOR FTA GRANTS. <u>ADD FUNDING IN FY 27 AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</u>	OPERATIONS	FY 2027 - \$1,400,000 (S) FY 2027 - \$9,000,000 (L(M)) FY 2027 - <u>\$10,400,000</u> (5311) \$20,800,000
TM-6111 STATEWIDE PROJ.CATEGORY PUBLIC TRANS	- STATEWIDE PROJECT	NCDOT; STATEWIDE. NCDOT-IMD STATE ADMINISTRATION - FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION WITH PROVIDING SUBRECIPIENT MONITORING AND OVERSIGHT AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS AND PLANS FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED. <u>ADD FUNDING IN FY 27 AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</u>	ADMINISTRATIVE	FY 2027 - <u>\$1,150,000</u> (5310) \$1,150,000
TM-6112 STATEWIDE PROJ.CATEGORY PUBLIC TRANS	- STATEWIDE PROJECT	NCDOT; SYSTEMWIDE. 5311 ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS FOR FTA GRANTS. <u>ADD FUNDING IN FY 27 AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</u>	ADMINISTRATIVE	FY 2027 - \$1,313,000 (S) FY 2027 - \$3,940,000 (L(M)) FY 2027 - <u>\$21,009,000</u> (5311) \$26,262,000

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TM-6113 STATEWIDE PROJ.CATEGORY PUBLIC TRANS	- STATEWIDE PROJECT	NCDOT; SYSTEMWIDE RTAP STATEWIDE FUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FTA GRANTS. <u>ADD FUNDING IN FY 27 AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</u>		FY 2027 - <u>\$800,000</u> (RTAP) \$800,000
TO-0004 STATEWIDE PROJ.CATEGORY PUBLIC TRANS	- STATEWIDE PROJECT	STATEWIDE; SYSTEMWIDE. SYSTEM SAFETY CAPITAL OVERSIGHT GRANT FOR RAIL DIVISION NCDOT. <u>ADD FUNDING IN FY 27 AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</u>		FY 2027 - \$400,000 (S) FY 2027 - <u>\$1,600,000</u> (SSO) \$2,000,000
TQ-6954 STATEWIDE PROJ.CATEGORY PUBLIC TRANS	- STATEWIDE PROJECT	STATEWIDE; SYSTEMWIDE. FUNDING FOR SECTION OPERATIONS 5310 FOR RURAL PROJECT. <u>ADD FUNDING IN FY 27 AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</u>		FY 2027 - \$4,025,000 (L(M)) FY 2027 - <u>\$4,025,000</u> (5310) \$8,050,000
TU-0011 STATEWIDE PROJ.CATEGORY PUBLIC TRANS	- STATEWIDE PROJECT	NCDOT; SYSTEMWIDE. NCDOT-IMD STATEWIDE PLANNING METROPOLITAN PLANNING (SECTION 5303 AND 5304) PROGRAM FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION URBAN TRANSIT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PLANNING ACTIVITIES. <u>ADD FUNDING IN FY 27 AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</u>		FY 2027 - \$925,000 (S) FY 2027 - \$550,000 (L(M)) FY 2027 - <u>\$5,900,000</u> (5303) \$7,375,000

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BL-0074 BRUNSWICK PROJ.CATEGORY STATEWIDE	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	US 17; PLOOF ROAD AND OLDE WATERFORD WAY IN LELAND. INSTALL SIGNALIZED ZEBRA-TYPE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING. <u>TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR PLANNING AND DESIGN, DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 26 TO FY 27.</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2027 -	\$500,000	(TADA)
				FY 2027 -	<u>\$125,000</u>	(L(M))
					\$625,000	
BL-0153 BRUNSWICK PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	GULLAH GEECHEE HERITAGE TRAIL GAP; ALONG NC 133 SOUTH OF BELVILLE. CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH. <u>TO STRATEGICALLY BALANCE LETTINGS, DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 27 TO FY 28. PROJECT IS BEING LET WITH HL-0131.</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2028 -	\$590,000	(BGDA)
				FY 2028 -	<u>\$148,000</u>	(L(M))
					\$738,000	
BL-0180 NEW HANOVER PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	KERR AVENUE TRAIL; BEGINS AT KERR AVENUE AND PATRICK AVENUE INTERSECTION HEADING SOUTH TO FOUNTAIN DRIVE THEN EAST TO SOUTH COLLEGE ROAD AND NORTH TO HOGGARD DRIVE IN WILMINGTON. CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH. <u>TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR PLANNING AND DESIGN, DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 27 TO FY 28.</u>	UTILITIES	FY 2027 -	\$800,000	(BGDA)
			CONSTRUCTION	FY 2027 -	\$200,000	(L(M))
				FY 2028 -	\$2,682,000	(BGDA)
				FY 2028 -	<u>\$670,000</u>	(L(M))
					\$4,352,000	
HL-0131 BRUNSWICK PROJ.CATEGORY EXEMPT	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	NC 133; BELVILLE RIVERWALK PARK ENTRANCE. CONSTRUCT TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND RELATED PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE. <u>TO STRATEGICALLY BALANCE LETTINGS, DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 27 TO FY 28. PROJECT IS BEING LET WITH BL-0153.</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2028 -	\$1,166,000	(CRPDA)
				FY 2028 -	<u>\$292,000</u>	(L(M))
					\$1,458,000	

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HS-2003P	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA	US 117 (SHIPYARD BOULEVARD); CONVERSE ROAD /	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2027 -	\$244,000	(HSIP)
NEW HANOVER	METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	LONGSTREET DRIVE INTERSECTION IN WILMINGTON.		FY 2027 -	\$27,000	(T(M))
PROJ.CATEGORY		UPGRADE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND ADD PEDESTRIAN			\$271,000	
STATEWIDE		ACCOMMODATIONS.				
		<u>TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY</u>				
		<u>ACQUISITION, DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 26 TO</u>				
		<u>FY 27.</u>				



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WMPO Planning, Outreach and Engagement, and Project Updates November 2026

Long-Range Planning Activities:

SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL SAFETY ACTION PLAN

Project Description/Scope: The WMPO launched its Safety Action Plan with the help of consultants Kittelson and Associates in April 2025. Safety Action Plans are comprehensive safety plans aimed at reducing and eliminating serious injury and fatal crashes affecting all roadway users. They are developed through data analysis and community input to identify significant safety risks, which inform recommended countermeasures, strategies, and policies that aim to reduce crash severity and save lives.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- The final Safety Action Plan was presented to the WMPO TCC and Board in August 2026.
- The final plan was adopted by the TCC and Board in September 2026.
- Coordination with the consultant team is underway to complete project close-out activities and obtain hard copies of the final plan.
- WMPO staff are continuing work on developing a formal performance reporting process to be updated on an annual basis.

ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLAN

Project Description: The WMPO is partnering with the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) Division of Aviation on an Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) planning study to explore how emerging aviation technologies could support transportation in the Wilmington region. The study will evaluate potential applications for AAM, including reducing congestion, improving emergency response, and supporting public transportation and freight operations, while also considering safety and performance measures. The WMPO applied to NCDOT's AAM Planning Program with Board support in June 2026 and was subsequently selected as a study partner. Study recommendations will inform future updates to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Congestion Management Process.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- The WMPO will be partnering with engineering firm AECOM to support plan development
- WMPO, AECOM, and NCDOT Division of Aviation staff held a scoping meeting on October 23, 2026
- After scope development, WMPO staff will begin working through the contract process

RESILIENCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Project Description/Scope: The WMPO has begun work on the development of a Resilience Improvement Plan (RIP), which will provide a comprehensive assessment of surface transportation system vulnerabilities and resilience needs across the planning area. Through technical analysis, stakeholder coordination, and public engagement, the plan will identify transportation assets that are vulnerable to natural hazards and evaluate strategies to reduce risk while improving the system's ability to withstand and recover from disruptive events. Initial planning activities are underway, with plan development anticipated to formally launch in Fall 2026 and the final plan anticipated in early 2028.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- A scope of work has been developed to guide plan development.
- HDR, Inc. has been selected as the consultant team that will support the planning process.
- WMPO staff met with the HDR team on October 27, 2026, to kick off the planning process.
- Initial planning activities will continue through the end of 2026, including compilation of existing conditions data and planning documents, development of a public engagement plan, and identification of steering committee members.

TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Project Description/Scope: The TDM “Go Coast” program works to increase the use of alternative transportation by WMPO residents and decrease Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) by working with employers, WMPO member jurisdictions, higher education, and other partners. In October 2025, the WMPO board adopted *Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050*, the latest update to the region’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Appendix L of the plan includes a short-range Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan outlining activities for 2026 through 2030. Action items for the Go Coast program included in the short-range plan are informed by the MTP’s five goals of safe, fair, connected, resilient, and proactive.

Go Coast Current Initiatives and Project Statuses:

- The 2026 Go Coast Commuter Challenge was held October 5–18, 2026! This annual event encourages people who live or work within the WMPO planning area to swap drive-alone trips for alternative transportation, including bicycling, walking, carpooling, public transportation, or teleworking. This year’s challenge worked hard on rebranding and a new marketing toolkit as well as a new employer participation angle. 31 commuters (and 2 teams!) tracked 165 alternative transportation trips during the two-week challenge, traveling a total of 2,550 miles without driving alone. Prizes will be distributed to winners in November 2026.
- WMPO staff are finalizing updated printed and outreach materials, including a new rack card highlighting the Go Coast program and WMPO’s TDM services. The materials are expected to be printed and available for distribution in fall/winter 2026.
- Go Coast is developing additional employer transportation guides for public transportation, teleworking and alternative work schedules, and active transportation in fall/winter 2026. These guides will build on the draft carpooling and vanpooling employer guide and support employer outreach in 2027.

Outreach and Engagement Activities:

OCTOBER OUTREACH EVENTS:

- **Bike Fest at Good Hops**
 - WMPO staff participated in the inaugural Pleasure Island Bike Fest in Carolina Beach, hosted by 3wheel Therapy on October 3, 2026. Staff engaged with about 30 community members, primarily bicyclists, and distributed transportation safety materials while promoting the Go Coast Commuter Challenge.
- **NHCSO and WPD National Night Out at Long Leaf Park**
 - WMPO staff participated in National Night Out, hosted by New Hanover County Sheriff's Office with Wilmington Police Department on October 7, 2025, at Long Leaf Park. This event was rescheduled from the summer due to the weather. Staff engaged with over 260 community members and distributed transportation safety materials.
- **City of Wilmington Fall Fest at Maides Park**
 - WMPO staff participated in National Night Out, hosted by New Hanover County Sheriff's Office with Wilmington Police Department on October 7, 2025, at Long Leaf Park. Staff engaged with over 260 community members and distributed transportation safety materials.
- **Monster Dash 5K by Cape Fear Flyers at Carolina Beach State Park**
 - An inaugural event for the WMPO, the Cape Fear Flyers hosted the Monster Dash 5K on the Flytrap Trail at Carolina Beach State Park on October 17, 2026. Staff interacted with about 50 community members, most of whom were kids, and distributed transportation safety materials and Halloween-themed items.
- **Leland Fall Fest at Founders Park**
 - WMPO staff participated in Leland Fall Fest on October 24 at Founders Park in Leland. The inaugural event drew more than 3,000 attendees. Staff hosted interactive activities and distributed transportation safety materials, Halloween-themed items, and candy from a booth decorated for the holiday.
- **Carolina Beach National Night Out at Carolina Beach Boardwalk**
 - The Carolina Beach Police Department will host National Night Out on October 30, 4-6 p.m. at the Boardwalk. The WMPO has previously participated in the event and will provide transportation safety gear, Halloween goodies, and candy at a Halloween-decorated table for an anticipated crowd of ~150.

NOVEMBER OUTREACH EVENTS

- **City of Wilmington's Celebrate Downtown at Live Oak Bank Pavilion**
 - The WMPO will participate in Celebrate Downtown on November 6 from 5-6:30 p.m. at Riverfront Park. Rescheduled from October 30, the event will provide an opportunity for staff to highlight WMPO plans and programs and distribute transportation safety gear.

2027 BRUNSWICK HERITAGE RIVERSIDE RIDE

- Planning is underway for the 2027 Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride, scheduled for March 13, 2027. Staff are working with partners in Belville, Leland, Navassa, Brunswick County, and the NC Rice Festival to coordinate event logistics and continue developing the 2027 ride's programming and outreach.

Development Review Activities:

The WMPO assists with site development and Transportation Impact Analysis coordination and review for the MPO's member jurisdictions. During the last month, staff have reviewed the following development proposals:

SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

30 total plan reviews (25 formal; 5 informal; 0 concept)

- City of Wilmington Formal Reviews: 9
- City of Wilmington Informal Reviews: 2
- City of Wilmington Concept Reviews: 0
- City of Wilmington Full Releases: 4
- Town of Leland Formal Reviews: 14
- Town of Leland Informal Reviews: 0
- New Hanover County Formal Reviews: 1
- New Hanover County Informal Reviews: 1
- New Hanover County Sketch Plan Reviews: 0
- Pender County Formal Reviews: 0
- Pender County Informal Reviews: 2
- Town of Belville Reviews: 1
- Town of Navassa Reviews: 0
- Town of Carolina Beach Reviews: 0
- Town of Kure Beach Reviews: 0
- Town of Wrightsville Beach Reviews: 0
- Brunswick County Reviews: 0

TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS (TIA) REVIEW

22 total active (3 new; 16 under review, 3 approved)

- New Hanover County 5 (2 new, 2 under review, 1 approved) ALA Coastal Expansion – approved.
- City of Wilmington 4 (0 new, 3 under review, 1 approved) The Glen – approved.
- Carolina Beach 0
- Town of Belville 1 (0 new, 0 under review, 1 approved) Benton Brown Way – approved.
- Town of Leland 3 (0 new, 2 under review, 1 approved) Terrapin (Malmo Loop Tract), revised – approved.
- Town of Navassa 0
- Pender County 9 (1 new, 8 under review, 0 approved).
- Brunswick County 1 (0 new, 1 under review, 0 approved) South Cape Residential – approved.

