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Meeting Minutes
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)
August 18, 2026

Members Present
Steve Zinder (Chair), Ex Officio
Karin Mills (Vice Chair), City of Wilmington
Carolyn Caggia, WMPO
Liz Carbone, Ex Officio
Katie Carus-Childers, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Brianna D'Itri, Wave Transit
Karlene Ellis Vitalis, New Hanover County
Jonathan Harrell, NC Board of Transportation
Adrienne Harrington, Town of Belville
Kim Hufham, Ex Officio
Bhairavi Jeganathan, City of Wilmington
Rodney Kidd, Town of Carolina Beach
Mo Linquist, Town of Kure Beach
Liam Mikeal, Town of Leland
Eric Ritzel, Ex Officio
Al Schroetel, Ex Officio
Carol Stein, Pender County
Steve Whitney, Brunswick County

Others Present
Jim Chisum, New Hanover County
Greer Templer, WMPO
Amanda Halbert, WMPO
Abby Lorenzo, WMPO
Tessa Jones, WMPO
Brad Cannon, Wave Transit
Campbell Pfister, NCDOT
Kinsey Rothenberger, WWAY

1. **Call to Order**
   Chairperson Steve Zinder called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
   Carol Stein made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Al Schroetel and was passed unanimously.
3. **Public Comment Period**
   There were no public comments.
4. **Consent Agenda**
   a. **Approval of WMPO ATAC Regular Meeting Minutes- June 9, 2026**
   Adrienne Harrington made a motion to approve the June minutes, seconded by Ms. Stein. The motion passed unanimously.
5. **Presentations**
   a. **NCDOT Projects Near Me – Eric Ritze, NCDOT Division 3**
   Eric Ritzel provided a presentation on NCDOT's new online tool, Projects Near Me. Mr. Ritzel demonstrated how users can use the platform to learn information about projects happening in their communities. Mr. Ritzel shared that the map is statewide, and there is no cost associated with using it.

b. **2026 Commuter Challenge – Carolyn Caggia, WMPO**
Carolyn Caggia overviewed the Go Coast program's annual Commuter Challenge. The presentation covered what the challenge is, how to participate, and how the committee can help it be a success.

6. **Discussion**
   a. **Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride Update**
   Beth King provided an update on the WMPO's annual Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride. Ms. King shared that WMPO has been working with ride partners and member jurisdictions to revamp the ride, thus leading to a cancellation of the 2026 event. The ride will take place instead in March 2027, aligning more with the Brunswick County Rice Festival and allowing ride organizers to bolster the history, culture, and education aspects of the ride. Committee members voiced support for the change, noting excitement for the future ride.
7. **Updates**
   a. **Member Round Robins**
   Al Schroetel: Mr. Schroetel shared about the Terry Benjey Bicycling Foundation, specifically about its grant program and organizational mission.
   Liz Carbone: Ms. Carbone shared information about the Cape Fear Housing Coalition's nonpartisan candidate forum on September 28, 2026.
   Kim Hufham: Ms. Hufham provided an update on tourism expenditures for the fiscal year, up nearly six percent from the previous year, signaling an increase in tourism for New Hanover County.
   Eric Ritzel: Mr. Ritzel announced the NCDOT Pedestrian Safety open call for projects.
   Rodney Kidd: Mr. Kidd invited members to attend the BikeWalkNC Summit in Carolina Beach in September. He also shared that Carolina beach submitted their Bicycle Friendly Community application to the League of American Bicyclists.
   Mo Linquist: Ms. Linquist echoed Mr. Kidd about the Summit and announced that the Tour de Island bike ride is returning on October 17, 2026.
   Bhairavi Jeganathan: Ms. Jeganathan spoke about the Gregory International School Bike Bus, asking for ride volunteers and stating that bus organizers are happy to coach other parents on starting a bus for their school or community.
   Steve Whitney: Mr. Whitney shared that Founders Park in Leland had its grand opening.
   Brianna D'Itri: Ms. D'Itri shared that some route adjustments had recently gone into effect for fixed route bus service.
   Adrienne Harrington: Ms. Harrington provided an update on Belville's bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects.

Jim Chisum: Mr. Chisum provided an update on the College Road multiuse path project.

Karin Mills: Ms. Mills shared that the 90% plans for the Downtown Trail in Wilmington are expected soon.

Liam Mikeal: Mr. Mikeal spoke about rapid flashing beacons that are going to be placed at Leland intersection(s) soon.

b. WMPO

Aside from what is included in the packet, Beth King spoke about the recently passed e-bike legislation (NC House Bill 1094). She also stated that the bike suitability map is getting an upgrade. Lastly, Ms. King shared that the SS4A Safety Action Plan would be up for adoption at the September WMPO Board meeting.

c. NCDOT Division 3

Included in the packet.

8. **Next Meeting:** October 20, 2026
9. **Adjournment**

Mo Linquist made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rodney Kidd. Chairperson Zinder adjourned the meeting at 3:22pm.