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To proactively lead transportation planning and decisions in the lower Cape Fear region by fostering collaboration and strategic actions that deliver safer, more connected communities, economic opportunity, and an elevated quality of life.

**Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Board
Meeting Agenda**

TO: Wilmington Urban Area MPO Board Members
FROM: Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director
DATE: September 24, 2026
SUBJECT: September 30th meeting

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area MPO's Board will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at 3 pm. The meeting will be held in the WMPO Board Room located at 525 North 4th Street in downtown Wilmington, NC. Members of the public, MPO Board Members and MPO Staff can attend the meeting in person and virtually through the Zoom platform. MPO Board member attendance will be subject to the adopted Remote Participation Policy. 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:

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Meeting ID: 846 4549 7547

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The following is the agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Conflict of Interest Statement
- 4) Approval of Board Member Excused Absences
- 5) Approval of the Agenda
- 6) Public Comment Period (15 min.)
- 7) Presentations (40 min)
 - a. WMPO Commuter Challenge- Carolyn Caggia, WMPO
 - b. NCDOT Project Updates- Trevor Carroll, NCDOT
- 8) Consent Agenda (5 min.)
 - a. Approval of Board Regular Meeting Minutes- August 26, 2026 (pg. 4-12)
 - b. Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendments #26-5 (pg. 13-14)

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- c. Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendments #26-6 (pg.15-16)
 - d. Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modification #26-9 (pg. 17-18)
 - e. Opening of a 45-day Public Comment Period on an Amendment to the WMPO's Public Participation Plan (pg. 19-43)
 - f. Resolution authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with the City of Wilmington and Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority for FY 27 Section 5303 Funding (pg. 44-51)
 - g. Resolution supporting the North Carolina State Ports Authority's United States Department of Transportation's FY2026 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Competitive Grant Program to fund the Chassis Yard and Container Gate Stormwater and Flooding Mitigation Project at the Port of Wilmington (pg. 52-53)
 - 9) Regular Agenda (10 min.)
 - a. Resolution approving Amendment #3 to the FY 27 Unified Planning Work Program (pg. 54-90)
 - b. Resolution adopting the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan (pg. 91)
 - 10) Discussion (40 min.)
 - a. 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modifications #26-10 (pg. 92)
 - b. WMPO Compensation Philosophy
 - c. WMPO Board Subcommittees (pg. 93-94)
 - 11) Updates (10 min.)
 - a. Wilmington Urban Area MPO (pg. 95-105)
 - b. Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (pg. 106-131)
 - c. NCDOT Division 3 (pg. 132-146)
 - d. NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (pg. 147)
 - e. NCDOT Transportation Planning Office (pg. 148-149)
 - 12) Announcements
 - a. Go Coast Commuter Challenge- October 5, 2026 – October 18, 2026
 - b. Active Transportation Advisory Committee- October 20, 2026
 - 13) Next meeting – October 28, 2026

Attachments

- MPO Board Regular Meeting Minutes- August 26, 2026
- Proposed 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendments #26-5
- Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendments #26-5
- Proposed 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendments #26-6
- Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendments #26-6
- Proposed 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modification #26-9
- Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modification #26-9
- WMPO's Proposed Public Participation Plan Amendment Memorandum
- Proposed WMPO Public Participation Plan Amendment (September 2026)
- Proposed agreement with the City of Wilmington and Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority for FY 27 Section 5303 Funding
- Resolution authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with the City of Wilmington and Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority for FY 27 Section 5303 Funding

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- Resolution supporting the North Carolina State Ports Authority's United States Department of Transportation's FY2026 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Competitive Grant Program to fund the Chassis Yard and Container Gate Stormwater and Flooding Mitigation Project at the Port of Wilmington
 - Proposed Amendment #3 to the FY 27 Unified Planning Work Program
 - Resolution approving Amendment #3 to the FY 27 Unified Planning Work Program
 - <https://www.wmpo.org/safetyactionplan/>
 - Resolution adopting the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan
 - Proposed 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modifications #26-10
 - WMPO Board Subcommittee Memorandum (September)
 - Wilmington Urban Area MPO Update (September)
 - Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority Update (September)
 - NCDOT Division Project Update (September)
 - NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (September)
 - NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Project Update (September)



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WMPO Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

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Members Present, In person

Hunter Smith, Town of Belville
Lynn Barbee, WMPO Board Chair, Town of Carolina Beach
Brenda Bozeman, Town of Leland
Allen Oliver, Town of Kure Beach
Jimmy Tate, Pender County
Bill Rivenbark, New Hanover County
Ken Dull, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Stephanie Walker, Cape Fear Transportation Authority
Cassidy Santaguida, City of Wilmington
Frank Williams, WMPO Board Vice Chair, Brunswick County
Rose Terry, Town of Navassa

Members Present, Remote

Landon Zimmer, NC Board of Transportation

Others Present, In Person

Mike Kozlosky, WMPO
Abby Lorenzo, WMPO
Krysden Burden, WMPO
Caitlin Cerza, WMPO
Greer Templer, WMPO
Beth King, WMPO
Ronda Hogan, WMPO
Amanda Halbert, WMPO
Tessa Jones, WMPO
Luke Hutson, WMPO
Regina Hopkins, WMPO
Carolyn Caggia, WMPO
Lynnie Richey, Wilmington Resident
R.B. Richey, Wilmington Resident
Sarah Brown, Wilmington Resident

Amanda Killian, NCDOT TPO
James Verrell, NCDOT TPO
Susan Habina, City of Wilmington
Peter Loftus, Wilmington Resident
Megan Mullins, Wilmington Chamber of Commerce
Ellen Gannon, Wrightsville Beach Resident
Veronica Scott, NCDOT
Trevor Carroll, NCDOT
Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports
Eric Ritzel, NCDOT
Mike Forte, Brunswick County
Trace Howell, HDR, Inc.
Natalie English, Wilmington Chamber
Mark Hairr, WAVE
Sam Rifkind-Brown, County Planning
Chris Coudriet, NHC

Others Present, Remote

Greg Laughter, WMPO
Adrienne Cox, NCDOT
Brayton Willis, Resident
Chad Kimes
Daniel Wright
David Leonard
Gayle Hager
George Willoughby
Jennifer Breitenbach
Katie Hite, NCDOT
Leland Hyer
Nazia Sarder
Stacey Mahoney
Susan K. Bulluck
Thom Moton, City of Wilmington
Veronica Carter, Town of Leland
Yolonda Jordan

Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

City of Wilmington • Town of Carolina Beach • Town of Kure Beach • Town of Wrightsville Beach
County of New Hanover • Town of Belville • Town of Leland • Town of Navassa • County of Brunswick
County of Pender • Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority • North Carolina Department of Transportation

1. Call to Order

Chairman Barbee called the meeting to order at 3:00pm and welcomed new Board member Jimmy Tate from Pender County.

2. Roll Call

Mike Kozlosky, WMPO Executive Director, called the roll.

Present: Hunter Smith, Lynn Barbee, Brenda Bozeman, Allen Oliver, Jimmy Tate, Ken Dull, Bill Rivenbark, Stephanie Walker, Cassidy Santaguida, Frank Williams, Rose Terry, and Landon Zimmer.

Mike Kozlosky requested that the Board waive the remote attendance policy so Landon Zimmer could participate remotely. Frank Williams made a motion to allow Landon Zimmer to participate remotely for the August 26, 2026, meeting, Ken Dull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Conflict of Interest Statement

Chairman Barbee read the conflict-of-interest statement as required by North Carolina General Statute and requested any conflicts of interest be disclosed by the Board. Landon Zimmer requested to be excused from item 9b on the agenda, Resolution approving the WMPO's Prioritization 8.0 Regional Impact Tier Point Assignment.

4. Approval of Board Member Excused Absences

There were no excused absences.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Brenda Bozeman made a motion to approve the agenda; Allen Oliver seconded the motion. The agenda passed unanimously.

6. Public Comment

Lynne Richie, Wilmington resident, would like the WMPO to request NCDOT to answer questions and act on commitments regarding the Eastwood overpass. Ms. Richie believes that once people understand the exact changes proposed with U-5710 they are overwhelmingly opposed to this 5-year project. Ms. Richie stated that in August 2017 NCDOT stated that removing the left turns from the main intersection would improve efficiency of the intersection. She stated the left turns are still there and questioned why it hasn't been completed and where are the funds that were allocated. Ms. Richie noted that engineer Chad Kimes stated the purpose of accelerating Drysdale Extension is to relieve congestion prior to building the overpass. Ms. Ritchie questioned why Military Cutoff going northbound wasn't widened as planned, and why the 8-phase traffic signal at Eastwood Drive/Military Cutoff was not removed. Ms. Richie believes the present drawings by NCDOT illustrate more chaos and confusion, she believes at the very least

the overpass should be delayed until the Wrightsville Beach bridges are repaired or replaced.

Peter Loftus, Wilmington resident, spoke regarding U-5710, asking the WMPO to urge the NCDOT to stop planning like it is 2015 and start solving traffic like we can in 2026. Mr. Loftus believes fixed, pre-programed signal tools cannot keep up, he believes there are better tools available right now. Mr. Loftus noted that in July 2025 a contract was awarded for \$12 million dollars, for a program instituted at 2,500 intersections across the State, that includes installing adaptive or smart signal systems, systems that sense real-time traffic and continuously adjust green lights. Mr. Loftus believes Eastwood Drive and Military Cutoff are perfect candidates for the new technology. He believes the smart signal systems combined with the full use of the Drysdale Drive extension will provide meaningful traffic relief at a much lower cost.

Ellen Gagnon, Wrightsville Beach resident, spoke to the Board regarding the construction scheduled for the bridges at Wrightsville Beach and the U-5710 project. She noted that although NCDOT states there will always be two lanes open on the bridges during construction, that will be a 33% reduction in entering and exiting as well. Ms. Gagnon stated that with both projects running concurrently, there is simply no place to reroute most traffic around either project. Ms. Gagnon relayed her concern for first responders, noting that she was a volunteer EMT for 31 years and she believes people will die and or suffer more critical injuries as the response time getting to the hospital is in serious jeopardy. Ms. Gagnon would like the WMPO Board to request NCDOT delay the U-5710 project until all three bridges have been completed.