Locally Administered Projects Program (LAPP) Updates:

ACTIVE PROJECTS:

BL-0040 – New Hanover County - Middle Sound Loop Extension/Connector Construction & Porters Neck Walmart Connector Construction

Project Description: Construction of bicycle/pedestrian trails along Middle Sound Loop Road from Red Cedar Road to the Publix commercial lot. Also construct trails along US 17 Business (Market Street) from Mendenhall Drive to Porter's Neck Wal-Mart commercial lot.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Remaining construction funds were authorized in September 2026
- Expressway gutter and curb ramps were poured and installed the week of October 19, 2026
- Paving to be completed by October 30, 2026
- Anticipated completion of the trail by the first week of November 2026

BL-0045 – City of Wilmington - Downtown Trail Phase 1 Design

Project Description: design and engineering for an approximately 1.7 mile long, 10' to 12' in width portion of the trail beginning at 3rd street in the Downtown within the NCDOT owned rail corridor to McRae St (defined in the Wilmington Rail Trail Master Plan); abutting the Dorothy B. Johnson Elementary School western parcel line; traversing east along CSX right-of-way to Archie Blue Park; and continuing north through Archie Blue Park, parallel to the creek and terminating at the Love Grove Bridge multi-use path facility.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- The 60% plans have been routed for NCDOT review
- NCDOT's outstanding 25% comments (March 24, 2026) will be combined with the 60% review comments and provided to the City and WSP to address together in the 90% plans currently being drafted
- 90% plan comments from the City were provided to WSP. A comment review meeting was held with WSP regarding the 90% plans, and WSP is working to address City comments.
- The City is working with WSP to get a scope and fee for splitting the plans into three sections due to the high cost of construction

BL-0059 – Town of Kure Beach - Fort Fisher Boulevard/K Avenue and North 3rd Street Pedestrian Safety Improvements

Project Description: This project entails intersection improvements at Ft. Fisher Boulevard and K Avenue to include high-visibility crosswalks, ADA ramps, and pedestrian signals; and filling gaps in the sidewalk network on Ft. Fisher Boulevard and N. 3rd Street that will create a pedestrian network connected to the Ft. Fisher Boulevard and K Avenue intersection.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- 100% final design and signal plans are complete; currently under review by NCDOT
- ROW funding authorized in September 2026
- Finalizing ROW negotiations with property owners
- Preparing for construction authorization and bid; expected in fall of 2026

BL-0074 – Town of Leland- US 17 Pedestrian Crossing At Olde Waterford Way/Ploof Road

Project Description: Installation of signalized pedestrian crossing at the intersection of US 17/Olde Waterford Way/Ploof Road in Leland, North Carolina.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- NCDOT construction authorization and notice to proceed issued on October 7, 2026
- NCDOT Encroachment Permit approved October 8, 2026
- Advertisement for Construction Bids released October 16, 2026
- Pre-Bid Conference held October 28, 2026
- Bid Let November 19, 2026
- Project completion is estimated for September 14, 2028

BL-0118 – New Hanover County - North College Road Pedestrian Improvements

Project Description: Project consists of the construction of a ten-foot wide, two-plus mile MUP along N. College from Gordon Road to Northchase Parkway West. In addition, it includes a sidewalk on the east side of N. College from Sirius Drive to Murrayville Road and New Village Way to the signalized intersection at Danny Pence Drive.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- First grading cuts are currently being performed in front of the high school
- All safety and silt fence have been installed
- Anticipating grading work to be complete by the second week in November 2026

BL-0153 – Town of Belville – Gullah Geechee Heritage Trail Gap

Project Description: Completion of a 0.2-mile gap along the multi-use path on NC-133 (Gullah Geechee Heritage Trail).

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Currently working on PE funding authorization with NCDOT; waiting on schedule change update from NCDOT
- Commissioners passed a resolution awarding PE/design contract to GFT and are currently drafting the agreement
- Anticipated PE start date is November 2026

BL-0154 – Pender County - Country Club Multi-Use Path

Project Description: Design of a 3.91-mile-long, 10'-12' wide multi-use path along Country Club Drive and Jenkins Road in Pender County.

- Interviews for PE/design firm selection occurred mid-July 2026
- GFT has been selected and approval received from NCDOT; currently working through the contract process

BL-0180 – City of Wilmington - Kerr Avenue Trail

Project Description: The 0.7-mile Kerr Avenue multi-use path will connect UNCW to nearby commercial areas and existing sidewalk and trail networks. The north end of the trail will connect to existing sidewalks, and the south end of the trail will connect to an existing signalized crosswalk along College Road.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- ROW currently in progress
- On September 22, 2026, City Council unanimously passed a Resolution allowing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with NCDOT. The agreement has been executed by the City and is with NCDOT for signature.
- Schedule change approved moving the construction let date to October 29, 2027

BL-0181 – New Hanover County - South College Road and 17th Street To Piner Road Multi-Use Path

Project Description: The project consists of the construction of a ten-foot wide (10'), multi-use path along South College Road from Piner Road and Carolina Beach Road to South 17th Street Extension. The project also includes the implementation of additional pedestrian safety measures and a signalized pedestrian crossing.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Final construction plan comments were made and returned to NCDOT for review

EB-5600 – City Of Wilmington – S. 17th Street Multi-Use Path

Project Description: This project consists of the construction of a 10' multi-use path along South 17th Street from Harbour Drive to Shipyard Boulevard and the installation of crosswalks and pedestrian signal heads at the intersection of South 17th Street and Shipyard Boulevard.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Utility coordination has been completed and final utilities by other (UbO) plans have been received
- The City has completed review of the 90% plans and held a meeting with RS&H to review the 90% comments
- The 90% comments have been submitted to NCDOT for review

EB-6039 – Carolina Beach – Multimodal Improvements

Project Description: Construct an 8' multi-use path along St. Joseph Avenue from Lake Park Blvd to Hidden Hills Drive and sharrow improvements to Access Drive in Carolina Beach.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Town selected GFT to provide CEI services and has received concurrence from NCDOT
- STIP Modification was submitted to move construction funding from FY26 to FY27
- NCDOT is reviewing 100% drawings and bid documents; Town is ready to submit construction funding authorization request upon NCDOT approval

HL-0109 – NCDOT - 3rd Street/Ann Street Traffic Signal

Project Description: Project consists of the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of 3rd Street and Ann Street in downtown Wilmington. The signal will be a black coated metal mast arm signal, along with black coated pedestrian signal pedestals.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- The contract has been awarded; shop drawings were approved in early April 2026
- Anticipated pole delivery date has been delayed; delivery expected by January 2027

- Tentatively planning to install this new signal and 3rd/Orange projects together in February 2027 when materials are available

HL-0110 – NCDOT - 3rd Street/Orange Street Traffic Signal

Project Description: Project consists of the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of 3rd Street and Orange Street in downtown Wilmington. The signal will be a black coated metal mast arm signal, along with black coated pedestrian signal pedestals.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- The contract has been awarded; shop drawings were approved in early April 2026
- Anticipated pole delivery date has been delayed; delivery expected by January 2027
- Tentatively planning to install this new signal and 3rd/Ann together in February 2027 when materials are available

HL-0131 – Town of Belville - Belville Elementary School and Riverwalk Park Entrance

Project Description: This project consists of moving the entrance to the Belville Riverwalk park from its existing location to across the street from the exit of Belville Elementary. A new traffic signal will be installed with full pedestrian access. This will tie into the paved trail in front of the school and also reconfigure the entrance to the park and redesign the parking lot to maximize parking.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Currently working on PE funding authorization with NCDOT; waiting on schedule change update from NCDOT
- Commissioners passed a resolution awarding PE/design contract to Bolton & Menk and are currently drafting the agreement
- Anticipated PE start date is November 2026

HL-0179 – NCDOT - Signal Installation at Lanvale Road and Fletcher Road NE/Village Road

Project Description: This project includes the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Lanvale Road and Fletcher Road NE/Village Road in Leland. The project also includes railroad signals with gates to improve safety at this multimodal intersection. Roadway improvements are included for both the northbound and southbound directions of Lanvale Road.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Currently working on completing ROW acquisition; 4 of 8 parcels have settled
- Planimetric and roadway design has been sent to CSX for review, and coordination continues to move forward
- Additional funding awarded by the WMPO Board on August 26, 2026 to complete MUP
- On track to let in Spring 2028

HL-0180 – NCDOT - Signal Installation at Sloop Point and Country Club Road

Project Description: This project includes a signal installation at the intersection of Sloop Point Road and Country Club Drive in Pender County. This project also includes the construction of a right-turn lane from Sloop Point Road onto Country Club Drive and the implementation of a signalized pedestrian crossing.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Principal designer completing PE items
- Anticipating construction funding request in May 2027 with a target Notice to Proceed by August 2027

HL-0181 – NCDOT - Signal Installation at Lake Park Boulevard and Federal Point Driveway

Project Description: This project includes signal installation of Lake Park Boulevard and Federal Point Driveway in Carolina Beach to create a four-legged intersection. The project will also install signalized pedestrian crossings and crosswalks.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Requested PE firm assist with CE, ROW, Utilities, and Railroad documents

TC-0021 – Wave - Passenger Amenities and Upgrades

Project Description: Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (Wave Transit) currently has a total of 440 bus stops, 24 benches, and 27 shelters. Shelters account for only 6% of our passenger amenities, while other NC agencies average 14%. To meet the peer average for statewide systems, CFPTA needs to install an additional twenty-six (26) benches and twenty (20) shelters. This project will support the installation of a total of nineteen (19) bus stop benches and nineteen (19) bus stop shelters along ten (10) transit routes located within the City of Wilmington. The project includes engineering and design, construction of concrete pads, ADA ramps, ADA access, and purchase and installation of durable bench and/or shelter, waste receptacle, and solar lighting, where applicable.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- FTA Grant #NC-2026-006 executed for shelter and bench project. Wave Board approved a resolution at its February 26, 2026 meeting to authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Tolar Manufacturing for \$236,782.94 for nineteen (19) new bus shelters. Shelters delivered September 11, 2026. Bus stop benches (19) delivered October 20, 2026
- A contract with Ardurra was executed October 16, 2026, for surveying, permitting, and engineering site design for each installation at 38 bus stops. Project meetings started the week of October 26, 2026.

TC-0027 – Wave - Passenger Amenities and Upgrades

Project Description: Passenger Facilities and amenities replacement, security, and improvement: acquire, construct, or replace structures, equipment, and systems that provide passenger facilities and amenities for fixed route bus service in the Wilmington, NC UZA. Projects include acquisition and installation of bus shelters, lighting and landing platforms along existing routes; evaluation of a new customer service enclosure at Forden Transfer Station; and extension of fencing at Padgett Transfer Station.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- The fencing at Padgett was completed in May 2023 (132 linear feet at Padgett for \$3,565.00)
- The Forden Station Customer Service Desk Project has been completed resulting in a fully enclosed and secure area for Wave Customer Service Representatives while maintaining a high level of convenience for passengers.

- Phase I completed the week of August 11, 2025, with bus shelter installations completed at Independence Mall, Greenfield St at 16th St across from New Hanover County Health and Human Services Facility and on Nixon St at 5th Ave next to The Pointe at Taylor Estates. Project also included removal of unused and old shelters in disrepair on N. 2nd St between Princess St & Market St and on Columb Dr.

U-5534C – City of Wilmington - Wrightsville Avenue/Greenville Avenue to Hinton Avenue

Project Description: The project is for the construction of intersection realignment improvements at the intersection of Wrightsville Avenue/Greenville Avenue and bike lanes and sidewalks along Greenville Avenue from Wrightsville Avenue to Hinton Avenue.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Pre-Construction Meeting held on January 20, 2026
- Construction began in February 2026 and is currently ongoing
- Utility relocation coordination in progress
- Project is being constructed concurrently with the Hooker Road MUP (U-5534G) and the Hinton Avenue MUP (U-5534H); work primarily focused on Hooker Road thus far
- Anticipated construction completion in February 2027

U-5534G – City Of Wilmington - Hooker Road Multi-Use Path

Project Description: The project consists of the construction of an 8' wide multi-use path along Hooker Road from Wrightsville Avenue to the Mallard Drive/Rose Ave intersection

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Pre-Construction Meeting held on January 20, 2026
- Construction began in February 2026 and is currently ongoing
- Installation of stormwater boxes and pipes, curb and gutter, and driveways in progress; currently working through utility conflicts
- Project is being constructed concurrently with the Hinton Avenue MUP (U-5534H) and the Wrightsville Avenue/Greenville Avenue Intersection Improvements (U-5534C)
- Anticipated construction completion in February 2027

U-5534H – City Of Wilmington- Hinton Ave Multi-Use Path

Project Description: This project consists of the construction of an 8' wide multi-use path along Hinton Avenue from Park Avenue to Greenville Avenue.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Pre-Construction Meeting held on January 20, 2026
- Construction began in February 2026 and is currently ongoing
- Utility relocation coordination in progress
- Project is being constructed concurrently with the Hooker Road MUP (U-5534G) and the Wrightsville Avenue/Greenville Avenue Intersection Improvements (U-5534C); work primarily focused on Hooker Road thus far
- Anticipated construction completion in February 2027

