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Meeting Minutes
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)
April 21, 2026

Members Present

Steve Zinder (Chair), UNCW
Karin Mills (Vice Chair), City of Wilmington
Sam Burgess, Cape Fear Cyclists
Carolyn Caggia, WMPO
Katie Carus-Childers, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Brianna D'Itri, Wave Transit
Karlene Ellis Vitalis, New Hanover County
Jonathan Harrell, NCDOT Board of Transportation
Adrienne Harrington, Town of Belville
Rodney Kidd, Town of Carolina Beach
Bethany King, WMPO

Mo Linquist, Town of Kure Beach
Liam Mikeal, Town of Leland
Eric Ritzel, NCDOT
Carol Stein, Pender County
Steve Whitney, Brunswick County

Others Present

Jim Chisum, New Hanover County
Jodi Rich, New Hanover County
Greer Templer, WMPO
Amanda Halbert, WMPO
Tessa Jones, WMPO
Abby Lorenzo, WMPO
Kim Hufham, Wilmington & Beaches

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

Beth King made a motion to amend the agenda and add a discussion item regarding changing the date of the June ATAC meeting. The motion was seconded by Sam Burgess and was passed unanimously.

Mr. Burgess then made a motion to approve the agenda with the added discussion item, seconded by Steve Whitney. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of WMPO ATAC Regular Meeting Minutes- February 17, 2026

Mo Linquist made a motion to approve the February minutes, seconded by Carolyn Caggia. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Presentations

a. WMPO Celebrates National Bike Month

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Chairperson Zinder introduced Greer Templer of the WMPO to make the presentation. Ms. Templer overviewed the events WMPO has planned for National Bike Month. She asked ATAC members to attend events if they are available and requested that if anyone knows of other relevant events are upcoming, to let WMPO know.

Mr. Whitney asked how the events were being promoted. Ms. Templer stated that they are on WMPO's website, social media, and that a press release would be sent. Ms. King stated that the event details could be sent to the committee following the meeting.

b. WMPO SS4A Safety Action Plan Update

Ms. King provided an update on the WMPO's Safety Action Plan. She overviewed the plan development timeline, progress so far, and what the draft plan will include. She stated that the final round of public engagement would open in May and requested that the committee provide feedback on the draft.

6. Discussion

a. WMPO Celebrates Trails Day & Cape Fear Trails

Ms. King overviewed the WMPO's plans for Celebrate Trails Day and invited the committee to come out to the event. She also presented the new promotional items for the Cape Fear Trails campaign.

b. 36th Annual River to Sea Bike Ride and Inaugural Expo

Ms. King and Ms. Caggia provided an update on the upcoming River to Sea Bike Ride and Expo.

c. WMPO/ATAC Committee Orientation & Training

Ms. King shared that the committee's June meeting will be an orientation and training, as all new members of the committee will be official at that time. Ms. King stated that the meeting would provide all members with background information on the WMPO, its responsibilities, and how the committee can best contribute.

d. Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride Update

Ms. King shared that the WMPO has been working with Brunswick County, Leland, Navassa, and Belville officials to rethink the Brunswick Heritage Ride. Ms. King stated this decision was made based on dwindling registration numbers and frequent poor weather. Ms. King shared that there would be no Brunswick ride this year, and that they are working towards 2027.

Chairperson Zinder voiced his support of this decision and stated that it was important for this ride to be done thoughtfully and in a way that celebrates the area's history and culture.

e. June ATAC Meeting

Ms. King stated that due to scheduling conflicts, the June ATAC meeting needs to be rescheduled from June 16 to June 9. Carol Stein made a motion to amend the meeting schedule, seconded by Mr. Whitney. The motion passed, with Ms. Linquist dissenting.

7. Updates and Announcements

a. Committee Round Robins

Sam Burgess: Mr. Burgess shared that the Terry Benjey Bicycling Foundation and Cape Fear Cyclists are working with the City of Wilmington to do a wayfinding signage update. He shared that they have identified 33 locations for updated signage, and that temporary signage would be placed here in the meantime.

Rodney Kidd: Mr. Kidd shared that Carolina Beach is putting up information about Bike Month. He also stated that the town is working on a temporary bike rack program for special events, such as the air show. He shared that the bicycle and pedestrian committee is bringing an item to Town Council which requests a placeholder be put into the Town budget for greenway resurfacing.

Karin Mills asked Mr. Kidd to send her information about the temporary bike racks.

Adrienne Harrington: Ms. Harrington shared that Belville held the ribbon cutting for its new multiuse path and thanked members of the committee for attending the celebration.

Brianna D'Itri: Ms. D'Itri shared that Wave has applications open for its 5310 federal grant program, which offers up to \$150,000 in operating and capital project funds. She encouraged anyone interested to apply.

Mo Linquist: Ms. Linquist provided an update from the Kure Beach Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, including that the town signed a proclamation announcing May is bike month. She also shared about e-bike legislation and shared that BikeWalkNC hosted an informational webinar on the topic. Ms. Linquist also shared that there will be a traffic garden event held at Carolina Beach Elementary School on April 24th and that Kure Beach Community Fest is on April 25th.

b. WMPO

Ms. King shared that the committee's ex officio members would be approved at the WMPO Board's April meeting.

c. NCDOT Division 3

Updates are in the agenda packet.

8. Next Meeting: June 9, 2026

9. Adjournment

Mr. Burgess made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Linquist.
Chairperson Zinder adjourned the meeting at 3:13pm.