Natalie English, President and CEO of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, spoke to the Board about the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge. Ms. English stated that after reviewing the latest environmental assessment for the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge project, the Chamber continues to support Alternative B, the fixed span replacement with 135 feet of vertical clearance. Ms. English states that the community depends on a reliable transportation network to get employees to work, move goods, serve customers and grow, and this need will only increase as our region grows. She notes that Alternative B will reduce morning commute delays by about one-third and evening delays by about one-quarter compared to Alternative A. Ms. English stated that Alternative B makes sense from a cost and long-term maintenance perspective. She also stated that the impacts identified in the environmental assessment do not include the loss of historic residences. Ms. English understands people would like to see a full environmental impact statement, for additional review, but she wants to note the consequences of further delay. The grants are there, but there are plenty of other communities across the state who are competing for the dollars that we have waiting for this project. Ms. English made it clear that supporting Alternative B does not mean the Chamber supports tolls.

7. Presentations

- a. WMPO Safe Streets and Roads for All Plan, Sarah Brown, Kittelson & Associates
Sarah Brown from Kittelson & Associates presented the WMPO Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan to the Board. Ms. Brown began her presentation stating that the SS4A program is a federal initiative launched by USDOT with a goal

to develop a strategy to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways. She spoke about the urgency of action and the impacts to our community since the inception of this effort, noting death and serious injury numbers. Ms. Brown continued her presentation reviewing the required components of the plan and how each component has been addressed. Ms. Brown highlighted the steering committee and their role in guiding the plan, the data-driven safety analysis, and the community engagement and how their feedback was incorporated. From the analysis done and the feedback received, Ms. Brown stated they were able to create a priority location map that highlighted segment or corridor and intersection locations. She noted there were 54 corridor locations and 29 intersection locations identified across the region. The project team then matched the safety risks or crash characteristics with appropriate FHWA countermeasures to address safety issues at a planning level that were on the corridor or at the intersection. From the matching of countermeasures, Ms. Brown explained that they developed a large project list, narrowed that list down to 10 projects that are implementation ready, and developed project cut sheets to help them be more competitive for funding opportunities. Ms. Brown concluded her presentation with what the next steps will be and opened the floor for questions.

Cassidy Santiguia questioned how this plan coincides with other plans that municipalities may already have in place. WMPO Transportation Planner, Beth King, responded that the plans are made to work together, for example this one and Vision Zero work hand and hand and do not duplicate any efforts.

Stephanie Walker questioned the top ten project list mentioned by Sarah Brown, and how she can access the cut sheets. Mike Kozlosky noted the information is available online and a link was in the packet, but he can send a link out after the meeting.

Bill Rivenbark questioned if the South College Road project is the intersection of College and Oleander, noting it is a very unsafe intersection to cross. Ms. Brown responded that the project ranked high in safety concerns.

b. NC State Ports Authority Update, Stephanie Ayers, NCSPA

Stephanie Ayers from the NC State Ports Authority gave the Board an update on what is going on at the North Carolina State Ports. Ms. Ayers gave a quick overview of the three ports in North Carolina and how they economically support the state, noting that they generate revenue by moving cargo. Ms. Ayers shared the North Carolina Ports strategies through 2031, and their strategic focus areas. She reviewed some infrastructure projects that support the ports development and the grant funding they received for them.

Bill Rivenbark questioned Ms. Ayers about the property just purchased at the intersection of Carolina Beach Road and South Front Street. Ms. Ayers noted that is a NCDOT project, not the Ports Authority.

c. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Review Process, Trevor Carroll, NCDOT

Trevor Carroll introduced Clarence Coleman with FHWA. Clarence Coleman presented the Board with a presentation about the environmental review process and how it relates to the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge. Mr. Coleman reviewed key components of the NEPA process and how they are being implemented. He spoke about early scoping, which involves coordination with interagency partners, interagency coordination, alternative analysis, impacts and mitigation, and public involvement. Mr. Coleman noted that in terms of early scoping, that is being done primarily via the NEPA process, section 404, which involves an interagency group, federal and state agencies, and has local representation. Mr. Coleman stated that there are seven concurrence points, and focused on three of them: purpose and need of the project, alternatives to study in detail and practicable alternative. Mr. Coleman explained that early in the process, one of the things they do during early scoping is determine what type of environmental document the project will have and stated that for the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge is an EA because of the historic element to it, the possibility of tolling and the funding issues. Mr. Coleman clarified that the assignment of the EA status to the document was determined before the project was awarded a grant in July of 2024. Mr. Coleman explained that the alternatives development, along with the analyses for traffic, noise, protected species, historic preservation, community impacts and other environmental impacts are done in a similar manner, going through the formal NEPA process. Mr. Coleman stated that public hearings are already scheduled for September 14th and 15th, these are formal public hearings.

Mr. Coleman spoke about the two build alternatives that are being evaluated and the process for addressing the impacts to historic properties. He noted there is a person on staff who's working on this project and the team, Seth Wilcher, who is an architectural historian, and all these decisions were in coordination with the Advisory Council of Historic Places. Mr. Coleman stated noise impacts, traffic diversion, and project funding are all being considered, noting that the review and comment period for the EA is ongoing, and public hearings will occur next month.

Stephanie Walker questioned Mr. Coleman about some of the acronyms, FONSI, and he clarified that is finding of no significant impact. Cassidy Santaguida questioned how the study area is determined for an EA. Mr. Coleman replied that it can depend, but it considers multiple alignments, constraints, existing features, a lot is dependent on the surrounding area. Ms. Santaguida followed up her question with her concerns about one of the alternatives impacting the community larger than just the footprint of that design option. Ms. Santaguida also questioned Trevor Carroll, noting that at the same time the EA was shared publicly the design maps were also updated, are those new designs informed by the EA or is the EA informed by the designs, or did they just happen to come out at the same time. Mr. Carroll answered that the maps incorporate the tolled version and that is why they were updated. Ms. Santaguida clarified that the maps were informed by the EA findings. Mr. Carroll noted they are sort of one and the same. Stephanie Walker questioned if there is an updated timeline, Mike Kozlosky clarified that the LEPA will be selected sometime in October, November timeframe. Frank Williams asked if there is a one- or two-page PDF that would

summarize the presentation. Mr. Coleman said he would do his best to put something together.

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Board Special Meeting Minutes – July 29, 2026
- b. Opening of a 30-day Public Comment Period for 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendment #26-6
- c. Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modification #26-8
- d. Resolution approving Amendment #2 to the FY27 Unified Planning Work Program

Frank Williams made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Brenda Bozeman seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

9. Regular Agenda

- a. Resolution approving the appointment of additional Active Transportation Advisory Committee Ex-Officio Members

Beth King, WMPO Transportation Planner, requested the Board's approval of Brenda Brooks and Nicole Kohler as Ex-Officio Members of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee. Ms. King stated that Brenda Brooks is the Public Safety Sub-Committee Chair of the New Hanover County Hispanic-Latino Commission and Nicole Kohler is the Executive Director of 3 Wheel Therapy.

Stephanie Walker made a motion to support approving the appointment of additional ATAC Ex-Officio members. Cassidy Santiguada seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Resolution approving the WMPO's Prioritization 8.0 Regional Impact Tier Point Assignment

Frank Williams made a motion to recuse Landon Zimmer from voting on this agenda item. Brenda Bozeman seconded the motion, the motion passed 11-0 with Landon Zimmer recused.

Greer Templer, WMPO Senior Transportation Planner, reviewed the Regional Impact Tier Local Input Point Assignment, including the assignment period, the available local input points and the standard assignment limit. Ms. Templer explained the methodology used to assign the local input points, ending with the Final Point Assignments in the Regional Impact Tier. She noted two recommended deviations and the reasoning for them. Ms. Templer also reviewed the proposed point donations within the Regional Impact Tier. In conclusion, Ms. Templer presented the next steps including submittal of Regional Impact Local Input Points to SPOT, and the release of final the Regional Impact project scores and programmed projects.

Frank Williams made a motion to approve the WMPO's Prioritization 8.0 Regional Impact Tier Point Assignment. Jimmy Tate seconded the motion, the motion passed with a 11-0 vote with Landon Zimmer recused.

- c. Resolution supporting the allocation of additional Direct Attributable funds to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the Lanvale Road (SR 1438) and Fletcher Road NE/Village Road (SR 1472) intersection improvements (HL-0179)
Luke Hutson, WMPO Engineering Associate, presented a resolution supporting the allocation of additional Direct Attributable funds to NCDOT for project HL-0179. Mr. Hutson noted that in November of 2025, the NCDOT Division 3 was awarded \$3,875,100 in Surface Transportation Block Grant funding for Intersection Improvements, Project HL-0179 and NCDOT committed funding of \$1,500,000 for a total project cost of \$5,375,100. To incorporate WMPO's Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050 recommendation and implement NCDOT's Complete Street policy at this intersection, NCDOT is requesting an additional \$268,800 in Direct Attributable funding. NCDOT will provide a local match of \$67,200 for a total project cost of \$336,000 to construct a 10' wide multi-use path along Village Rd, Village Rd NE and Fletcher Rd NE between Lanvale Rd NE and Price Rd. Mr. Hutson explained that if this resolution is approved, the modification will be submitted to NCDOT and will be considered for formal approval as an upcoming modification to the 2026-2035 STIP.

Brenda Bozeman made a motion to support the allocation of additional Direct Attributable funds to the NCDOT for the Lanvale Road, Fletcher Rd NE/Village Rd and intersection improvements. Frank Williams seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion

- a. 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Modifications #26-9
Mike Kozlosky explained that this administrative modification is for informational purposes only and will be brought back for action at the next meeting.
- b. Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride
Greer Templer, Senior Transportation Planner for the WMPO, presented an update on the Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride beginning with an event overview and explaining the purpose of the ride. Ms. Templer then explained the ride has run into some difficulties lately due to weather disruptions, and because of this the event coordinators of this ride have decided to move the annual event to a different timeframe. Ms. Templer stated that the next event will take place on Saturday, March 13, 2027. This date will move the event away from peak hurricane season, offer a cooler more comfortable ride and align with the week following the North Carolina Rice Festival, creating a natural continuation of local heritage programming. Ms. Templer also stated that the ride administrators have decided to flip the ride direction, the ride will begin and end in Belville instead of Navassa, this updated route will provide additional parking and facilities such as drinking water and restrooms. The new route also includes a new stop at Reeves Chapel, noting it will be amazing to see

the new life being restored to the chapel. To conclude her presentation, Ms. Templer noted she will be keeping everyone up to date on event details as they are decided, and opened the floor for questions. There were no questions.

c. WMPO Board Subcommittees

Mike Kozlosky stated that the WMPO Board Bylaws allow for the creation of board subcommittees and over the years, the board has created four: the Evaluation and Compensation Subcommittee; the Alternative Funding Subcommittee; the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge Aesthetics Committee; and the Boundary Governance and Structure Subcommittee. Mr. Kozlosky was looking for some direction from the WMPO Board on these committees, and which committees the board would like to retain, or modify or even dissolve. Chairman Barbee noted that the Evaluation and Compensation Subcommittee, seems mandatory, Frank Williams agreed. Mr. Williams suggested that the Boundary Governance and Structure Committee could be an ad hoc committee, created when needed. Cassidy Santaguida agreed with the recommendations mentioned but would like to see the last two subcommittees continue and volunteered to be on the Alternative Funding Subcommittee. Stephanie Walker agreed with all the prior discussion, especially continuing the search for alternative sources of funding. Chairman Barbee stated his first instinct would be to get rid of anything that's not active but possibly form another one with reviewing the definition of it. It was concluded that members would review the committees, and if they are passionate about one of them, and willing to raise their hand to be the chair, they will come back to the next meeting and present why the Board needs to keep the committee.