U-5534U – Town Of Navassa - Navassa Park Multi-Use Path

Project Description: This project will construct bike lanes on both sides of Brooklyn Street, a multi-use path connecting Brooklyn Street to the Navassa Park, and a multi-use path through the Navassa Park forming a loop within the park. Upon completion, the Navassa Park Multi-Use Path will provide a safe and accessible pedestrian and bicycle route connecting Navassa Park, surrounding neighborhoods, and key civic destinations, supporting local and regional goals for active transportation, connectivity, and equitable access.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Davenport is currently working on environmental documentation as well as updating plans to NCDOT 2024 specifications; estimated completion mid-October 2026
- Town planning to have construction bid documentation prepared for NCDOT review by December 2026

U-6235 – City Of Wilmington/New Hanover County - Signal Pre-Emption Phase 2

Project Description: The project will install traffic pre-emption equipment at 51 locations throughout the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County and GPS equipment on 51 emergency response vehicles.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Construction started in June 2026 and is 80% complete; coordination with NCDOT project area overlap is underway
- Design contract change order for 7 intersection plan updates is in progress; NCDOT responses expected soon
- Construction change order executed for an additional 120 days on the contract, providing time for design changes and coordination with NCDOT

PROJECTS IN CLOSE-OUT PHASE:

EB-6025 – Town Of Belville - Rice Hope Multi-Use Path

Project Description: The project consists of the construction of a 8' wide multi-use path located at the western side of NC 133 between Morecamble Blvd and Rice Hope Run.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Project close-out in progress; final reimbursement request submitted
- Ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on January 29, 2026

EB-6026 – Town Of Belville - Belville Elementary Multi-Use Path

Project Description: The project consists of the construction of a 8' wide multi-use path located along NC 133 connecting the north and south entrances of Hawks Water Development to Belville Elementary School.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Project close-out in progress; final reimbursement request submitted
- Ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on January 29, 2026

EB-6027 – New Hanover County - Middle Sound Greenway

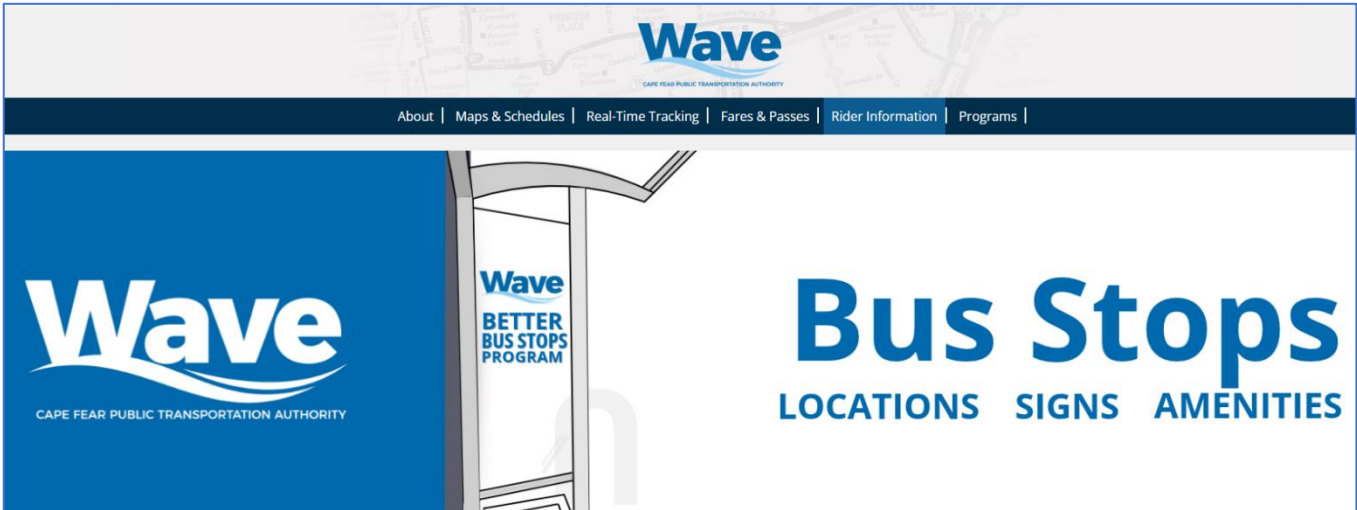
Project Description: Design only of the Middle Sound Greenway connection to Publix.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Project close-out is in progress

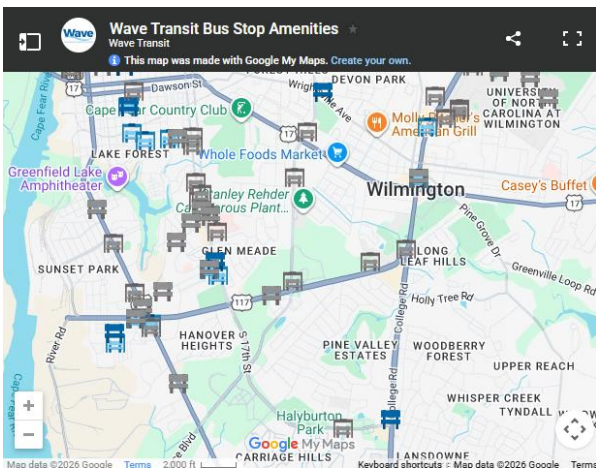
TCC Update November 2026

Wave Unveils Better Bus Stops Program



Wave recently stepped up its efforts on providing additional bus stop amenities across the transit system. This multi-faceted approach includes a major project to install new shelters and benches at 40 bus stops and Adopt-An-Amenity and Adopt-A-Stop Programs to partner with community.

Wave's Donate-An-Amenity Program allows businesses, organizations, and individuals/groups to purchase and donate approved bus stop amenities, fund all or a portion of an approved amenity, or provide products, services, or labor for the installation of amenities. The program also includes provisions covering the approval process, installation, maintenance and how to address bus stops that may be removed. Specifications for Wave bus shelters and benches are part of the policy to ensure consistency and compliance with applicable requirements.



Additionally, Wave's new Adopt-A-Stop Program allows individuals and organizations to apply to Wave to perform basic litter pickup and cleaning at Wave bus stops on a regular basis (e.g., weekly, monthly, etc.).

These programs are part of Wave Transit's overall "Better Bus Stops Program" to help accelerate installation of bus stop amenities across the bus system. More information can be found on Wave's website at: <https://www.wavetransit.com/stops/>.

Wave Offers Free Rides All Day Election Day November 3, 2026

Ride to the polls fare-free this Election Day with Wave Transit! Fixed-route bus, RideMICRO, UNCW Shuttles and DART/ADA services are fare-free for everyone Tuesday, November 3rd.

A promotional poster for Wave Transit's free ride to the polls on Election Day. The top half features the text "Wave FREE RIDE TO VOTE >>>>>>" in large, bold, blue letters. Below this, it states "Wave Transit services are FARE FREE for Election Day Tuesday, November 3, 2026". A list of services is provided: "Ride free to the polls using: • Fixed Route • RideMICRO • DART/Paratransit • UNCW Shuttles". On the right side, there is an illustration of a brown ballot box with a white slot and a ballot sticking out of it. The word "VOTE" is written in bold black letters on the front of the box. The background is a light blue gradient.

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Wave Hosts Safety & Security Training for Eastern North Carolina Transit Agencies

Wave Transit served as the host site for safety and security training co-sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Integrated Mobility Division (IMD) and the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) at the University of South Florida. This day-long session on October 8 included representatives from several eastern North Carolina public transit providers and included strategies to prevent and manage assaults on transit workers and passengers. Tabletop exercises and group discussions equipped participants with tools to promote a safety-first culture, minimize risks, and respond efficiently to incidents to protect transit employees and riders, fostering a safer, more resilient transit system.

A poster for a training session titled "Advancing a Safety Culture through Proactive Assault Prevention Strategies". The poster features a green background with a white diagonal stripe. On the left, there are logos for CUTR (Center for Urban Transportation Research) and the University of South Florida. The text "Advancing a Safety Culture through Proactive Assault Prevention Strategies" is written in white. Below this, it says "8 OCT 2026 | TIME 8AM-5PM". At the bottom, it states "Location: Wave Transit Operations Center (Administrative Offices)". On the right side, there is a photograph of a white bus with "108 MARKET ST" displayed on its destination sign. The bus is parked on a street with trees in the background.

CUTR Center for Urban Transportation Research
University of South Florida

Advancing a Safety Culture through Proactive Assault Prevention Strategies

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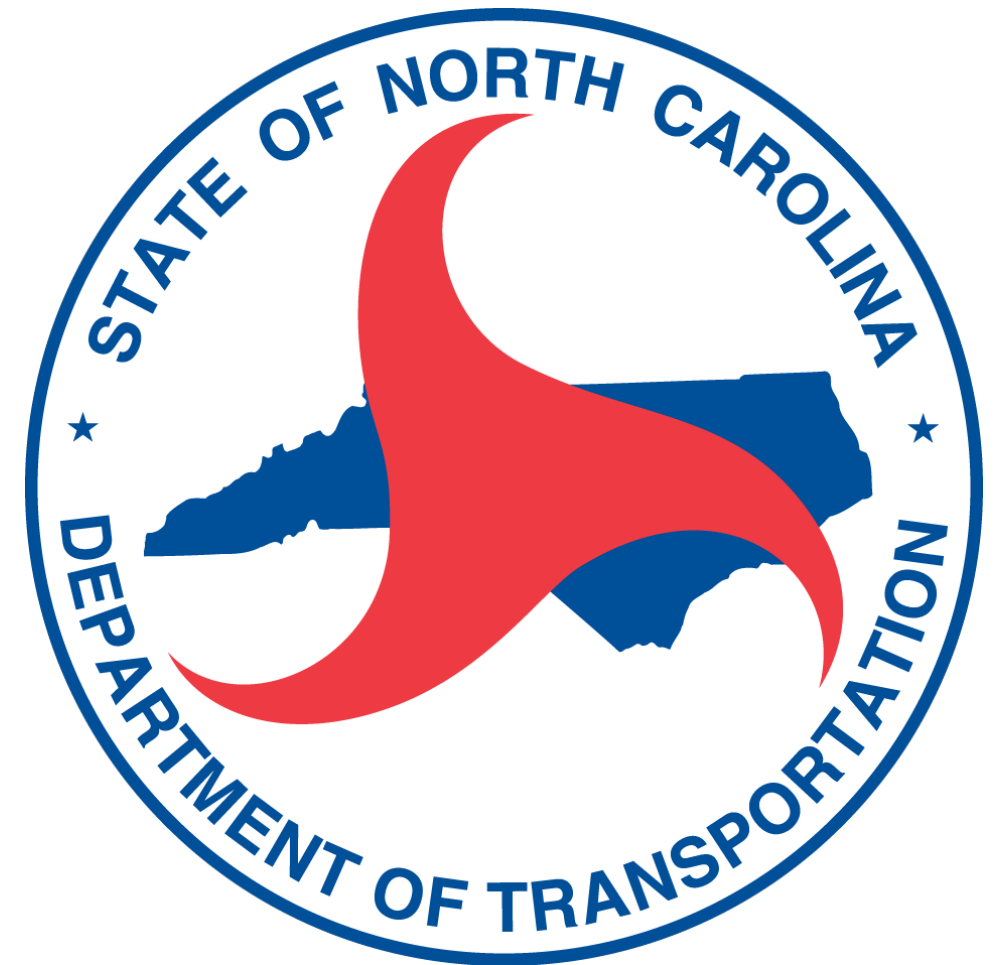
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Ridership

Wave Transit showed strong ridership growth in the first quarter of FY2027, with fixed-route service providing 262,659 passenger trips, a 21% increase over the same period in FY2026. RideMICRO also continued its significant growth, delivering 12,110 trips, up 41% year over year. These results reflect increasing demand across both services and continued growth in public transportation use throughout the Cape Fear region.

