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**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)**  
**February 17, 2026**

**Members Present**

Karin Mills (Vice Chair), City of Wilmington  
Ben Andrea, Town of Leland  
Sam Burgess, Cape Fear Cyclists  
Carolyn Caggia, WMPO  
Katie Carus-Childers, Town of Wrightsville Beach  
Brianna D'Itri, Wave Transit  
Jonathan Harrell, NC Board of Transportation  
Adrienne Harrington, Town of Belville  
Rodney Kidd, Town of Carolina Beach  
Bethany King, WMPO  
Mo Linqvist, Town of Kure Beach  
Eric Ritzel, NCDOT Division 3  
Steve Whitney, Brunswick County

**Members Absent**

Steve Zinder (Chair), UNCW  
Carol Stein, Pender County  
Karlene Ellis Vitalis, New Hanover County

**Others Present**

Greer Templer, WMPO  
Amanda Halbert, WMPO  
Randy Cook, Resident

**1. Call to Order**

Vice Chair Karin Mills called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

Mo Linqvist made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Rodney Kidd. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Public Comment Period**

Vice Chair Mills opened the public comment period.

*Randy Cook, Resident:* Mr. Cook spoke regarding the intersection of 17<sup>th</sup> and Peel Street on the Cross City Trail. He shared a young woman passed away in 2017 after being hit at this intersection on her bike. He said that since that time, little has been done to improve the safety of that intersection. Mr. Cook stated that he had shared these concerns with Denys Vielkanowitz, City of Wilmington Traffic Engineer. He requested that the ATAC support his request for low cost, high impact solutions to make the intersection safer for bicyclists.

**4. Consent Agenda**

**a. Approval of WMPO BPAC Regular Meeting Minutes- December 9, 2025**

Sam Burgess made a motion to approve the February minutes, seconded by Brianna D'Itri. The motion passed unanimously.

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## 5. Regular Agenda

### a. Adoption of the 2026 Rules of Procedure

Beth King introduced the draft Rules of Procedure, stating that they will supplement the bylaws and be updated annually by the Committee. Ms. D'Itri made a motion to adopt the 2026 Rules of Procedure, seconded by Steve Whitney. The motion passed unanimously.

### b. Letter of Support: Go Coast application to the NCDOT Bicycle Helmet Initiative

Carolyn Caggia overviewed WMPO's application for 100 children's helmets from the NCDOT Bicycle Helmet Initiative. She shared that WMPO staff would distribute these helmets at outreach events throughout the year, specifically targeting underserved communities.

A motion to send a letter of support on behalf of ATAC was made by Mr. Whitney, seconded by Ms. Linquist. The motion passed unanimously.

## 6. Discussion

### a. 36<sup>th</sup> Annual River to Sea Bike Ride

Ms. King and Ms. Caggia overviewed the upcoming 36<sup>th</sup> Annual River to Sea Bike Ride. Ms. King spoke about the inaugural River to Sea Expo and described the event and what it would entail, explaining the sponsorship process. Ms. King answered questions related to this event, including who the event partners are, the date and time, and more.

Ms. Caggia spoke about the bike ride and the status of sponsorships. She asked that the committee help spread the word about sponsoring the ride and shared that WMPO will be asking for volunteers to help during the event.

## 7. Updates and Announcements

### a. Committee Round Robins

*Rodney Kidd:* Mr. Kidd shared that Carolina Beach is still working on its application for the Bicycle Friendly Community designation from the League of American Bicyclists.

*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 is beginning work on its Locally Coordinated Plan, which will include the formation of several stakeholder groups. She stated that the plan will be complete by the end of 2026.

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*Eric Ritzel:* Mr. Ritzel shared that the SPOT process for Prioritization 8.0 is underway, and that scores will be released later this year. He also briefly described how bicycle and pedestrian projects are scored during that process.

*Carolyn Caggia:* Ms. Caggia reminded the committee that May is National Bike Month and shared that WMPO is working on initiatives to celebrate.

*Mo Linqvist:* Ms. Linqvist shared her concerns about children riding e-bikes, and general e-bike safety. She spoke about her concern with the current legislative approach, and that the classification system is not keeping pace with developing technology. Ms. Linqvist added that e-bikes and other forms of micromobility are important for connectivity, but it is essential that it is safe and accessible for all users. She stressed the importance of safety as these forms of transportation become more popular.

Ms. King shared that WMPO has heard these concerns and is working on addressing the issue through the Cape Fear Trails etiquette campaign, which encourages trail users to behave in a way that is courteous and keeps everyone safe. Ms. King stated that WMPO is monitoring the issue and will keep these concerns in mind as this campaign continues.

Ms. Linqvist also shared that there will be a traffic garden event held at Carolina Beach Elementary School on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The Terry Benjey Bicycling Foundation is also holding a bike rodeo in Pender County on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

*Ben Andrea:* Mr. Andrea shared that Leland recently hired a transportation planner, who will replace him on the committee soon.

*Karin Mills:* Ms. Mills provided an update on the Downtown Trail, stating that it will reach a 60% plan milestone in March, 2026.

**b. WMPO**

Ms. King shared that Round 2 of engagement for the WMPO SS4A Safety Action Plan will end on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. She encouraged committee members to attend the open house at Skyline Center on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. King also shared that staff are working with WMPO Board members to get official appointments to the committee, as well as identifying ex officio members.

**c. NCDOT Division 3**

Updates are in the agenda packet.

**8. Next Meeting:** April 21, 2026

**9. Adjournment**

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Mr. Kidd made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Adrienne Harrington. Vice Chair Mills adjourned the meeting at 2:56pm.