11. Updates

a. Wilmington Urban Area MPO

Updates are in the packet. Final Direct Attributable applications are due September 18th. The first WMPO Training session will be held prior to the next Board meeting on September 30th at 2:00, it will cover Traffic Impact Analyses (TIA). The Hampstead Bypass Tour will be on October 15th at 9:30am, meet at NCDOT offices in Castle Hayne. The certification review process for the WMPO will be starting in October with a meeting with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in December.

b. Cape Fear Public Transit Authority

Updates are in the packet.

c. NCDOT Division 3

Updates are in the packet. Trevor Carroll highlighted that Hampstead section B is about 71% complete, while section A is 22% complete. Mr. Carroll noted there is a QR code on page 100 for links to the projects. QR codes for the Projects Near Me will also be provided and NCDOT Division 3 encourages you to use them and share them as well. Mr. Carroll reminded everyone of the public hearings on September 14th and 15th for the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge. Ms. Walker asked for an update on Market Street, Mr. Carroll stated they are on their punch list, almost complete.

d. NCDOT Transportation Planning Division

Updates are in the packet. Amanda Killian introduced herself, she will be the contact while Nazia Sarder transitions out of the division. Ms. Killian also noted the Pender County CTP is currently going through an internal review and then will have another steering committee meeting before going for public input. Ms. Killian stated there is a link in your packet for the North Carolina Intercity Bus Service which is worth checking out.

12. Announcements

- a. Cape Fear Memorial Bridge Public Hearing – September 14, 2026 (Cape Fear Community College, Daniels Hall)
- b. Cape Fear Memorial Bridge Public Hearing – September 15, 2026 (Leland Cultural Arts Center)
- c. Go Coast TDM Committee Meeting – September 17, 2026

13. Next Meeting – September 30, 2026

14. Adjourn

Ken Dull made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rose Terry seconded the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Kozlosky

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.

REVISIONS TO THE 2026-2035 STIP/MPO TIP
HIGHWAY PROGRAM
Amendment #26-5

WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

STIP ADDITIONS

* HS-2603E NEW HANOVER PROJ.CATEGORY REGIONAL	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	US 74/76 (EASTWOOD ROAD); LIONS GATE DRIVE / PEMBROKE JONES DRIVE INTERSECTION IN WILMINGTON. INSTALL CROSSWALK AND PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL HEADS. <u>ADD PROJECT BREAK AT THE REQUEST OF THE TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY AND SAFETY DIVISION.</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2027 -	\$87,000	(HSIP)
				FY 2027 -	\$10,000	(T(M))
					\$97,000	
* HS-2603N BRUNSWICK PROJ. CATEGORY STATEWIDE	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	NC 24 / US 76 (ANDREW JACKSON HIGHWAY); COMPASS POINTE SOUTH WYNDE INTERSECTION WEST OF LELAND. INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND ADVANCED FLASHERS. <u>ADD PROJECT BREAK AT THE REQUEST OF THE TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY AND SAFETY DIVISION.</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2027 -	\$310,000	(HSIP)
				FY 2027 -	\$35,000	(T(M))
					\$345,000	
* HS-2603O NEW HANOVER PROJ. CATEGORY DIVISION	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	SR 1217 (17TH STREET); GLEN MEADE ROAD INTERSECTION IN WILMINGTON. UPGRADE TRAFFIC SIGNAL, AND INSTALL PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS AND IMPROVEMENTS. <u>ADD PROJECT BREAK AT THE REQUEST OF THE TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY AND SAFETY DIVISION.</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2027 -	\$256,000	(HSIP)
				FY 2027 -	\$29,000	(T(M))
					\$285,000	

STIP DELETIONS

U-4434 NEW HANOVER PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	SR 1209 (INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD EXTENSION); RANDALL PARKWAY TO US 74 (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARKWAY) IN WILMINGTON. EXTEND ROADWAY ON NEW LOCATION. <u>REMOVE PROJECT AT THE REQUEST OF THE MPO. PROJECT WAS PREVIOUSLY FUNDED FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING ONLY.</u>
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**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT #26-5 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 amend the adopted 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs for Amendment #26-5; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has conducted a 30-day public comment period to receive citizen input on these proposed amendments.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves amending the 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs for Amendment #26-5.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on September 30, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

**REVISIONS TO THE 2026-2035 STIP/MPO TIP
HIGHWAY PROGRAM
Amendment #26-6**

WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

STIP ADDITIONS

* HO-0038 BRUNSWICK PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	BASIN STREET; SR 1437 (FAYETTEVILLE ROAD) TO SR 1472 (VILLAGE ROAD) IN LELAND. EXTEND BASIN STREET TO CONNECT SR 1437 (FAYETTEVILLE ROAD) TO SR 1472 (VILLAGE ROAD), AND CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH. <u>ADD PROJECT DUE TO AWARD OF FEDERAL EARMARK. HP FUNDS REPRESENT FEDERAL EARMARK FUNDS.</u>	ENGINEERING	FY 2027 - <u>\$3,900,000</u> (HP) \$3,900,000
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**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT #26-6 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 amend the adopted 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs for Amendment #26-6; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has conducted a 30-day public comment period to receive citizen input on these proposed amendments.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves amending the 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs for Amendment #26-6.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on September 30, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

**REVISIONS TO THE 2026-2035 STIP/MPO TIP
HIGHWAY PROGRAM
Administrative Modification #26-9**

WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
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U-5534U	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA	STIP MODIFICATIONS	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2027 -	\$168,000	(BGANY)
BRUNSWICK	METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	BROOKLYN STREET; NAVASSA PARK; VARIOUS		FY 2027 -	\$991,000	(BGDA)
PROJ.CATEGORY		LOCATIONS. ADD BIKE LANES ON BROOKLYN STREET.		FY 2027 -	\$290,000	(L(M))
DIVISION		CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH CONNECTING			\$1,449,000	
		BROOKLYN STREET TO NAVASSA PARK.				
		<u>TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR PLANNING AND</u>				
		<u>DESIGN, DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 26 TO FY</u>				
		<u>27.</u>				

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS #26-9 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 #26-9.

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 #26-9.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on September 30, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary



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MEMORANDUM

To: WMPO Board Members

From: Tessa Jones, Public Information Officer

Date: September 8, 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 continue improving how the public can share input, staff are recommending an amendment to the adopted PPP that would add an online form as one of the ways 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 for several of the WMPO's core work products and plans and determined that formally integrating this additional 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, especially 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 directly 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. Board action is therefore requested to open this comment period, after which the PPP inclusive of the recommended amendment will return to the Board for approval consideration in November.

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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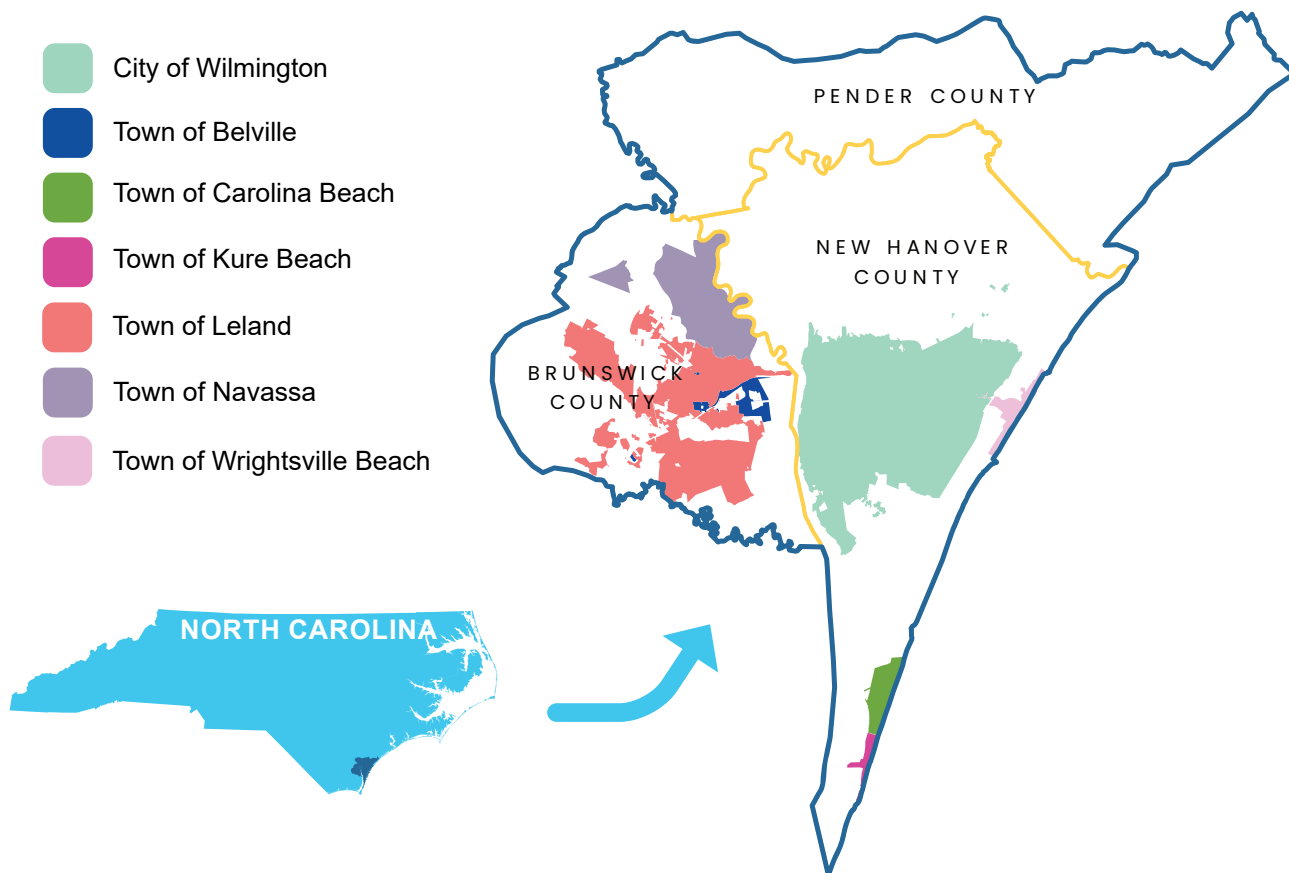
Getting to Know the WMPO

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

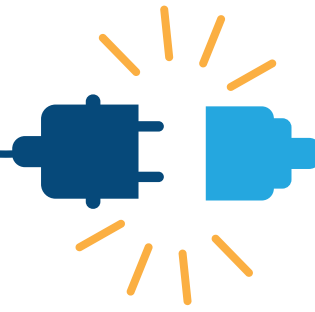
Use a variety of outreach methods and communication tools to reach diverse populations and encourage participation from a wide cross-section of the community.