Division 3 Project Update NOVEMBER 2026



WILMINGTON URBAN AREA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

WMPO NOVEMBER PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT					
Project Manager	Contract Type	TIP	Description	County	*SAP Let Date (year.month.date)
Ron Van Cleef	NON - DOT LET (LAP)	BL-0074	US 17 INSTALLATION OF SIGNALIZED ZEBRA-TYPE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT PLOOF ROAD AND OLDE WATERFORD WAY IN LELAND.	BRUNSWICK	2026.11.19
Colver Krietemeyer	Division POC Let (DPOC)	HS-2403AU	US 74 / US 76 (EASTWOOD ROAD), AT LUMINA COMMONS DRIVEWAY INTERSECTION IN WILMINGTON. IMPROVE LEFT TURN LANE OFFSETS AND PEDESTRIAN ACCOMMODATIONS.	NEW HANOVER	2026.12.17
Colver Krietemeyer	On Call Contract (OCC)	50898	SIDEWALK LAKE PARK BOULEVARD. MOBILITY MODERNATION.	NEW HANOVER	2027.01.07
Ron Van Cleef	NON - DOT LET (LAP)	U-5534U	NAVASSA BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS: ADD BIKES ON BROOKLYN STREET AND CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH CONNECTING BROOKLYN STREET TO NAVASSA PARK.	BRUNSWICK	2027.01.14
Derek Pielech	Division POC Let (DPOC)	BP3-R004	BRIDGE 181 OVER STURGEON CREEK ON SR 1437 (OLD FAYETTEVILLE ROAD).	BRUNSWICK	2027.05.20
Brian Harding	Division POC Let (DPOC)	HE-0018	SR 1302 (NORTH 23RD STREET) FROM US 74 (MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARKWAY) TO AIRPORT BOULEVARD. WIDEN NORTHBOUND LANE.	NEW HANOVER	2027.05.20
Alex Stewart	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-5710	US 74 (EASTWOOD ROAD) AND SR 1409 (MILITARY CUTOFF ROAD) INTERSECTION - CONVERT AT-GRADE INTERSECTION TO AN INTERCHANGE.	NEW HANOVER	2027.09.21
Ron Van Cleef	NON - DOT LET (LAP)	BL-0180	NC 132 (SOUTH COLLEGE ROAD) 17TH STREET TO SR 1521 (PINER ROAD / CAROLINA BEACH ROAD). CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH.	NEW HANOVER	2027.09.30
Colver Krietemeyer	On Call Contract (OCC)	HL-0180	SIGNAL INSTALLATION AT SR 1563 (SLOOP POINT LOOP ROAD) AND SR 1565 (COUNTRY CLUB ROAD) WITH RIGHT TURN LANE ON SR 1565 (COUNTRY CLUB ROAD) AND SIDEWALK / CURB RAMP.	PENDER	2027.09.30
Ron Van Cleef	NON - DOT LET (LAP)	HL-0131	NC 133 BELVILLE RIVERWALK PARK ENTRANCE. CONSTRUCT TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND RELATED PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE.	BRUNSWICK	2027.10.29
Ron Van Cleef	NON - DOT LET (LAP)	BL-0153	GULLAH GEECHEE HERITAGE TRAIL GAP, CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH ADJACENT TO NC 133.	BRUNSWICK	2027.10.29
David Stutts	Raleigh Letting (LET)	15BPR.142	BRIDGE PRESERVATION 090096 (BELVILLE) OVER US 74 & US 76 ON US 17.	BRUNSWICK	2027.12.21
Nate Tew	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	I-6037	I-140 NEW HANOVER COUNTY FROM US 421 TO 1.45 MILES EAST I-40. PAVEMENT AND BRIDGE REHABILITATION.	NEW HANOVER	2028.02.15

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WMPO NOVEMBER PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT					
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David Jasinski	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-5790	US 421 (CAROLINA BEACH ROAD) FROM NC 132 (SOUTH COLLEGE ROAD) TO SANDERS ROAD IN WILMINGTON. WIDEN EXISTING ROADWAY AND CONTRUCT FLYOVERS AT US 421 AND NC 132. INCLUDES U-5859.	NEW HANOVER	2029.03.20
Brian Harding	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-5734	US 421 (SOUTH FRONT STREET) FROM US 17 BUSINESS / US 76 / US 421 (CAPE FEAR MEMORIAL BRIDGE) TO US 421 (BURNETT BOULEVARD) WIDEN TO MULTI-LANES.	NEW HANOVER	2029.06.19
Zach Howard	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-4902C	US 17 BUSINESS (MARKET STREET) FROM NORTH OF US 117 / NC 132 (COLLEGE ROAD) TO STATION ROAD. CONVERT AT-GRADE INTERSECTION TO INTERCHANGE.	NEW HANOVER	2032.08.17
Brian Harding	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-5702A	NC 132 (COLLEGE ROAD) FROM SR 1272 (NEW CENTRE DRIVE) TO US 117 (SHIPYARD BOULEVARD).	NEW HANOVER	2033.02.15
Brian Harding	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-5792	US 74 (MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARKWAY) AT US 117 / NC 132 (COLLEGE ROAD). CONVERT AT-GRADE INTERSECTION TO INTERCHANGE.	NEW HANOVER	2029.06.19
David Leonard	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-6199	VARIOUS, WILMINGTON CITYWIDE SIGNAL SYSTEM.	NEW HANOVER	2030.01.15
Eric Murray	Division POC Let (DPOC)	B-5653	REPLACE BRIDGE 14 OVER TURKEY CREEK ON NC 133.	PENDER	2030.01.17
Derek Pielech	Division POC Let (DPOC)	BP3-R012	BRIDGE 208 OVER STURGEON CREEK ON SR 1472 (VILLAGE ROAD).	BRUNSWICK	2030.04.18
Alex Stewart	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-3338C	SR 1175 (KERR AVENUE) INTERCHANGE AT US 74 (MARTIN LUTHER KING JR PARKWAY).	NEW HANOVER	2030.06.18
Brian Harding	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-5731	US 74 AT US 17/US 421, CONSTRUCT A FLY-OVER AND FREE FLOW RAMP AT INTERCHANGE.	NEW HANOVER	2030.06.18
Colver Krietemeyer	Division POC Let (DPOC)	U-6128	US 76 (OLEANDER DRIVE) NEW HANOVER COUNTY AT GREENVILLE LOOP ROAD AND GREENVILLE AVENUE. UPGRADE INTERSECTION.	NEW HANOVER	2030.06.20
Brian Harding	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-5732	US 17 FROM SR 1582 (WASHINGTON ACRES ROAD) TO VISTA LANE. ACCESS MANAGEMENT.	PENDER	2032.01.20
Derek Pielech	Division POC Let (DPOC)	BP3-R004A	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS @ LANVALE AND VILLAGE.	BRUNSWICK	2035.04.20

This list reflects \$900+ million dollars of investments in the WMPO boundary area.

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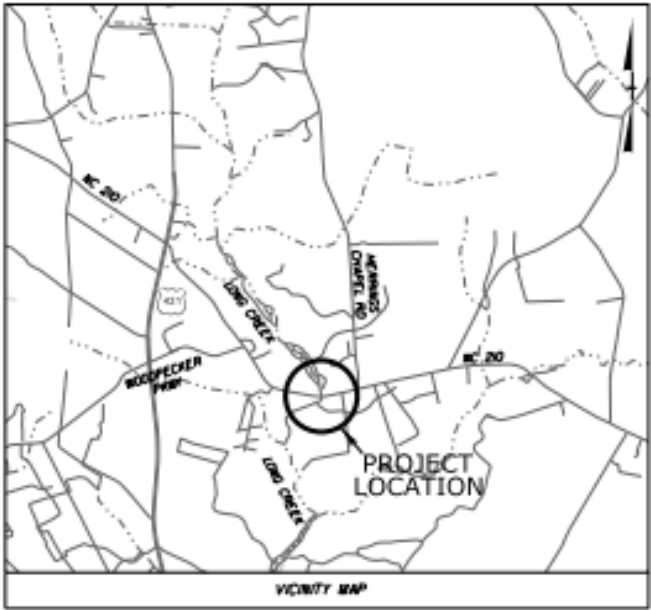
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WMPO NOVEMBER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS						
Contract Number	Resident Eng	TIP/WBS /Program	County	Description	*Estimated Completion (year.month.date)	Percent Complete
C204724	Brad Haste	B-5156	PENDER	BRIDGE #28 OVER LONG CREEK ON NC 210	2026.10.07	91.06%
C204553	Brad Haste	R-3300B	PENDER	NC 417 (HAMPSTEAD BYPASS) FROM SOUTH OF NC 210 TO NORTH OF SR 1563 (SLOOP POINT ROAD).	2027.12.11	75.47%
C204942	Joshua Pratt	U-6202	NEW HANOVER	SR 2048 (GORDON ROAD) FROM US 17 (MARKET STREET) TO I-40. WIDEN ROADWAY.	2029.12.18	30.20%
C205072	Brad Haste	R-3300A	PENDER	US 17 HAMPSTEAD BYPASS FROM US 17 BYPASS SOUTH OF HAMPSTEAD TO NC 210	2030.03.30	26.72%
DC00505	Joshua Pratt	W-5703C	NEW HANOVER	US 117 / NC 132 (COLLEGE ROAD) TO 200 FEET NORTH OF WILOUGHBY PARK. INSTALL CURB AND GUTTER, MULTI-USE PATH, SIDEWALK, PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS, CROSSWALKS, AND LIGHTING.	2028.04.15	13.92%
C205140	Joshuah Pratt	HB-0040	NEW HANOVER	REPLACE BRIDGE 21 OVER BANKS CHANNEL ON US 76 (CAUSWAY DRIVE); REPLACE BRIDGE 22 OVER LEES CUT ON US 74 (W SALISBURY STREET); AND REPLACE BRIDGE 24 OVER BANKS CHANNEL ON US 74 (W SALISBURY STREET) IN WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH.	2029.11.07	0.00%
DC00504	Nate Tew	N/A	PENDER	REDUCED CONFLICT INTERSECTION ALONG US 17 FROM SCOTTS HILL ROAD TO SIDBURY ROAD.	2027.12.18	0.00%

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TIP PROJECT: B-5156

CONTRACT: C204724

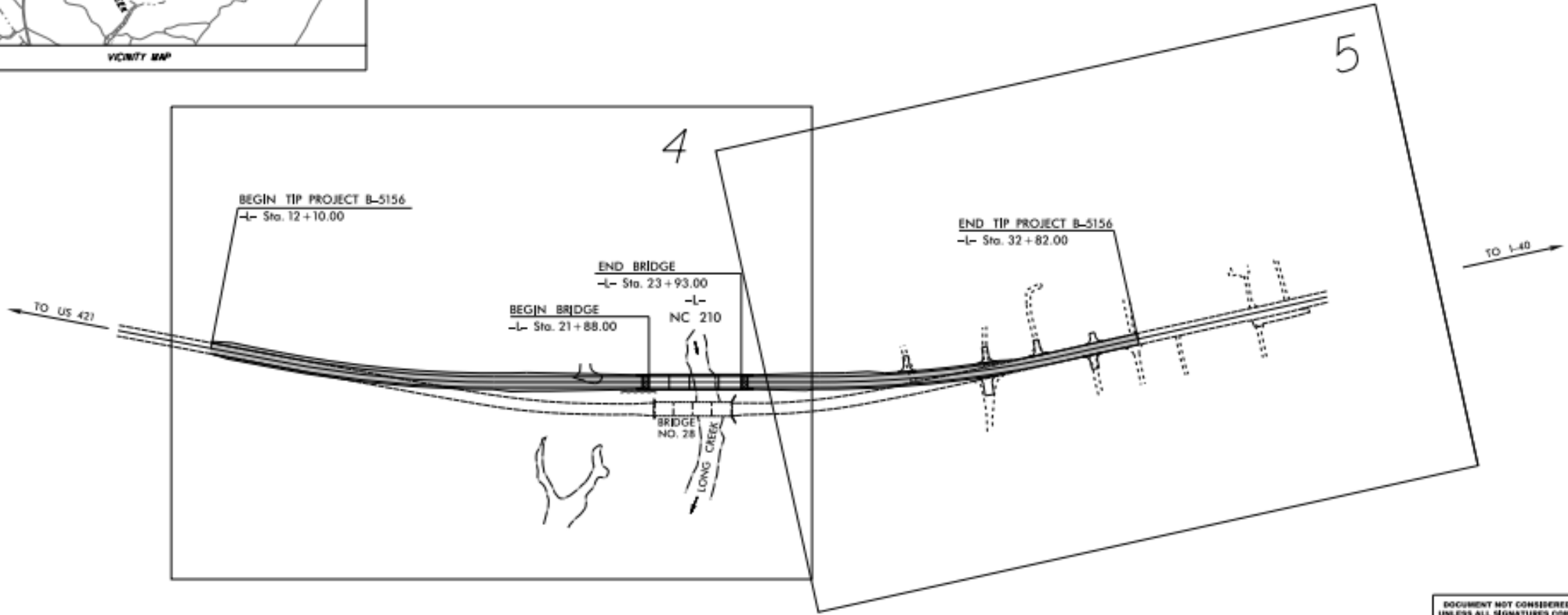


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DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
PENDER COUNTY

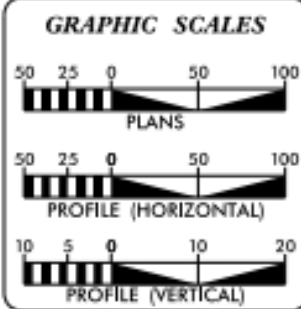
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DATE	REVISION	DESCRIPTION	
4/23/21	1.2	P.E.	
4/23/21	2.1	RIGHT OF WAY	
4/23/21	2.1	UTILITIES	
4/23/21	3.1	CONSTRUCTION	

LOCATION: BRIDGE 28 OVER LONG CREEK ON NC 210

TYPE OF WORK: GRADING, DRAINAGE, PAVING, AND STRUCTURES



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DESIGN DATA	
AADT 2020 =	3,000
AADT 2040 =	3,600
K =	10%
D =	55%
T =	12%
V =	60 MPH
* (TTST 4% + DUAL 8%)	
FUNCTIONAL	RURAL MAJOR
CLASSIFICATION:	COLLECTOR
REGIONAL TIER	

PROJECT LENGTH	
LENGTH ROADWAY TIP PROJECT B-5156	= 0.353 MILES
LENGTH STRUCTURES TIP PROJECT B-5156	= 0.039 MILES
TOTAL LENGTH TIP PROJECT B-5156	= 0.392 MILES

PLANS PREPARED FOR THE NCDOT BY:

2024 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

RIGHT OF WAY DATE: AUGUST 28, 2019

LETTING DATE: APRIL 16, 2024

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HYDRAULICS ENGINEER

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ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER

Developed by: Jeffrey D. Moore 4/16/2024
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Project Details:

Work Begin: 06/2024

Est. Completion: 03/2026

Rev. Completion: 06/2026

Contractor: SMITH-ROWE, LLC

NCDOT Contact: Brad Haste

Contract: \$5,022,225.46

Project Comments:

B-5156

NC-210

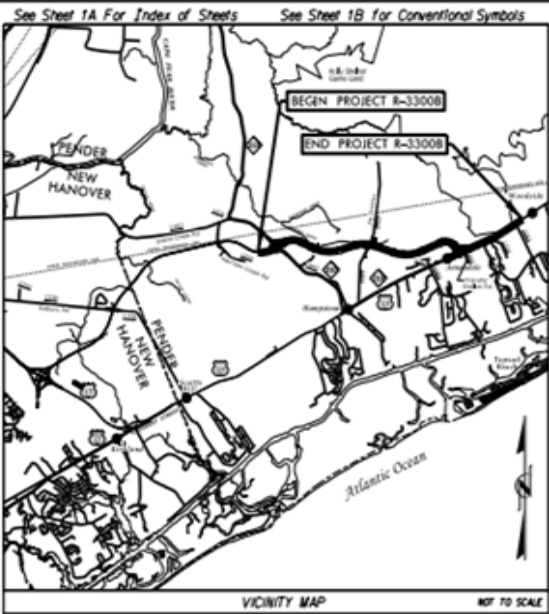
BRIDGE 28 OVER LONG CREEK

Facility opened

Added silt fence and special sediment stone and reseeded entire project area

**CONSTRUCTION
PROGRESS**

91%



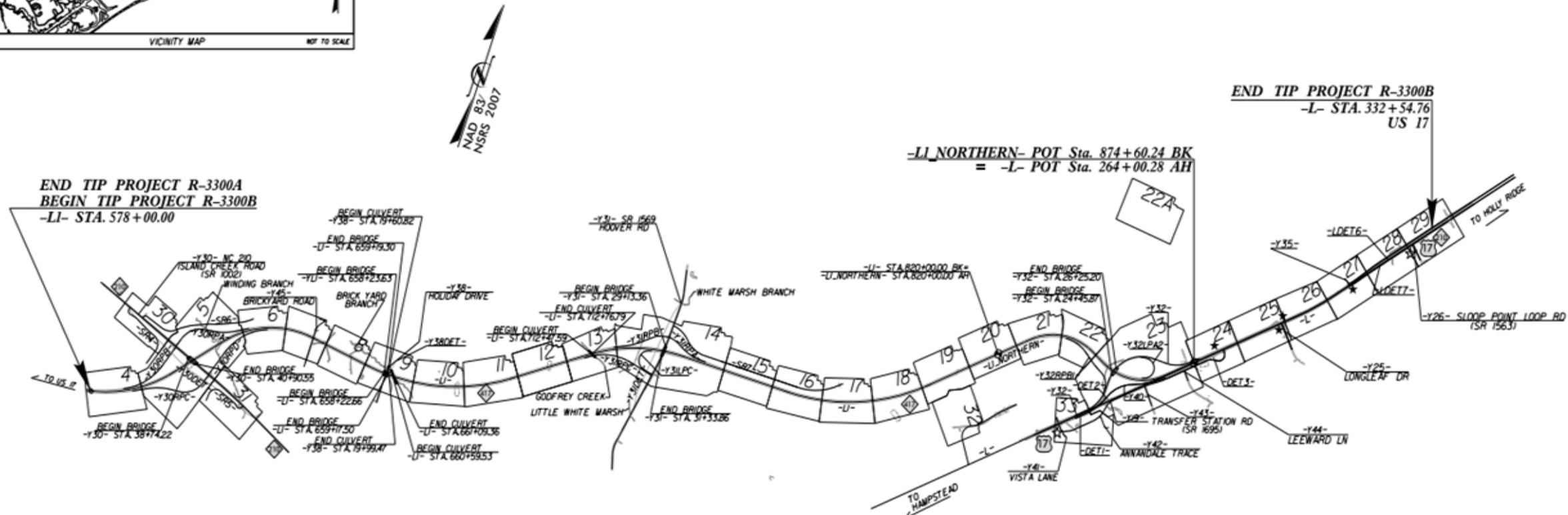
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

PENDER COUNTY

LOCATION: NC 417 (HAMPSTEAD BYPASS) FROM SOUTH OF NC 210
TO NORTH OF SR 1563 (SLOOP POINT LOOP ROAD).

TYPE OF WORK: GRADING, DRAINAGE, PAVING, STRUCTURES,
SIGNALS, ITS, NOISE WALLS, RETAINING WALLS,
AND CULVERTS

STATE	STATE PROJECT REFERENCE NO.	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
N.C.	R-3300B	1	
STATE PROJ. NO.	F.A.P. PROJ. NO.	DESCRIPTION	
40237.1.2	N/A	PE	
40237.2.5	N/A	R/W & UTIL	
40237.3.3	N/A	CONSTR	



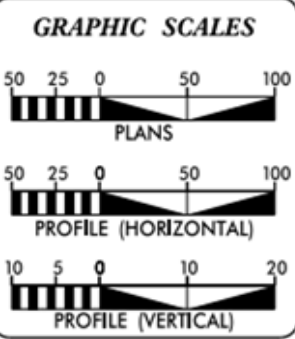
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SUNGATE DESIGN GROUP, P.A.
801 JONES FRANKLIN ROAD
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27609
NC COA NO. C-0890

Dewberry
2410 WILLOW ROAD
DURHAM, NC 27704
NC COA NO. F-0029

☆ UPDATE EXISTING SIGNAL -THIS IS A CONTROLLED-ACCESS PROJECT WITH ACCESS BEING LIMITED TO INTERCHANGES.
★ PROPOSED SIGNAL

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DESIGN DATA

ADT 2016	= N/A
ADT 2040	= 55,400
K	= 8 %
D	= 60 %
T	= 6 % *
V	= 70 MPH
*(TTST 2% + DUALS 4%)	
FUNC CLASS = FREEWAY	
REGIONAL TIER	

PROJECT LENGTH

LENGTH ROADWAY TIP PROJECT R-3300B	= 6.898 MILES
LENGTH STRUCTURE TIP PROJECT R-3300B	= 0.018 MILES
TOTAL LENGTH TIP PROJECT R-3300B	= 6.916 MILES

PREPARED IN THE OFFICE OF:
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801 JONES FRANKLIN ROAD | Suite 100 | Raleigh, NC 27609
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License No. F-8672

FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
2018 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

RIGHT OF WAY DATE: **MARCH 16, 2018**

LETTING DATE: **JANUARY 18, 2022**

MICHAEL D. LINDGREN, P.E.
PROJECT ENGINEER

TRACE HOWELL, P.E.
NCDOT DIVISION 3 CONTACT

HYDRAULICS ENGINEERS

John G. Dillen, P.E.
SEAL 26871
SIGNATURE: 11/22/2022

Steve Bender, P.E.
SEAL 12786
SIGNATURE: 11/22/2022

ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER

Mike Lindgren, P.E.
SEAL 025513
SIGNATURE: 11/22/2022



Project Details:

Work Begin: 03/2022

Est. Completion: 03/2027

Rev. Completion: 12/2027

Contractor: CONTI CIVIL

NCDOT Contact: Brad Haste

Contract: \$185,680,442

Project Comments:

R-3300B

HAMPSTEAD BYPASS

FROM SOUTH OF NC 210 TO NORTH OF SR 1563 (SLOOP POINT ROAD)

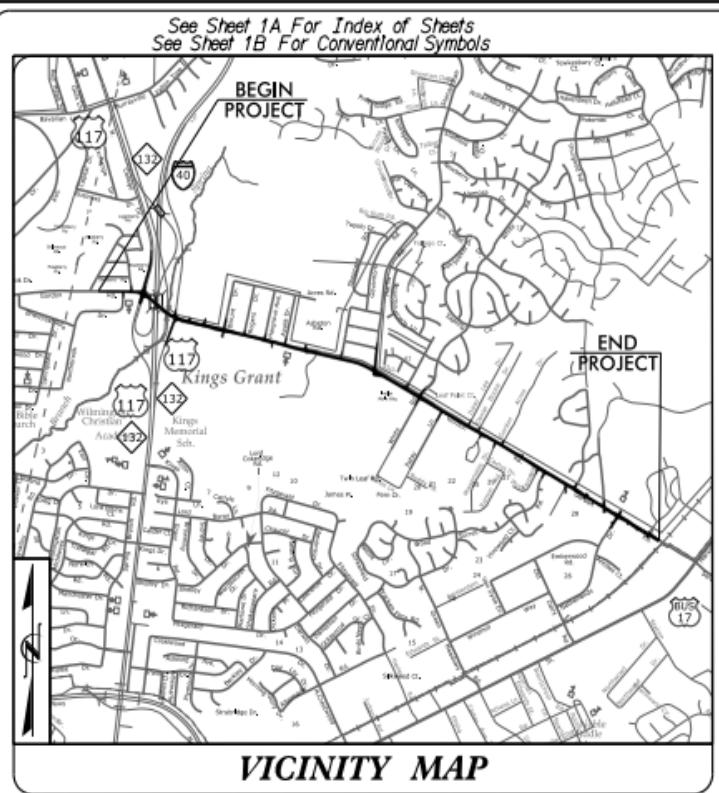
CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

75%

11/2026

TIP PROJECT: U-6202

CONTRACT: C204942



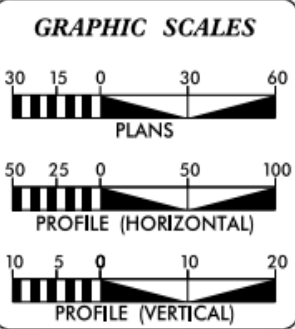
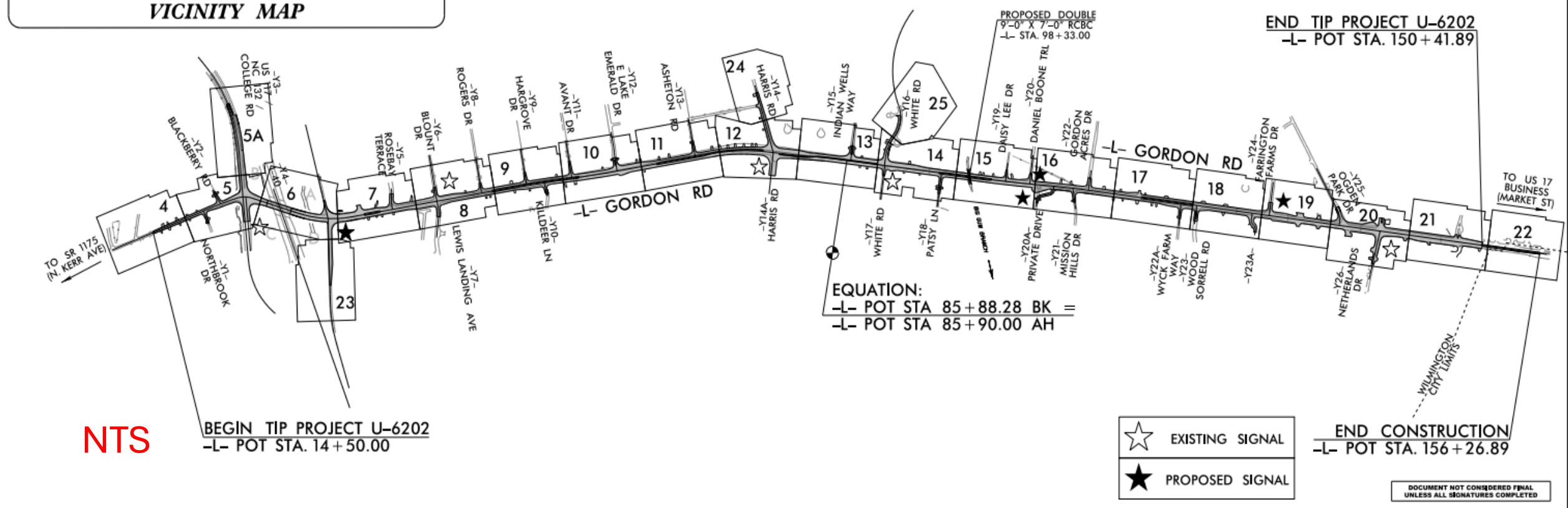
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

LOCATION: SR 2048 (GORDON ROAD) FROM
WEST OF INTERSTATE-40 TO
WEST OF US 17 BUS (MARKET STREET)

TYPE OF WORK: GRADING, DRAINAGE, PAVING, CULVERT, AND SIGNALS

STATE	STATE PROJECT REFERENCE NO.	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
N.C.	U-6202	1	
STATE PROGRAM	F.A. PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	
48662.1.1		PE	
48662.2.1		ROW	
48662.2.2		UTILITY	
48662.3.1		CONSTRUCTION	



DESIGN DATA

ADT 2024 =	27,600
ADT 2044 =	35,300
K =	8 %
D =	55 %
T =	4 % *
V =	50 MPH
* TTST = 1% DUAL 3%	
FUNC CLASS =	
URBAN ARTERIAL	
REGIONAL TIER	

PROJECT LENGTH

LENGTH OF ROADWAY T.I.P. PROJECT U-6202 =	2.574 MILES
TOTAL LENGTH OF T.I.P. PROJECT U-6202 =	2.574 MILES
LENGTH BASED ON -L- CENTERLINE	

PREPARED IN THE OFFICE OF:

HNTB

2024 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

RIGHT OF WAY DATE:
JUNE 17, 2022

LETTING DATE:
NOVEMBER 19, 2024

HYDRAULICS ENGINEER

8/23/2024

SIGNATURE: _____ P.E.

ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER

8/23/2024

SIGNATURE: _____ P.E.



Project Details:

Work Begin: 03/2025

Est. Completion: 12/2029

Contractor: ST WOOTEN

NCDOT Contact: Josh Pratt

Contract: \$50,843,005

Project Comments:

U-6202

GORDON ROAD
WIDENING

SR 2048 (GORDON ROAD) FROM US 17 (MARKET STREET) TO I-40. WIDEN ROADWAY.