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

Connect with us Online

Visit www.wmpo.org or www.gocoastnc.org

Follow us on:

Facebook: Wilmington Urban Area MPO | Go Coast

Instagram: [wilmingtonmpo](#) | [gocoastnc](#)

LinkedIn: Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Nextdoor: WMPO

Call, Email, or Send a Letter

Email us at wmpo@wilmingtonnc.gov

Call us at (910) 341-3258

Send letters to the WMPO at:

Wilmington Urban Area MPO

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

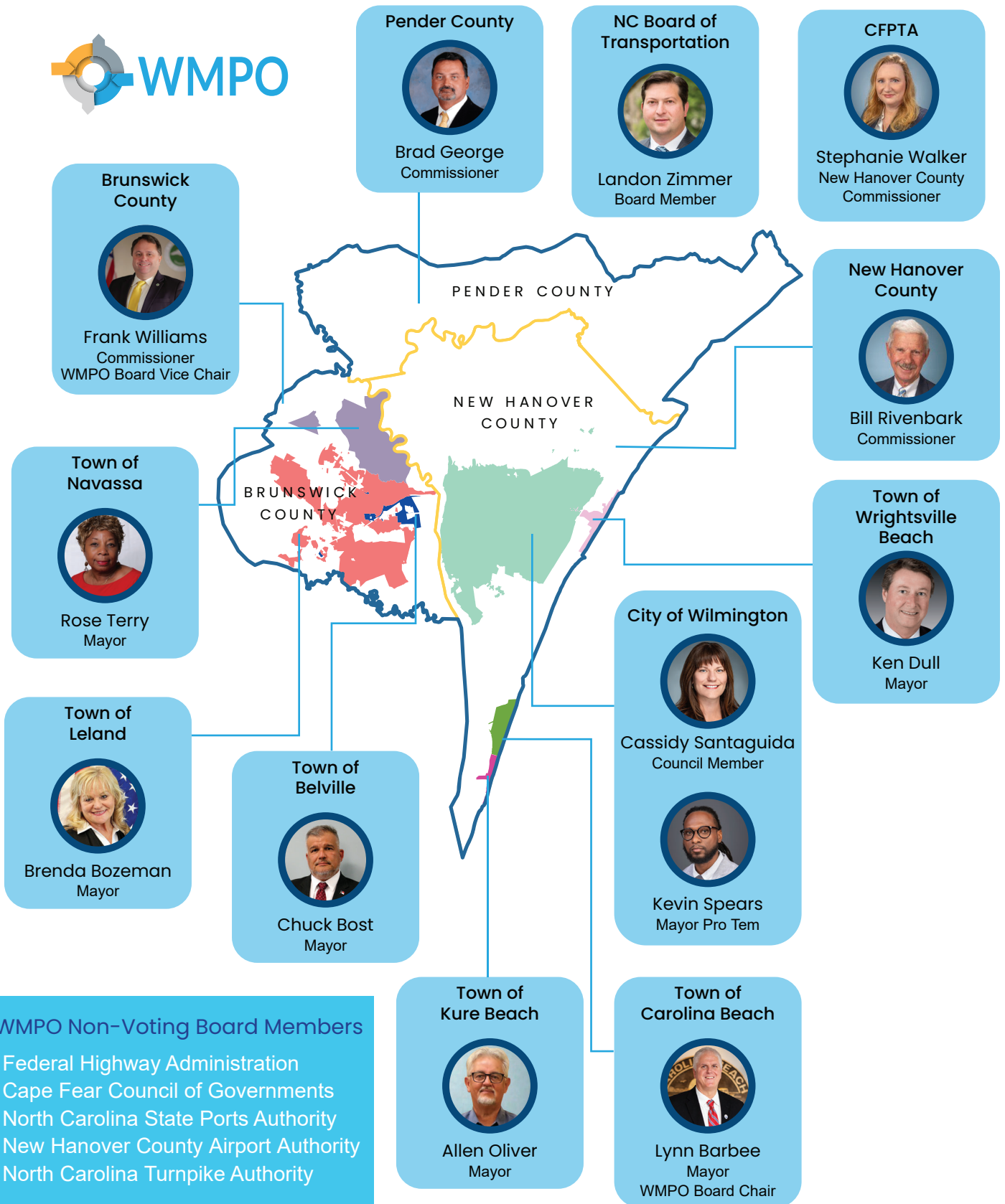
All WMPO Board meetings are conducted in accordance with North Carolina's open meetings law, N.C.G.S. Chapter 143, Article 33C.

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

Updated 5.7.2026

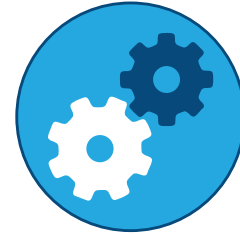


Committees and Subcommittees

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.



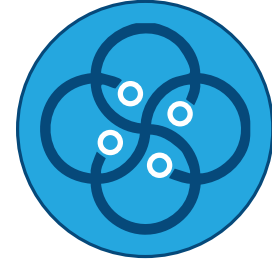
The ATAC meets every other month and is composed of citizens, subject matter experts, and stakeholders involved in matters related to active transportation.

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)

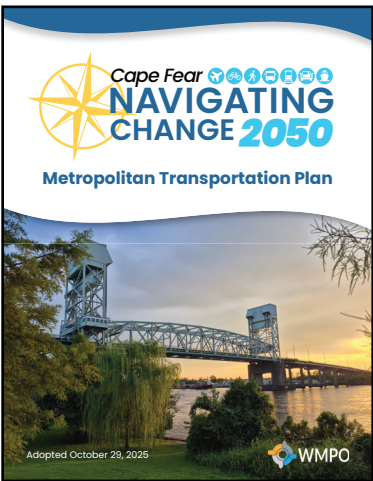
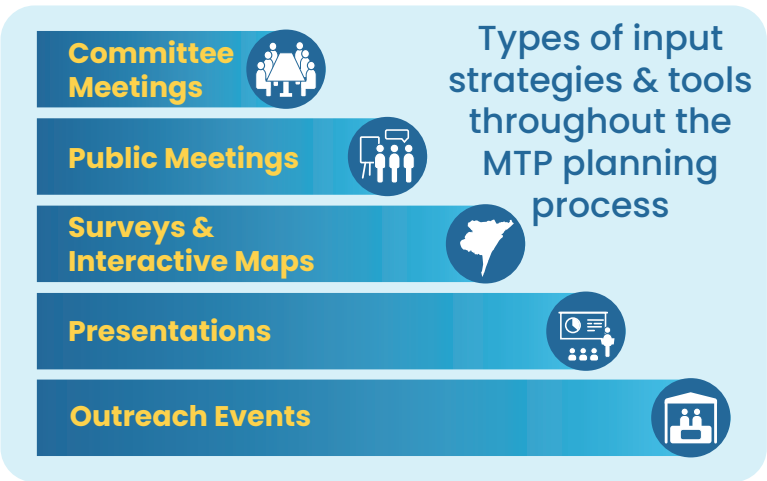
The MTP is fiscally constrained, developed for the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) and covers at least a 20-year planning horizon. The MTP encompasses transportation strategies to maintain the existing transportation infrastructure while meeting the future needs of all federally funded transportation 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/mtp/. 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

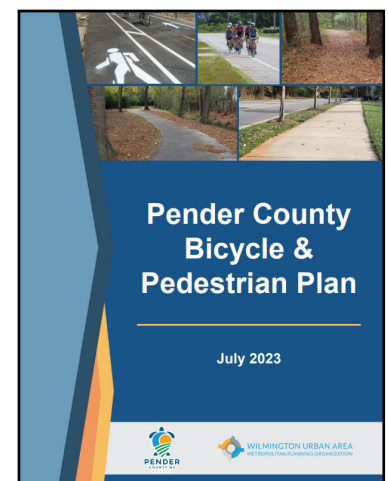
In addition to the Core Work Products, the WMPO also completes special studies and plans. Periodically, the WMPO conducts specialized planning studies focused on specific transportation modes, issues, corridors, or areas within the region. These studies are funded through the Unified Planning Work Program (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:

Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director/Title VI Coordinator

Phone: (910) 341-3258

Email: Mike.Kozlosky@wilmingtonnc.gov

Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

525 N. 4th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401



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



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

**FY 2027 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING SECTION 5303 GRANT
AGREEMENT FOR THE WILMINGTON URBANIZED AREA**

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026 by and between the City of Wilmington, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, a metropolitan planning organization and the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority d/b/a “Wave Transit”, a North Carolina public transportation authority.

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, by joint resolution the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County established the “Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority” (hereinafter referred to as “Wave”) to provide public transportation services within the area designated as the Wilmington Urbanized Area (hereinafter referred to as “UZA”), effective July 1, 2004, in recognition of the fact that some traffic and transportation concerns of each entity are the same without regard for any jurisdictional boundary; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to, and in compliance with, 23 C.F.R. § 450.306, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (hereinafter referred to as “MPO”) was designated as the policy body for cooperative transportation decision making in the UZA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington serves as the Lead Planning Agency for the MPO; and

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2025, the MPO, which includes the City of Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina Department of Transportation, and other urban area jurisdictions, adopted the “Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050” which affects the UZA; and

WHEREAS, Wave is the provider of public transportation services in the UZA; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2005, the Secretary of Transportation for the State of North Carolina, with authority vested by the Governor of the State of North Carolina, and in accordance with Title 49 of the United States Code § 5307(a)(2) and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, declared Wave to be a designated recipient of Federal Urbanized Area Formula Program funds for the UZA; and

WHEREAS, the MPO is the recipient of Federal Transit Administration 49 U.S.C. § 5303 transit planning funds for the UZA; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 5303, provides 80% of transportation planning funds for the UZA, the North Carolina Department of Transportation provides 10%, and the required 10% local match is shared by the members of the MPO in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative, Comprehensive, and Continuing Transportation Planning, dated June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, 23 C.F.R. § 450.314 requires an agreement between Wave and the MPO specifying cooperative procedures for carrying out transportation planning and programming.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutually beneficial covenants of agreement between the parties hereinafter expressed in enumerated terms, the adequacy and sufficiency of which of hereby acknowledged by each as valuable consideration the City of Wilmington on behalf of the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Wave agree as follows:

1. **Cooperation.** The MPO and Wave shall cooperate in long range planning for the provision of public transportation services in the UZA, including the Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program (hereinafter referred to as “MPO TIP”). Such cooperation includes, but is not limited to, estimating funds needed for the services recommended in the MPO TIP as adopted by the MPO. MPO TIP is in accordance with the State Transportation Improvement Program and is periodically amended as the State Transportation Improvement Program is updated.
2. **Planning.** Wave shall be afforded the opportunity for meaningful participation in the public transportation planning and decision-making process. The parties shall insure that projects in the public transportation service portion of the MPO TIP are included in the planning process.
3. **Tasks.** Wave agrees and covenants to dutifully and properly perform the program tasks assigned to them as evidenced by the line-item allocation shown on the MPO’s budget which is known as the Unified Planning Work Program.
4. **Funding.** The MPO will pay to Wave seventy percent (70%) of its allocation of 49 U.S.C. § 5303 planning funds for the term of this agreement. No funds paid under this Agreement shall be paid from the City of Wilmington’s funds, except those held for the MPO. No funds paid under this agreement shall exceed \$95,788 in FY27.
5. **Duration.** This Agreement shall commence on the date of its full execution by all parties and continue for one year or as long as Federal and State funding for public transportation planning are provided for the UZA if such funding is for less than one year.
6. **Termination.** This Agreement shall terminate as a result of the loss of Federal and/or

State funding for public transportation services for the UZA. Additionally, any party may terminate this Agreement upon written notice to the other party which specifies an effective date of termination. The effective date of said “Notice of Termination” shall be no earlier than thirty (30) days prior to the date the notice is sent.

7. **Governing Law.** All of the terms and conditions contained herein shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina without regard to any conflicts of law principles and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of federal or state courts within the State of North Carolina. In the event of a conflict between the various terms and conditions contained herein or between these terms and other applicable provisions, then the more particular shall prevail over the general and the more stringent or higher standard shall prevail over the less stringent or lower standard.
8. **Entire Agreement, Amendments.** This Agreement constitutes the entire contract between the parties, and no warranties, inducements, considerations, promises or other inferences shall be implied or impressed upon this agreement that are not set forth herein. This Agreement shall not be altered or amended except in writing signed by all Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the due execution in agreement by parties hereto as evidenced by the hereafter affixed signatures.

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CITY OF WILMINGTON

Bill Saffo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Penelope Spicer-Sidbury, City Clerk

[SEAL]

Approved as to form:

Meredith Everheart, City Attorney

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

I, _____, a Notary Public of _____ County,
North Carolina, certify that Penelope Spicer-Sidbury personally came before me this day and
acknowledged that she is City Clerk of the City of Wilmington, and that by authority duly given
and as the act of the Council, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its Mayor,
sealed with its corporate seal and attested by herself as its City Clerk.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

CERTIFICATION

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by The Local Government
Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

This ____ day of _____, 20____.

Martha Wayne, City Finance Officer

Project Account: 1TRMP27 -RSTR5303-CONTRACTL -OTHPROFSVC

Org: 21075195 Obj: 531060 Project: 1TRMP27 Amount: Not to Exceed \$95,788.00

Requisition Number: _____ Federal ID Number: 56-6000239

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METRO
PLANNING ORGANIZATION,
by and through its Board**

By: _____
Honorable Lynn Barbee, Chair

Attest: _____
Secretary Mike Kozlosky

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

I, _____, a Notary Public of _____ County, North Carolina, certify that Mike Kozlosky came before me this day and acknowledged that he is the Secretary of the **Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**, and that by authority duly given and as the act of the Organization, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its Chairman and attested by himself as its Secretary.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

(Seal)

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____.

**CAPE FEAR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY d/b/a/ Wave Transit**

By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Secretary

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

I, _____, a Notary Public of _____ County, North Carolina, certify that _____ personally came before me this day and acknowledged that s/he is the Secretary of the **Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority d/b/a Wave Transit**, and that by authority duly given and as the act of the Authority, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its Chairman, sealed with its seal and attested by herself as its Secretary.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the ____ day of _____, 2026.

(Seal)
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____.

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
THE CAPE FEAR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND CITY OF WILMINGTON
FOR THE WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO
PROVIDE FY27 SECTION 5303 FUNDING TO THE CAPE FEAR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES**

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, in accordance with 23 CFR § 450.306, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) was designated as the policy body for cooperative transportation decision making in the Wilmington Urbanized Area (UZA); and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County effective July 1, 2004, established the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (CFPTA) to provide public transportation services within the UZA; and

WHEREAS, the CFPTA is the provider of public transportation services within the UZA; and

WHEREAS, the WMPO is the recipient of Federal Transit Authority 49 CFR § 5303 transit planning funds for the UZA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington serves as the Lead Planning Agency for the WMPO; and

WHEREAS, 23 CFR § 4510.314 requires an agreement between the CFPTA and WMPO specifying cooperative procedures for carrying out transportation planning and programming.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby authorizes the Chairman to enter into an agreement with the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and City of Wilmington for the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization to provide FY27 Section 5303 funding in the amount of \$95,788 to the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority to complete public transportation planning activities within the MPO's Urbanized Area boundary.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on September 30, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE PORTS AUTHORITY'S
GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION'S FY2026 PROMOTING RESILIENT OPERATIONS FOR
TRANSFORMATIVE, EFFICIENT, AND COST-SAVING TRANSPORTATION (PROTECT)
COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM TO FUND THE CHASSIS YARD AND CONTAINER
GATE STORMWATER AND FLOODING MITIGATION PROJECT AT THE PORT OF
WILMINGTON**

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 North Carolina State Ports Authority owns and operates an ocean port terminal in Wilmington, North Carolina in New Hanover County and the operation of such a terminal is a tremendous catalyst for economic growth and development throughout North Carolina and the region; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Ports Authority's contributed more than \$16.2 billion in annual economic contribution to the state's economy constituted by goods moving through the port facilities and supported 88,200 full-time jobs at North Carolina businesses; and

WHEREAS, to service existing customers and accommodate growing volumes at the Port of Wilmington, infrastructure necessary to mitigate stormwater and flooding in the areas around the Chassis Yard and Container gate are required; and

WHEREAS, this investment will deliver a purpose-built stormwater and flooding solution to address not only resilience of the port, but also providing safe passage during an evacuation and reducing the risk of damage to evacuation routes as a result of future emergency events; and

WHEREAS, this investment will strengthen and enhance the resilience of port and road infrastructure that is subject to increased long-term future risks of a weather event or a natural disaster including coastal flooding and erosion to improve transportation and public safety; and

WHEREAS, this investment will improve access to coastal homes, businesses, communities, and other critical infrastructure, including access by first responders and other emergency personnel for the Riverlights community and others in the southern portion of New Hanover County; and

WHEREAS, this investment will improve the condition and safety of the surface transportation infrastructure by reducing current and future vulnerabilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Ports Authority is preparing a grant application for the United States Department of Transportation's FY2026 PROTECT grant program to fund the Chassis Yard and Container Gate Stormwater & Flooding Mitigation project at the Port of Wilmington.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby supports the Chassis Yard and Container Gate Stormwater & Flooding Mitigation project improvements at the Port of Wilmington.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on September 30, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary



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Unified Planning Work Program Fiscal Year 2027

Amendment # 3
September 30, 2026



Amendment # 2 Approved August 26, 2026
Amendment # 1 Approved July 29, 2026
Original UPWP Adopted March 25, 2026

FY 2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM for the WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Introduction

In compliance with Federal law and in the spirit of cooperation, the Wilmington Urban Area MPO (WMPO) conducts a “cooperative, comprehensive, and continuing” transportation planning process. This Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) outlines the tasks and associated funding sources dedicated to the Wilmington Urban Area MPO’s transportation planning process during Fiscal Year 2027 (FY 27). Depending on the specific funding source, tasks funded through the UPWP are eligible for reimbursement of 80-100% of their cost from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) through the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT).