**CONSTRUCTION
PROGRESS**

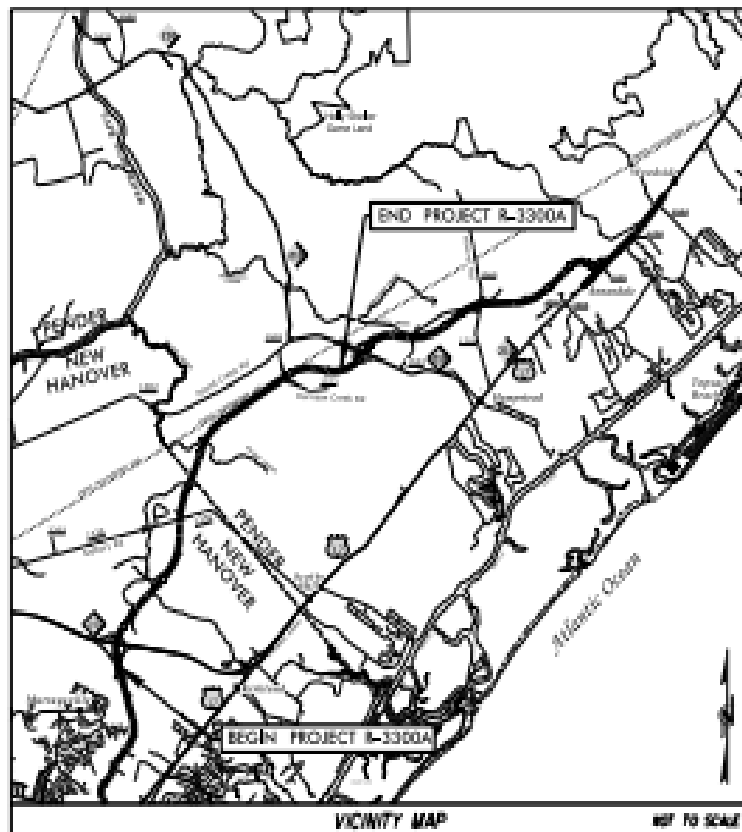
30%

11/2026

TIP PROJECT: R-3300A

CONTRACT: C205072

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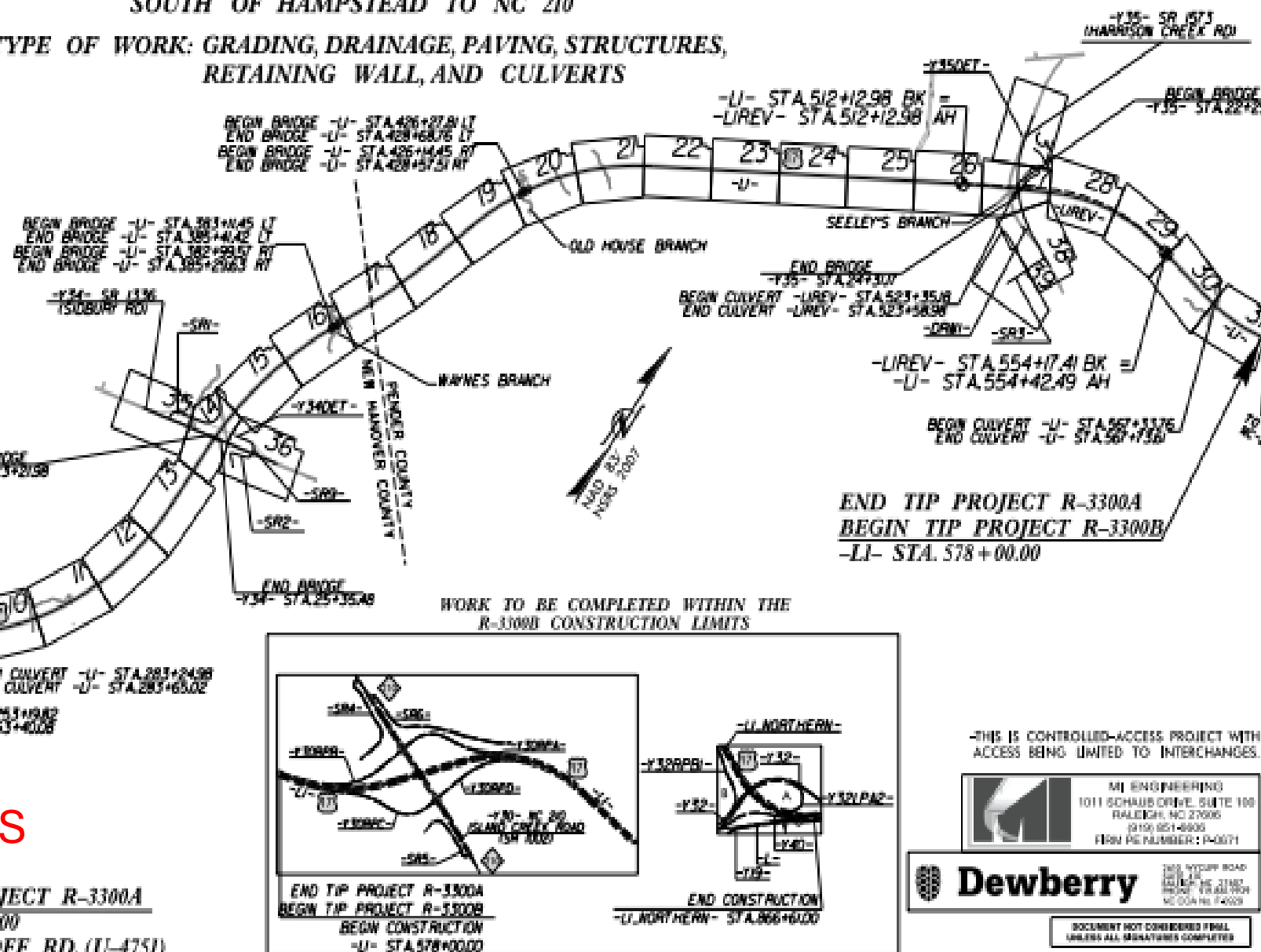


STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS NEW HANOVER & PENDER COUNTIES

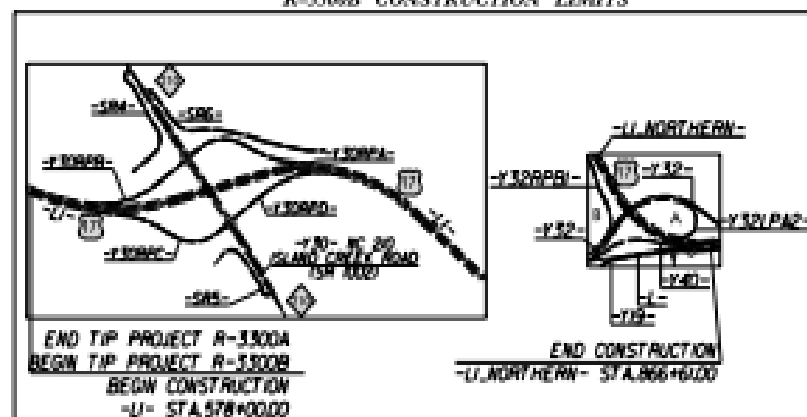
LOCATION: US 17 HAMPSTEAD BYPASS FROM US 17 BYPASS
SOUTH OF HAMPSTEAD TO NC 210

TYPE OF WORK: GRADING, DRAINAGE, PAVING, STRUCTURES,
RETAINING WALL, AND CULVERTS

DATE	STATE PROJECT NUMBER	TR	BL
N.C.	R-3300A	1	
DATE	REVISION	BY	CHK
4/23/17	1.1	N/A	PE
4/23/17	2.4	N/A	R/W
4/23/17	2.6	N/A	UTILITIES
4/23/17	3.3	N/A	CONST



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MI END FREEING
1011 SCHUBS DRIVE, SUITE 100
RALEIGH, NC 27603
(919) 851-4500
FIRM # NUMBER: P-0071

Dewberry

100 W. HARRIS ROAD
SUITE 100
RALEIGH, NC 27603
(919) 851-4500
FIRM # NUMBER: P-0071

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GRAPHIC SCALES 50 0 50 100 PLANS 50 0 50 100 PROFILE (HORIZONTAL) 10 0 10 20 PROFILE (VERTICAL)	DESIGN DATA ADT 2016 = N/A ADT 2040 = 54,800 K = 8 % D = 60 % T = 6 % V = 70 MPH (TTST 2% + DUALS 4%) FUNC CLASS = FREEWAY REGIONAL TIER	PROJECT LENGTH LENGTH ROADWAY TIP PROJECT R-3300A = 6.869 MILES LENGTH STRUCTURE TIP PROJECT R-3300A = 0.175 MILES (NORTHBOUND LANES STATIONS USED) TOTAL LENGTH TIP PROJECT R-3300A = 7.044 MILES	STANTEC FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY DATE: APRIL 1, 2019 LETTING DATE: JULY 15, 2025 KATRINA N. HAZEL, P.E. PROJECT DESIGN ENGINEER TRACE HOWELL, P.E. SCHEMATIC DESIGNER	HYDRAULICS ENGINEERS ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER KATRINA N. HAZEL, P.E. TRACE HOWELL, P.E.	STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Project Details:

Work Begin: 07/2025
Est. Completion: 10/2029
Rev. Completion: 03/2030
Contractor: S.T. Wooten
NCDOT Contact: Brad Haste
Contract: \$182,389,503

Project Comments:

R-3300A
(HAMPSTEAD BYPASS)

MORE BUILD-UP

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

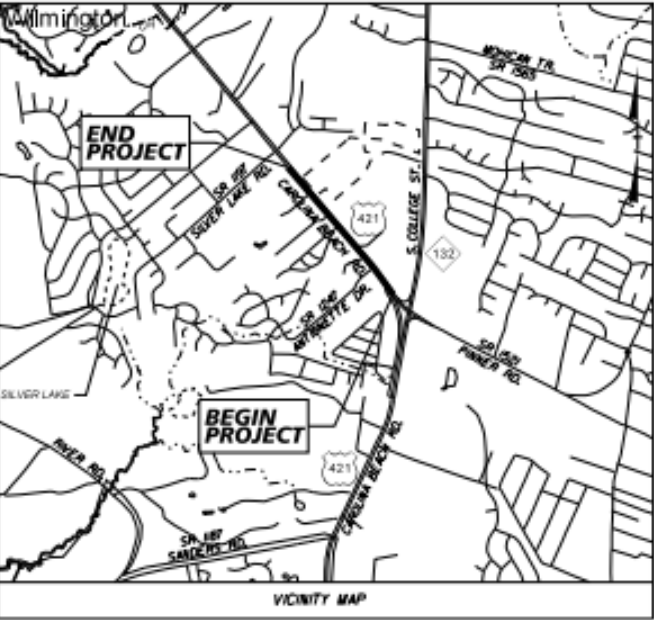
26%

11/2026

TIP PROJECT: W-5703C

CONTRACT: DC00505

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SEE SHEET 1B FOR CONVENTIONAL PLAN SHEET SYMBOLS



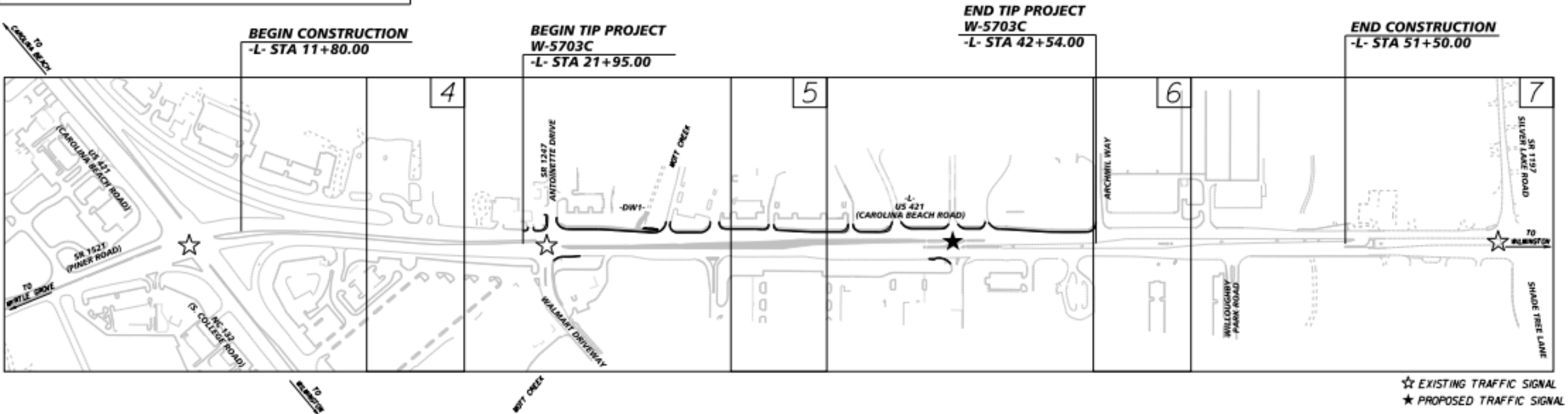
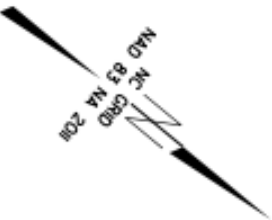
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
NEW HANOVER COUNTY

LOCATION: US 421 (CAROLINA BEACH ROAD) FROM S. COLLEGE ROAD TO
APPROXIMATELY 200' NORTH OF WILLOUGHBY PARK ROAD
TYPE OF WORK: GRADING, DRAINAGE, PAVING, FENCE, AND SIGNALS

DATE	STATE PROJECT NUMBER	SHEET	TOTAL SHEETS
N.C.	W-5703C	1	
STATION	DESCRIPTION	DATE	BY
44849.1.3	HSIP-0421(091)	PE	
44849.2.9	HSIP-0421(091)	UTIL	
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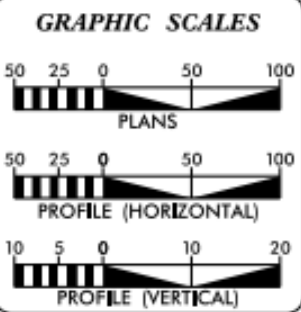
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100% PLANS