The UPWP for the Wilmington Urban Area MPO identifies six separate funding sources for transportation planning. A brief description of these funding sources follows:

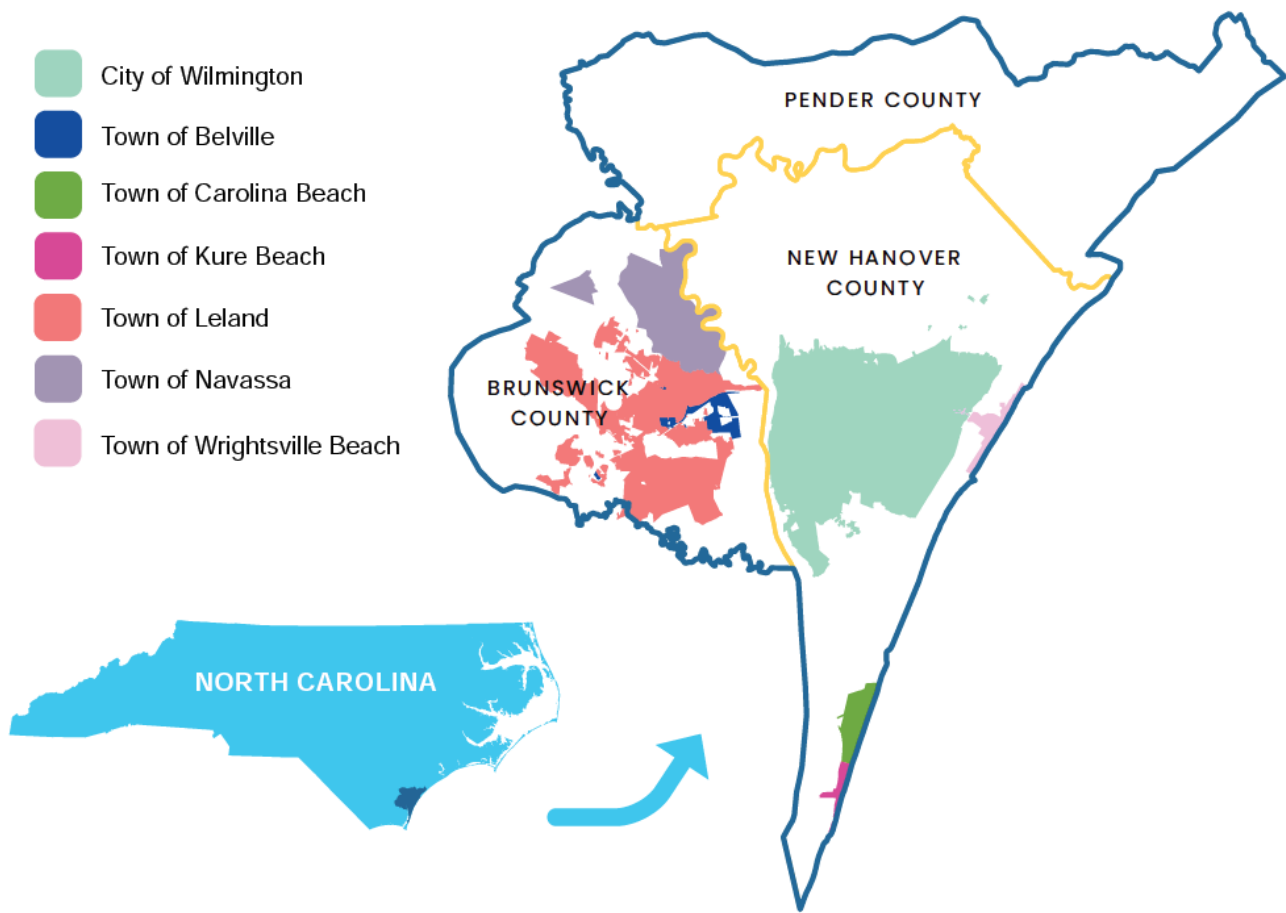
- **FHWA - Section 104(f) Funds (PL104)**
Funds dedicated to the urban area to perform transportation planning. PL104 funds require a 20% local match.
- **FHWA - Safe & Accessible Transportation Options Set Aside (SATO/Y410)**
These funds are dedicated to the urban area to perform transportation planning to increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities. SATO/Y410 funds are 100% reimbursable.
- **FHWA - Surface Transportation Block Grant - Direct Attributable Funds (STBG-DA)**
Funds dedicated to Transportation Management Areas and these funds can be used to perform transportation planning. STBG-DA funds require a 20% local match.
- **FHWA - Safe Streets for All (SS4A)**
These are discretionary grant funds to be used for the development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for the WMPO’s planning area. SS4A funds require a 20% local match. The WMPO’s FY 24 UPWP included a 20% local match (50% from the state, 50% member contributions) for a \$400,000 SS4A planning grant for the development of a regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. The WMPO applied during the FY 24 funding cycle and received notification of the award in December 2023. Plan development began in FY 25, continued into FY 26, and is projected to conclude in FY 27.
- **FTA - Section 5303 Funds**
These funds are used for transit planning in the urban area. The Federal Transit Administration provides 80% of these funds, NCDOT 10%, and there is a required 10% local match.

- **Local Member Non-Grant Contributions - Member Only Additional Funds**
Local only supplied funds for WMPO operating expenses and initiatives not eligible for grant funding.

The local match requirements will be shared by all members of the Wilmington Urban Area MPO as defined in the Wilmington Urban Area MPO's adopted Memorandum of Understanding.

WMPO Members and Planning Area Boundary

The WMPO's planning area is approximately 494-square miles and encompasses all of New Hanover County and portions of Brunswick and Pender Counties. These three counties and the seven municipalities below make up the 10 members of the WMPO.



Planning Section 104(f) – (PL104)

Narrative of Work Tasks to be Performed in FY 27

(Primary work to be performed by WMPO staff except where noted.)

II-A Data and Planning Support – Total: \$102,000

II-A-1 Networks and Support Systems: \$100,800

Traffic Volume Counts – Wilmington MPO staff collects and maintains an ongoing traffic count program. An annual summary of the planning area traffic counts will be prepared and uploaded to the WMPO website. Necessary costs to support this Program include, but are not limited to, staff time and effort, equipment purchases and leases, software purchases and leases, data collection and processing fees, consulting and/or contractual services related to the task, traffic counter vehicle lease, maintenance, fuel, and insurance costs, etc.

Bike & Pedestrian Facilities Inventory – Staff will facilitate inventory of significant municipal, state, and federal bicycle and pedestrian transportation facilities. This data will be used in the development of the WMPO's Core Products; including the Congestion Management Process (CMP) and the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

II-A-3 Transportation Modeling: \$1,200

Financial Planning – Develop realistic, best estimates of funding sources available and project cost estimates throughout the forecast years for the MTP. Ensure fiscal constraint in the MTP. Implementation of the Performance Measures from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

II-B Planning Process – Total: \$52,000

II-B-1 Target Planning: \$7,000

Congestion Management Strategies – Develop strategies to address and manage congestion by increasing transportation system supply, reducing demand by application of alternative mode solutions, and transportation system management strategies. Evaluate strategies developed for the CMP. This data will be used in the development of the WMPO's Core Products; including the CMP and the next MTP. Implementation of the Performance Measures from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Freight Movement / Mobility Planning – Identification of freight movement deficiencies, priorities, and proposed improvement solutions and strategies. This data will be used in the development of the WMPO's Core Products; including the CMP and the next MTP. Implementation of the Performance Measures from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Hazard Mitigation & Disaster Planning – Hazard mitigation planning reduces loss of life and property by minimizing the impact of disasters. After identifying these risks, develop long-term strategies for protecting people and property from similar events. Mitigation plans are key to breaking the cycle of damage and reconstruction.



Aerial view of the future passenger rail corridor in Historic Downtown Wilmington is just one example of regional planning within the WMPO's boundary.

II-B-2 Regional Planning: \$40,000

Airport/Air Travel Element of the of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Identify airport and air service deficiencies, priorities, and proposed airport and air service improvement solutions and strategies. Provide documentation of process and recommendations in the update of the MTP.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Element of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Identify bicycle and pedestrian deficiencies, priorities, and proposed bicycle and pedestrian improvement solutions and strategies. This data will be used in the development of the WMPO's Core Products; including the CMP and the next MTP. Implementation of the Performance Measures from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Collector Street Element of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Collector Street planning will be conducted as required to develop standards and preliminary locations for collector streets in advance of development. The objective of this planning activity is to ensure optimum traffic operations for the developing street system and transit accessibility to developing areas.

Community Goals & Objectives – Monitor public input as it pertains to goals and objectives set forth in the adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Implementation of the Performance Measures from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Highway Element of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Identification of highway deficiencies, priorities, and proposed highway improvement solutions and strategies. This data will be used in the development of the WMPO's Core Products; including the CMP and the next MTP. Implementation of the Performance Measures from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Rail, Water, or other mode of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Identify rail and waterway deficiencies, priorities, and proposed rail and waterway improvement solutions and strategies. This data will be used in the development of the WMPO's Core Products; including the CMP and the next MTP.

II-B-3 Special Studies: \$5,000

Special Studies: Staff Time - Resiliency Improvement Plan (RIP) – \$5,000

Staff time allocated to managing and coordinating with the NCDOT and contracted consultant(s) to develop the WMPO's Resiliency Improvement Plan (RIP). For a detailed description of the Resiliency Improvement Plan (RIP), please see the Special Study section in the STBG-DA funding narrative.

III-A Planning Work Program – Total: \$2,000

III-A-1 Planning Work Program: \$1,000

Staff will develop a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) with the guidance of the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and WMPO Board. Staff will present the UPWP for approval to the WMPO Board and submit it to the NCDOT Transportation Planning Division (TPD) and Integrated Mobility Division (IMD).

III-A-2 Metrics and Performance Measures: \$1,000

Facilitate updates to the UPWP, MTP, etc., to address performance tracking and reporting. This includes preparing quarterly reports, the annual report, requests for reimbursement, and establishing/developing/refinement/updating of performance measures/targets.

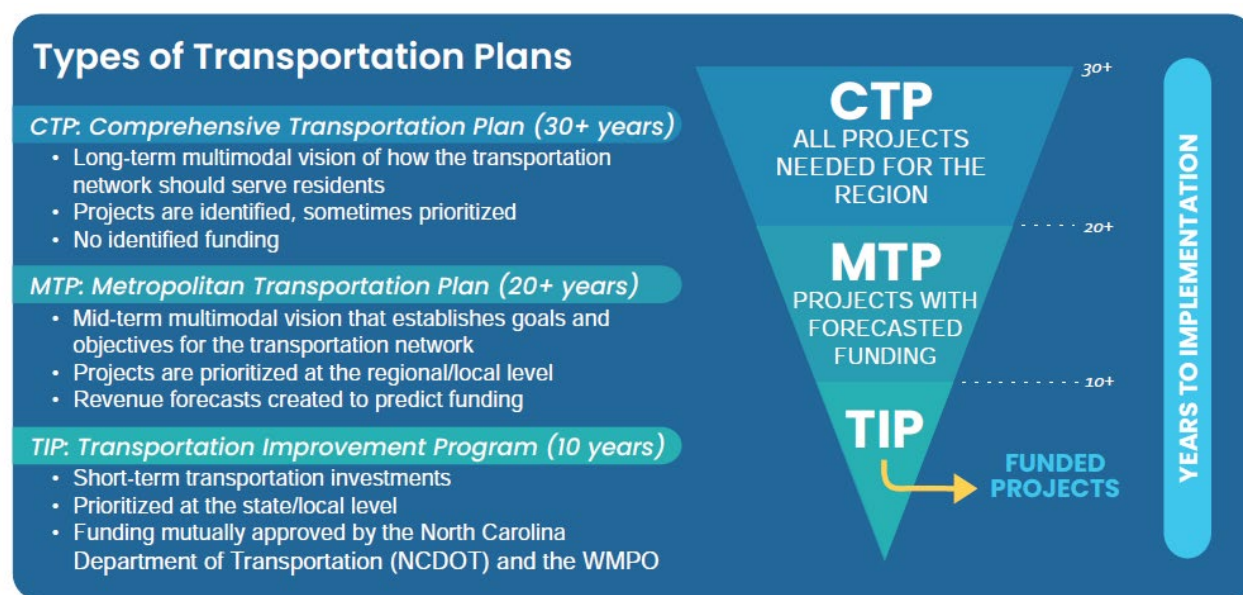
III-B Transportation Improvement Plan – Total: \$12,500

III-B-1 Prioritization: \$5,000

Maintain the SPOT list of STIP projects across all modes. Develop purpose and needs statements, as appropriate/needed. Work to update and improve local prioritization process for SPOT projects. Coordinate data, maps, and resolutions for STIP Project Recommendations as needed. Gather and enter data required for SPOT ranking of projects. Complete local input point assignment.

III-B-2 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): \$2,500

Work cooperatively with the NCDOT and other partner agencies to review and provide comments on the draft STIP, the final STIP, and then adopt the corresponding MPO TIP. This includes reviewing and refining TIP project schedules and descriptions in the Draft TIP and coordinating meaningful public involvement in the TIP process.



III-B-3 Merger/Project Development: \$5,000

General work associated with development of projects in the adopted STIP/MPO TIP. Review designs for TIP Projects and provide comments to appropriate agencies. Participate in the environmental study process for STIP/MPO TIP projects and provide an MPO representative on NEPA/404 Merger Teams. Monitor the public involvement process for STIP/MPO TIP projects and ensure adequate community input; assist with Planning Development Environmental Analysis (PDEA) as requested. Participation in project-specific workgroup meetings, as needed. Facilitate dialog between NCDOT and MPO-member communities. Participate in scoping meetings, public input, and merger meetings.

III-C Civil Rights Compliance & Other Regulatory Requirements – Total: \$8,500

III-C-6 Public Involvement: \$7,500

Extensive public participation effort will be carried out to solicit input and gauge public input for planning studies and projects within the Wilmington Urban Area MPO's planning area boundary.

III-C-7 Private Sector Participation: \$1,000

Activities to encourage private sector participation in planning and project activities.

III-D Statewide & Extra-Regional Planning – Total: \$5,000

III-D Statewide & Extra-Regional Planning: \$5,000

Environmental Analysis & Pre-TIP Planning – Conduct environmental analysis and planning for the development of transportation projects in the Wilmington Urban Area.

Regional or Statewide Planning – Coordination of urban area activities with statewide and regional initiatives.

III-E Management, Operations, & Program Admin – Total: \$319,500

III-E Management & Operations: \$300,211

Required ongoing administrative and operational tasks to support MPO committees and reporting requirements. Necessary costs to support Management & Operations include, but are not limited to, staff time and effort, equipment purchases and leases, maintenance service and use contracts for copiers, printers, AV equipment, and other office equipment, consulting and professional contractual services not listed under Special Studies, website hosting, compliance, and maintenance, direct costs of rent, maintenance, and utilities for the WMPO's office space, office and supply purchases, travel & training costs, software subscriptions and purchases, printing and advertising services, insurance coverages, vehicle lease, maintenance, and fuel costs, general operating costs, etc.

III-E Indirect Costs: \$19,289

Indirect Costs are costs to the Lead Planning Agency (LPA) that are not direct costs and are not related to a specific activity but are shared costs across multiple activities. These are costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than the one cost objective, and not readily assignable to the cost objective specifically benefitted, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved. The maximum de minimis indirect cost rate as of October 1, 2024, is 15%, however a lower de minimis cost rate may be applied. The negotiated indirect cost rate between the City of Wilmington (LPA) and WMPO for FY 27 is 4% of the Modified Total Direct Cost.

Safe & Accessible Transportation Options Set Aside (SATO/Y410)

Narrative of Work Tasks to be Performed in FY 27

(Primary work to be performed by WMPO staff except where noted.)

In 2022, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) added a new Metropolitan Planning set-aside for Increasing Safe & Accessible Transportation Options. The Act requires each MPO to use at least 2.5% of its PL funds on specified planning activities to increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities. [§ 11206(b)]. The 2.5% set aside is provided by a separate allocation of PL funds (federal program code Y410). The MPO's share of this amount is distributed using the same allocation formula.

This funding requires no local match and the full funding amount of \$8,300 is 100% reimbursable.

This task may include the following activities to increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities:

1. Adoption of Complete Streets standards or policies.
2. Development of a Complete Streets prioritization plan that identifies a specific list of Complete Streets projects to improve the safety, mobility, or accessibility of a street.
3. Development of transportation plans to:
 - a. Create a network of active transportation facilities, including sidewalks, bikeways, or pedestrian and bicycle trails, to connect neighborhoods with destinations such as workplaces, schools, residences, businesses, recreation areas, healthcare and childcare services, or other community activity centers.
 - b. Integrate active transportation facilities with public transportation service or improve access to public transportation.
 - c. Create multiuse active transportation infrastructure facilities (including bikeways or pedestrian and bicycle trails) that make connections within or between communities.
 - d. Increase public transportation ridership; and
 - e. Improve the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians.
4. Regional and megaregional planning (i.e., multi-jurisdictional transportation planning that extends beyond MPO and/or State boundaries) that address travel demand and capacity constraints through alternatives to new highway capacity, including through intercity passenger rail; and
5. Development of transportation plans and policies that support transit-oriented development.

II-B Planning Process – Total: \$7,980

Safe and Accessible Transportation Options – Y-410 Set Aside: \$7,980

Provide safe and accessible transportation options as outlined above.

III-E Management, Operations, & Program Admin – Total: \$320

III-E Indirect Costs: \$320

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Riders of all ages enjoy the annual River to Sea Bike Ride. This casual paced 20-mile, round-trip, ride follows the historic route of the Wilmington Beach Car Line from Downtown Wilmington to Wrightsville Beach and back.

Surface Transportation Block Grant – Direct Attributable (STBG-DA)
Narrative of Work Tasks and Special Studies to be Performed in FY 27
(Primary work to be performed by WMPO staff except where noted.)

II-A Data and Planning Support – Total: \$96,000

II-A-1 Networks and Support Systems: \$96,000

Mapping – Creation or maintenance of base maps, zone maps, land use, etc. for the study area. The MPO will create, maintain, and store mapping for the study area for each update of the study. The WMPO has a full-time GIS Analyst dedicated to this task. Necessary costs to support this task include, but are not limited to, staff time and effort, equipment purchases and leases, software purchases and leases, data collection and processing fees, consulting and/or contractual services related to the task, etc.

II-B Planning Process – Total: \$310,000

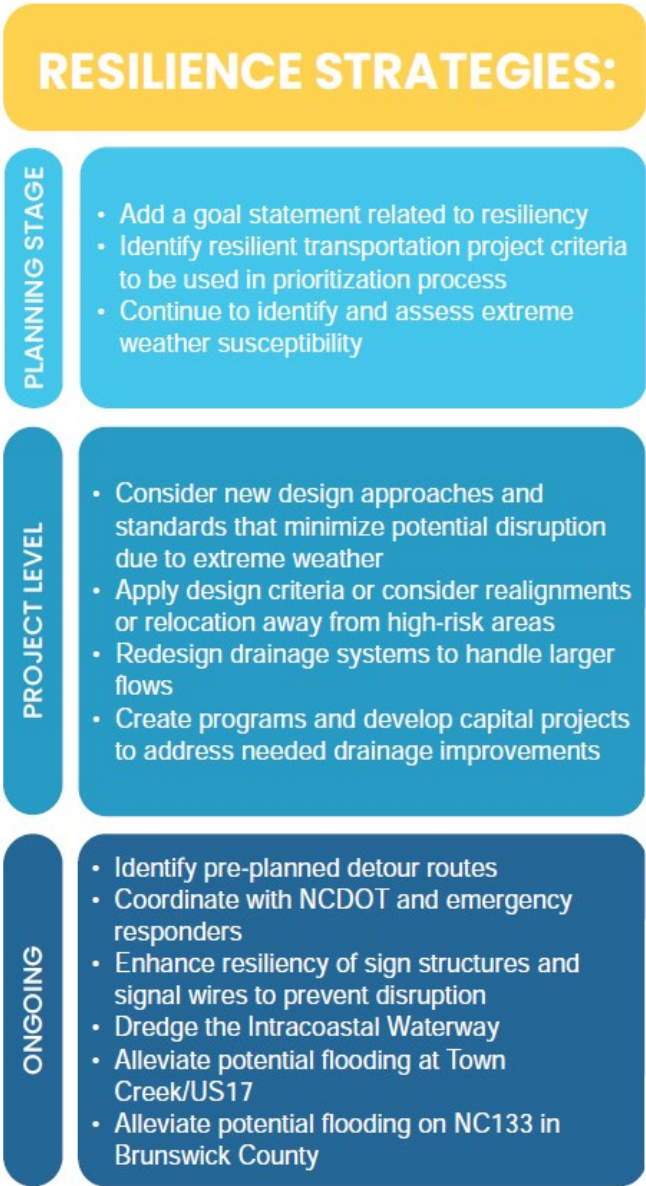
II-B-3 Special Studies: \$310,000

Special Studies: Staff Time - Safe Streets and Roads for All – \$5,000

Time utilized by Staff to manage the Safe Streets and Roads for All funded Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. An outside consultant is being utilized and contracted to perform the study. Kittleson & Associates has been selected to perform this task. For a comprehensive description of this study, please see the UPWP section titled: Narrative of Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Continued Funding for a Special Study.

Special Studies: Consultant – Resiliency Improvement Plan (RIP) – \$300,000

The 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) established the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant program to “fund projects that address the climate crisis by improving the resilience of the surface transportation system, including highways, public transportation, ports, and intercity passenger rail.” In 2023, the WMPO applied for a planning grant to develop a Resilience Improvement Plan for the WMPO planning area. The WMPO was unsuccessful in receiving a funding award and intended to apply for funding in subsequent years. Due to changes in federal priorities and the upcoming expiration of the current federal transportation authorization, IIJA, on September 30, 2026, there is uncertainty about whether and when future PROTECT grant cycles may be held.