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THIS PROJECT IS WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
NCDOT CONTACT: BRIAN HARDING, PE
DIVISION 3, DIVISION PROJECT MANAGER
(910) 341-2000



DESIGN DATA	
ADT 2024	= 35,400
ADT 2040	= 45,000
K	= 8%
D	= 55%
T	= 3%*
V	= 50 MPH
CLASSIFICATION:	
PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL	
* 1% TTST 2% DUAL STATEWIDE TIER	

PROJECT LENGTH	
LENGTH ROADWAY TIP PROJECT W-5703C	= 0.390 MILES
TOTAL LENGTH TIP PROJECT W-5703C	= 0.390 MILES

PLANS PREPARED FOR THE NCDOT BY:	Kimley Horn
2024 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS	
RIGHT OF WAY DATE:	SEAN KANE, P.E. PROJECT ENGINEER
JANUARY 2025	
LETTING DATE:	BEN CRAWFORD, P.E. PROJECT DESIGN ENGINEER
APRIL 16, 2026	

HYDRAULICS ENGINEER	
3/6/2026	
SIGNATURE:	
ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER	
3/6/2026	
SIGNATURE:	



Project Details:

Work Begin: 6/2026
Completion: 4/2028
Contractor: CHATHAM CIVIL
NCDOT Contact: Joshua Pratt
Contract Amount:
\$4,438,659.05

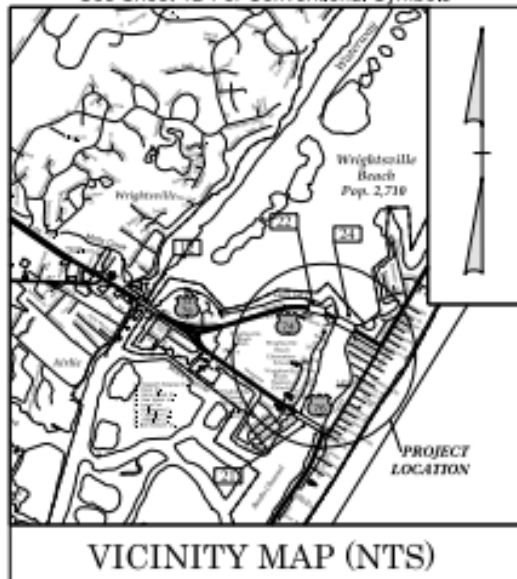
Project Comments:
W-5703C

US 421 (Carolina Beach Road) from S College Road to 200' from Willoughby Park Road

Pedestrian Safety Improvements

CONSTRUCTION
PROGRESS

13%

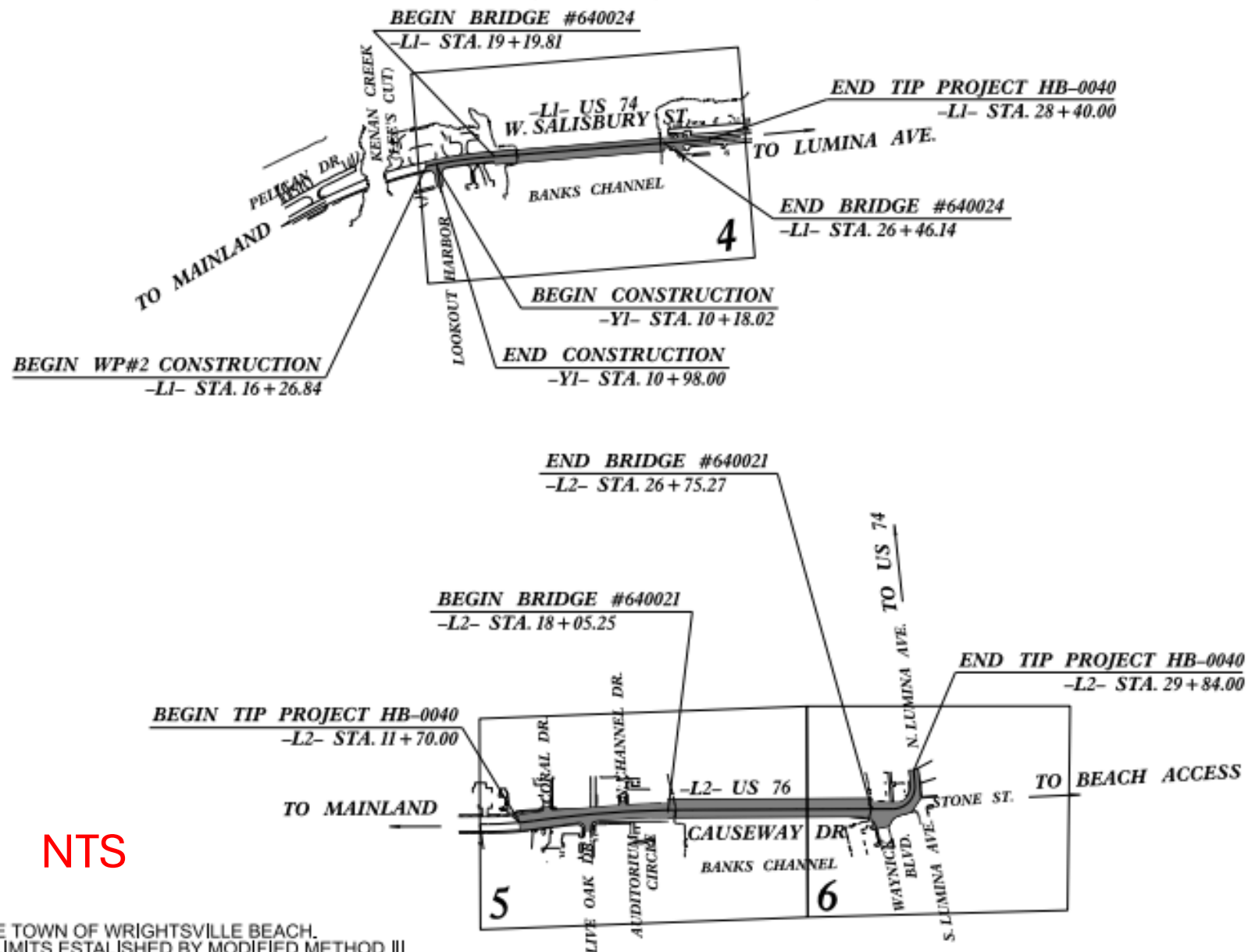
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VICINITY MAP (NTS)

WORK PACKAGE #2

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
NEW HANOVER COUNTYLOCATION: BRIDGE NO. 640024 ON US 74 (W. SALISBURY ST.) OVER BANKS CHANNEL
BRIDGE NO. 640021 ON US 76 (CAUSEWAY DR.) OVER BANKS CHANNEL

TYPE OF WORK: GRADING, PAVING, DRAINAGE, AND STRUCTURES (BRIDGES)

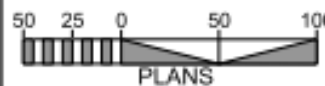


NEW CONTRACT as of 10.01.26

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THERE IS NO CONTROL OF ACCESS ON THIS PROJECT.
THIS PROJECT IS WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH.
CLEARING ON THIS PROJECT SHALL BE PERFORMED TO THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY MODIFIED METHOD III.

GRAPHIC SCALES



DESIGN DATA

ADT 2028 = 28,300
ADT 2050 = 40,600
T = 6 %
V = 40 MPHFUNC CLASS =
MINOR ARTERIAL

PROJECT LENGTH

LENGTH ROADWAY TIP PROJECT HB-0040 = 0.271 MILES

LENGTH STRUCTURE TIP PROJECT HB-0040 = 0.302 MILES

TOTAL LENGTH TIP PROJECT HB-0040 = 0.573 MILES

-L1- AND -L2- USED TO CALCULATE LENGTH.

PREPARED IN THE OFFICE OF:

RS&H8521 SIX FORKS ROAD, SUITE 400
RALEIGH, NC 27615
NC FIRM LICENSE No: F-0493

FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BY STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

RIGHT OF WAY DATE:
JULY 2025

LETTING DATE:

SEAN KORTOVICH, PE
PROJECT ENGINEERALLISON HARRIS FLOYD, PE
PROJECT DESIGN ENGINEERDEREK R. PIELECH, PE
NCDOT CONTACT

HYDRAULICS ENGINEER

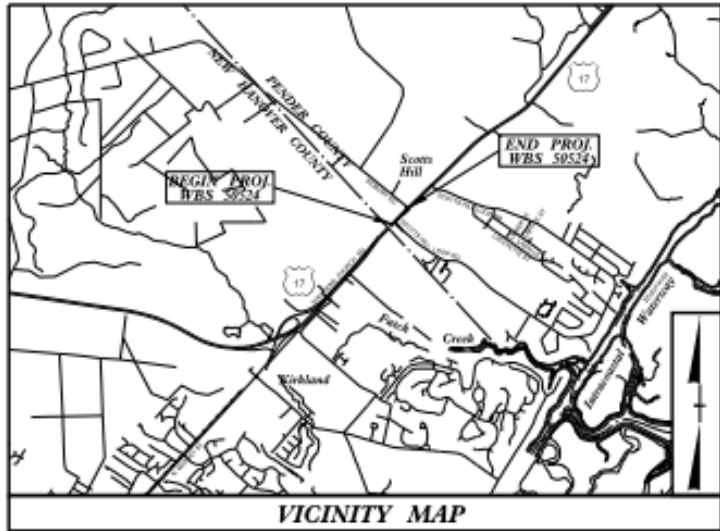
SIGNATURE: P.E.

ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER

SIGNATURE: P.E.

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VICINITY MAP

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

PENDER COUNTY

LOCATION: US 17 FROM SCOTTS HILL LOOP RD TO
SIDBURY RD

TYPE OF WORK: GRADING, DRAINAGE, PAVING, AND SIGNALS.

STATE	STATE PROJECT REFERENCE NO.	POST MILE	TOTAL MILES
N.C.	WBS 50524	1	
STATE FUNDING	F.A.F.FUNDING	BUDGET	
WBS 48864	N/A	PEROW/CONSTR.	
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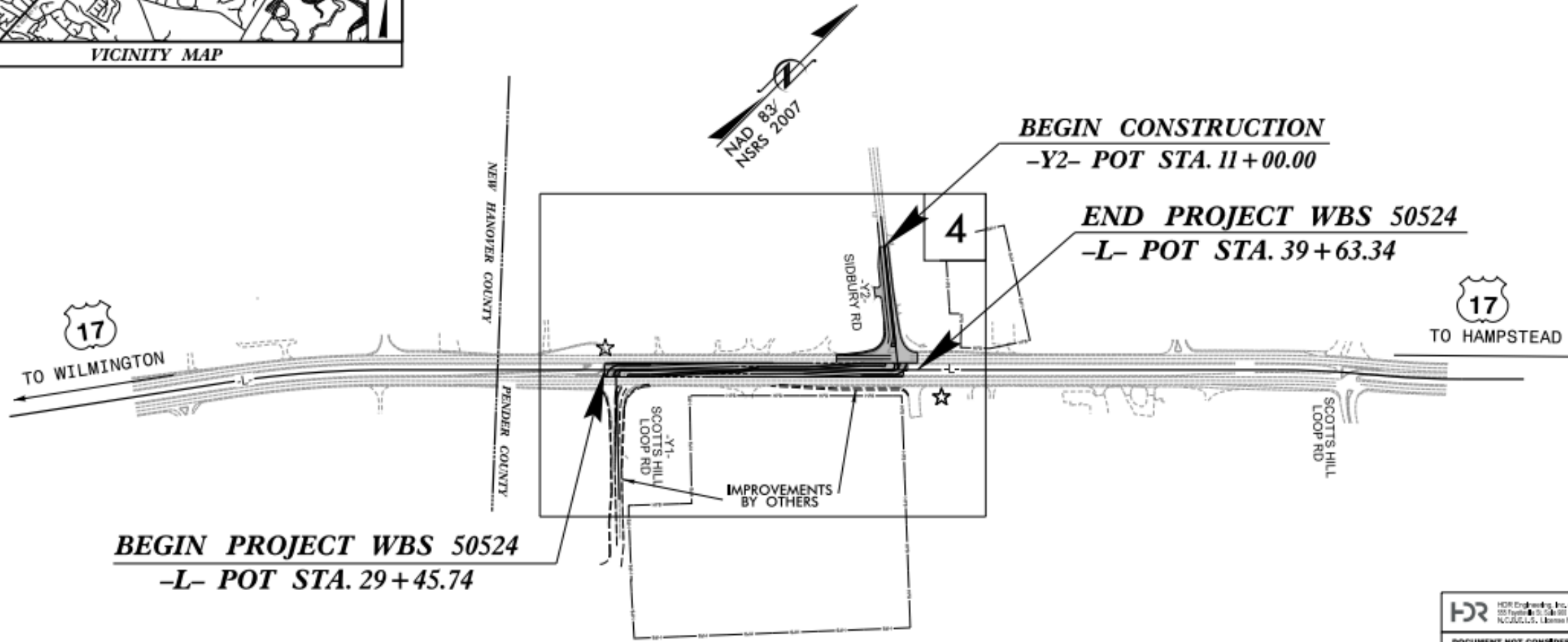


Project Details:

Work Begin: 5/2026
Start Date: 10/2026
Completion: 12/2027
Contractor: King Asphalt, Inc
NCDOT Contact: Nate Tew
Contract: DC00504

Project Comments:
N/A

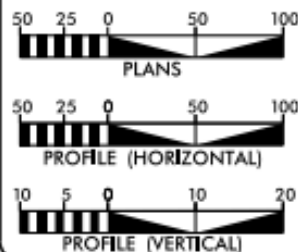
Reduced Conflict
Intersection Along US 17
From Scotts Hill Road to
Sidbury Road.



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GRAPHIC SCALES



DESIGN DATA

ADT 2020 = 39,500
ADT =
K =
D =
T =
V = 60 MPH
* TTST =
FUNC CLASS =
PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL
REGIONAL TIER

PROJECT LENGTH

LENGTH ROADWAY PROJECT WBS 50524 = 0.193 miles
TOTAL LENGTH PROJECT WBS 50524 = 0.193 miles

Prepared for the Office of:
HIGHWAY DIVISION 3

5501 Barbados Blvd., Castle Hayne NC, 28429

2014 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

RIGHT OF WAY DATE:
N/A

LETTING DATE:
MAY 21, 2026

CASEY HARRIS, P.E.
PROJECT ENGINEER

HUNTER FREDERICK
PROJECT DESIGN ENGINEER

BRIAN HARDING, P.E.
NCDOT CONTACT

HYDRAULICS
ENGINEER



SIGNATURE: P.E. 4/13/2026

ROADWAY DESIGN
ENGINEER



SIGNATURE: P.E. 4/13/2026



CONSTRUCTION
PROGRESS

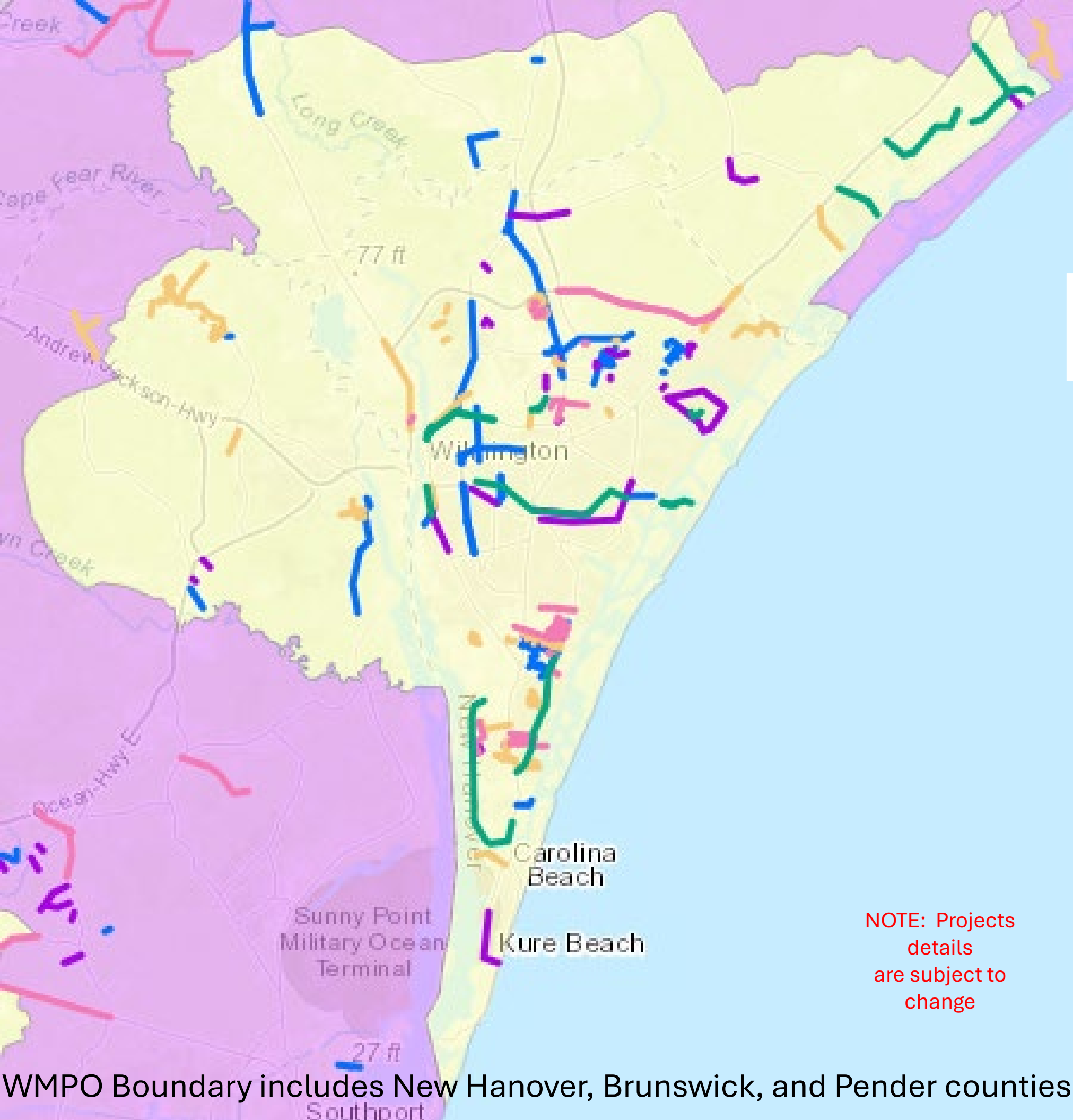
0%

WMPO NOVEMBER RESURFACING / PRESERVATION PROJECTS					
Contract Number	Contract Year	County	Routes	*Estimated Completion (year.month.date)	Percent Complete
DC00492	2026	NEW HANOVER	RESURFACING AND PRESERVATION ALONG VARIOUS ROUTES	2027.07.16	75.67%
DC00503	2026	NEW HANOVER	ADA CURB RAMP UPGRADES/ADDITIONS WHERE NEEDS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED	2027.05.28	28.83%
C205199	2026	BRUNSWICK	3 SECTIONS OF NC-133, AND 19 SECTIONS OF SECONDARY ROADS	2027.11.30	0.00%
C205213	2026	NEW HANOVER	5 SECTIONS OF US-117, 3 SECTIONS OF NC-133, AND 46 SECTIONS OF SECONDARY ROADS	2027.11.30	0.00%
C205212	2026	PENDER	1 SECTION OF US-421, 9 SECTIONS OF SECONDARY ROADS, AND 6 SECTIONS OF TOWN ROADS.	2027.11.30	0.00%
DC00487	2026	PENDER	RUMBLE INSTALLATION IN BICYCLE PATTERN, AND THERMOPLASTIC MARKINGS ALONG IDENTIFIED ROUTES IN PENDER	2027.08.13	0.00%

This list reflects \$20+ million dollars of investments in the WMPO boundary area.

Eric Ritzel, NCDOT Division 3 Corridor Development Engineer
email: eartizel@ncdot.gov Phone: 910-341-2021

Adrienne Cox, NCDOT Division 3 Planning Engineer
email: amcox1@ncdot.gov Phone: 910-341-2001



Legend

NCDOT HMIP 2026-2030

- PlanYear
- 2026
 - 2027
 - 2028
 - 2029
 - 2030



**SCAN QR CODE
FOR LINK**

NOTE: Projects
details
are subject to
change

NOVEMBER NCDOT Resource Feature



Transportation
Planning Office
(TPO)

MPO/RPO Contact Map

Map Layers

> NCDOT Shields

North Carolina Department of Transportation Divisions

NC Counties

> NCDOT State Maintained Roads

> MPO and RPO Boundaries

Wilmington Urban Area MPO

Zoom to

TPO Contact	Behshad Norowzi, EI (interim) 919-707-0920 Email
CDE Contact	Eric Ritzel 910-341-2000 Email

TCC / TAC Meeting Frequency

TCC Details	Hybrid Meeting - TCC - 3rd Wed each month except December at 10:00am Location: WMPO Board Room at 525 North 4th Street, downtown Wilmington.
TAC Details	Hybrid Meeting - TAC/Board - 4th Wed every month (generally) at 3:00pm Location: 525 North 4th Street, downtown Wilmington.

Board Members (BOT)

Primary Members	Landon Zimmer (Div 3)
Alternative Members	David Womack (Div 2)

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IMD PLANNING UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Integrated Mobility Division
N.C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



November 2026

STATEWIDE PLANNING

STATEWIDE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

IMD is developing a new statewide Active Transportation Plan to guide the future of walking, biking, and rolling in North Carolina. This plan will be the first of its kind since the 2013 WalkBikeNC Plan.

We are asking North Carolina residents to share their active transportation stories and photos. Selected stories and photos may be featured in the final plan AND could win a \$100 gift card. *(See contest disclaimer and official rules on the submission website.)*

Submit your story and/or photo at the link below!

[Be A Part of North Carolina's Active Transportation Story!](#)

E-BIKE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

IMD is developing educational and outreach materials to support the safe and informed use of e-bikes and e-scooters across North Carolina. Materials may include online resources, fact sheets, videos, flyers, brochures, and rack cards focused on safety, e-bike and e-scooter laws and policies, e-bike classifications, and guidance on safe operation. These resources will be designed for use by communities, agencies, and partners statewide.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING GRANTS

REMINDER: The next call for Safe Routes to School Non-Infrastructure Grants will close on November 6th. This is a cost-reimbursement program for non-infrastructure programs and activities to local governments, regional planning organizations, schools, and other local or regional entities. Additional information is posted on the connect website alongside

a recorded webinar:

https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/BikePed/Pages/safer_outestatoschool.aspx

PAVED TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDIES

REMINDER: The call for projects will close on November 6th. These feasibility studies aim to build upon higher-level planning efforts and take a comprehensive approach to identify possible route alternatives of multimodal corridors. The purpose of this type of study is to evaluate technical feasibility of a project from a design, permitting, and constructability perspective. Project types eligible for these studies include paved trails, greenways, shared-use paths, sidepaths, and sidewalks. Any municipality, county, MPO, or RPO within North Carolina is eligible to apply. To learn more information, visit the [Paved Trail Feasibility Studies Website](#) and watch the recorded webinar found on the site as well.

MICROTRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDIES

More information is coming soon!

QUESTIONS?

Contact:

Cambell Pfister

Regional Transportation Planner – Coastal Plains
Integrated Mobility Division

Office: 919-707-2601

Capfister@ncdot.gov



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SECRETARY

November 2026

Amanda Killian, P.E.
Transportation Engineer
Transportation Planning Office
Division of Planning and Programming
North Carolina Department of Transportation
1 South Wilmington Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

November 2026 TPO Updates – Wilmington MPO

Pender County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP): Staff have completed the highway project sheets and updated the volume over capacity maps for the new base year (2024) and future year (2050). The bike and pedestrian project sheets are in progress, and all project sheets will be presented to the steering committee tentatively by the end of the year. After this, public input sessions will be hosted.

County and Congressional District Transportation Profiles Update: In September 2026, the Bureau of Transportation Statics (BTS) updated the [county transportation files](#) and the [congressional district transportation files](#). BTS provides statistics such as means of transportation to work, number of bridges, transportation facilities, etc.

2027 NCDOT Multimodal Freight Plan: North Carolina's freight network continues to evolve. To keep pace, NCDOT is updating the Statewide Multimodal Freight Plan. This update will build on the 2023 plan, incorporating new economic trends, technology advancements and stakeholder priorities. We expect to share the draft plan by the end of 2026. There is an easy to read fact sheet that can [be viewed here](#).

North Carolina Intercity Bus Service: The N.C. Department of Transportation recognizes the importance of providing intercity bus connections between urban and rural communities throughout North Carolina. NCDOT provides funding for 13 routes that offer daily service for North Carolinians and provides connections to a larger national intercity bus network. The link provided shows all the routes, there are many that cross into the Wilmington MPO area. The few example routes that cross into the Wilmington MPO area is the [Dogwood Dasher](#) (Charlotte to Wilmington), [Coastal Plains Connector](#) (Norfolk to Myrtle Beach), and [Wave Rider](#) (Raleigh to Wilmington).

2026 NC County Map Book: The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners is pleased to share the [2026 County Map Book](#), compiling relevant North Carolina county data maps into one publication.

These maps and data tables highlight demographic, economic, health, and educational information from North Carolina's 100 counties. This annual publication is intended to provide context and promote analysis for decisions at the local level in counties across the state.

One page county-specific summaries will be released soon.

Click on links below to learn more:

- NCDOT home page—ncdot.gov
- Real-Time Traffic—DriveNC.gov | [North Carolina Traffic & Travel Information](#)
- Report a pothole—[NCDOT Contact Us Form](#)
- NCDOT: State Transportation Improvement Program—ncdot.gov/sti
- Interactive Bicycle Routes Map—<https://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/ncbikeways/default.aspx>
- Links to all traffic count data information—[Traffic Survey Group \(ncdot.gov\)](#)
- NCDOT Interactive Traffic Volume Map—[Interactive Traffic Volume map \(ncdot.gov\)](#)
- Traffic Safety Data & Engineering—[NCDOT: Traffic Safety Data & Engineering](#)
- NCDOT Comprehensive Transportation Plans (CTPs) – [Connect NCDOT - CTPs](#)

NCDOT Statewide Plans:

To learn more, click on the following links:

- [NC Moves 2050 Plan](#) (or go to ncdot.gov/ncmoves)
- [NCDOT Strategic Transportation Corridors](#) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: Strategic Transportation Corridors)
- [NCDOT Comprehensive State Rail Plan \(25-Year Vision\)](#) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: rail plan)
- [NC Statewide Multimodal Freight Plan \(2015-2040\)](#) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: public transportation plan)
- [IMD Great Trails State Plan](#) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: Great Trails)
- [Connecting North Carolinians to Opportunities](#) (Public Transportation strategic Plan—2018) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: public transportation plan)
- [NCDOT Resilience Strategy Report \(2021\)](#) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: resilience strategy report)
- [Statewide Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan \(2013\)](#) (or go to ncdot.gov/bikeped/walkbikenc)