Recognizing the criticality of a Resilience Improvement Plan for the region, the WMPO aims to develop a Resilience Improvement Plan that identifies both short-term and long-term planning activities and investments to enhance the resilience of the region’s surface transportation assets. The Wilmington region holds strategic importance for the state’s economy and the defense of the United States, both of which rely on accessibility via the surface transportation network to the Port of Wilmington. Wilmington and its neighboring towns and counties attract thousands of visitors annually for purposes spanning from tourism to education to business. In addition, the Wilmington region’s population continues to grow rapidly, as does the number of jobs and interest from businesses in relocating or expanding to the area. Natural hazard-related vulnerabilities in the surface transportation network within the region have the potential to impact the region’s critical transportation infrastructure and significantly

complicate recovery efforts and the region’s return to normal operations. The identification of these vulnerabilities and a plan for addressing them through project and policy implementation would ultimately provide benefits to, and extend well beyond, the southeastern region of North Carolina.

The planned activities for the development of the WMPO’s Resilience Improvement Plan include the identification of natural hazard related vulnerabilities in the surface transportation network through various scenario modeling; review and identification of infrastructure improvement projects, programs, and policies realistic for the WMPO region; and a list of prioritized short- and long-term infrastructure improvements to address these identified vulnerabilities and improve system resilience. All these activities will include significant stakeholder and public input, and the final plan will inform the future development of the WMPO’s other transportation planning requirements, including the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the MPO Transportation Improvement Program.

Special Studies: Consultant – Compensation Analysis – \$5,000

Anticipated contracted amount to hire a consultant to update a Compensation Analysis update.

An HR Consultant will compile a competitive market-based compensation analysis for the WMPO's current positions. This study will review the WMPO's existing job descriptions to understand each position's key responsibilities, requirements, levels within respective career progressions, and place within the organizational reporting and decision-making hierarchy.

The result will be a market analysis of current staff positions and compensation against similar organizations to ensure the WMPO is in line with our peers. In addition, the consultant will provide strategies that bolster internal equitable compensation and support the WMPO's ability to recruit and retain skilled employees necessary to meet the federal requirements and overall functions of the MPO.

III-E Management, Operations, & Program Admin – Total: \$ 1,461,200

II-B-3 Management & Operations: \$ 1,389,384

Required ongoing administrative and operational tasks to support MPO committees and reporting requirements. Necessary costs to support Management & Operations include, but are not limited to, staff time and effort, equipment purchases and leases, maintenance service and use contracts for copiers, printers, AV equipment, and other office equipment, consulting and professional contractual services not listed under Special Studies, website hosting, compliance, and maintenance, direct costs of rent, maintenance, and utilities for the WMPO's office space, office and supply purchases, travel & training costs, software subscriptions and purchases, printing and advertising services, insurance coverages, vehicle lease, maintenance, and fuel costs, general operating costs, etc.

III-E Indirect Costs: \$ 71,816

Indirect Costs are costs to the Lead Planning Agency (LPA) that are not direct costs and are not related to a specific activity but are shared costs across multiple activities. These are costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than the one cost objective, and not readily assignable to the cost objective specifically benefitted, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved. The maximum de minimis indirect cost rate as of October 1, 2024, is 15%, however a lower de minimis cost rate may be applied. The negotiated indirect cost rate between the City of Wilmington (LPA) and WMPO for FY 27 is 4% of the Modified Total Direct Cost.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

Narrative of Continued FY 24 Funding for a Special Study

(Primary work to be performed by a contracted consultant.)

The federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) established the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with \$5 billion to be dispersed over the life of the program. The grant program funds are to be awarded on a competitive basis to support planning, infrastructure, behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians; bicyclists; public transportation, personal conveyance, and micro-mobility users; motorists; and commercial vehicle operators.

The SS4A program provides funding for the completion of Comprehensive Safety Action Plans and Implementation. To access the implementation funding, a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan meeting the USDOT standards must first be completed. Applications are accepted annually. The cost to complete A Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for the WMPO's planning area is \$500,000. The grant provides federal funding in the amount of 80% and requires a 20% local match. The North Carolina Department of Transportation is not an eligible applicant but committed to provide \$50,000 in funding as a contribution towards the MPO's local match. The WMPO's members will provide the remaining \$50,000 local match. The match requirements from NCDOT and MPO members were committed in the FY 24 UPWP and the WMPO applied during the SS4A FY 24 funding cycle call for \$400,000 to develop a regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. The grant was awarded in December 2023; plan development began in FY 25 and is scheduled to conclude in FY 27.

Following adoption of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, this plan will provide an opportunity for our members with the ability to seek SS4A Implementation funding to improve and enhance safety in the communities served by the WMPO.

As of December 2025,, the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan is over 50% completed.

II-B Planning Process – Total: \$500,000

II-B-3 Special Studies: Consultant – SS4A: \$500,000

Special Studies: Consultant - Safe Streets and Roads for All – Kittleson & Associates will continue to prepare a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. This is scheduled for completion in September of 2026.

Tables of FTA Section 5303

(Primary work to be performed by WMPO staff and WAVE staff.)

MPO	Wilmington
FTA Code	44.21.00 - Program Support Administration
Task Code	II-A-1
Title	Networks and Support Systems
5303 Task Objective	Collect and analyze data for route planning and submission to NTD
Tangible Product Expected	Transit System Data - Accurate data from multiple data collection devices onboard Wave Transit vehicles and other sources to ensure compliance with National Transit Database requirements
Expected Completion Date of Products	June 2027 1 Year Contract
Previous Work	Collection of data and submission to NTD
Relationship	This is a collaborative effort of the Wilmington MPO and the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (CFPTA) aka Wave Transit
Responsible Agency	CFPTA (WAVE)
SPR - Highway - NCDOT 20%	
SPR - Highway - F11WA 80%	
Section 104 (f) PL, Local 20%	
Section 104 (f) PL, FHWA 80%	
Section 5303 Local 10%	2,970
Section 5303 NCDOT 10%	2,970
Section 5303 FTA 80%	23,760
Section 5307 Transit - Local 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - NCDOT 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - FTA 80%	
Additional Funds - Local 100%	

MPO	Wilmington
FTA Code	44.21.00 - Program Support Administration
Task Code	II-A-3
Title	Transportation Modeling
5303 Task Objective	Financial Planning - Plan capital and operating cost estimates to ensure fiscal compliance and maintain the adopted level of transit service
Tangible Product Expected	Financial Planning – Short range financial plans based on current federal and state legislation to ensure that transit services are provided in a consistent manner utilizing the most economical and efficient methods
Expected Completion Date of Products	June 2027 1 Year Contract
Previous Work	Financial planning of the public transportation program
Relationship	This is a collaborative effort of the Wilmington MPO and the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (CFPTA) aka Wave Transit
Responsible Agency	CFPTA (WAVE)
SPR - Highway - NCDOT 20%	
SPR - Highway - F11WA 80%	
Section 104 (f) PL, Local 20%	
Section 104 (f) PL, FHWA 80%	
Section 5303 Local 10%	850
Section 5303 NCDOT 10%	850
Section 5303 FTA 80%	6,800
Section 5307 Transit - Local 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - NCDOT 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - FTA 80%	
Additional Funds - Local 100%	

MPO	Wilmington
FTA Code	44.21.00 - Program Support Administration
Task Code	II-B-2
Title	Regional Planning
5303 Task Objective	Community Goals & Objectives – Interpret and communicate with members of the Authority and WMPO TCC and Board adopted planning documents defining community goals and objectives Transit Element of the LRTP – Provide input to CAC, TCC and BOARD regarding long range transit plans for the region
Tangible Product Expected	Community Goals & Objectives – Service offerings that are compliant with adopted plans that outlined the goals of the community for public transportation in the region Transit Element of the LRTP – Long range transit plans for the region.
Expected Completion Date of Products	June 2027 1 Year Contract
Previous Work	Communication of goals and objectives to decision makers and the public
Relationship	This is a collaborative effort of the Wilmington MPO and the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (CFPTA) aka Wave Transit
Responsible Agency	CFPTA (WAVE)
SPR - Highway - NCDOT 20%	
SPR - Highway - F11WA 80%	
Section 104 (f) PL, Local 20%	
Section 104 (f) PL, FHWA 80%	
Section 5303 Local 10%	530
Section 5303 NCDOT 10%	530
Section 5303 FTA 80%	4,240
Section 5307 Transit - Local 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - NCDOT 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - FTA 80%	
Additional Funds - Local 100%	
MPO	Wilmington

FTA Code	44.21.00 - Program Support Administration
Task Code	III-C-6
Title	Public Involvement
5303 Task Objective	Hear and analyze public comment from monthly meetings of the Authority, email comments, written comments and other comments outlined in the Authority Public Involvement Program. Work with public to update LCP, LRTP, SRTP and other planning documents.
Tangible Product Expected	Make recommendations to appropriate parties from comments made to the Authority by members of the community.
Expected Completion Date of Products	June 2027 1 Year Contract
Previous Work	Public comment
Relationship	This is a collaborative effort of the Wilmington MPO and the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (CFPTA) aka Wave Transit
Responsible Agency	CFPTA (WAVE)
SPR - Highway - NCDOT 20%	
SPR - Highway - F11WA 80%	
Section 104 (f) PL, Local 20%	
Section 104 (f) PL, FHWA 80%	
Section 5303 Local 10%	440
Section 5303 NCDOT 10%	440
Section 5303 FTA 80%	3,520
Section 5307 Transit - Local 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - NCDOT 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - FTA 80%	
Additional Funds - Local 100%	

MPO	Wilmington
FTA Code	44.21.00 - Program Support Administration
Task Code	III-E
Title	Management & Operations
5303 Task Objective	Management & Operations - MPO and CFPTA staff will conduct required administrative and operational tasks to support Wave Transit. Periodical reviews of administrative agreements and procedures. Staff will perform daily operations to disseminate planning information to the BOARD/TCC committee members, the public and/or other agencies. Required ongoing administrative and operational tasks to support MPO committees and reporting requirements. Necessary costs to support Management & Operations include, but are not limited to, staff time and effort, equipment purchases and leases, maintenance service and use contracts for copiers, printers, AV equipment, and other office equipment, consulting and professional contractual services not listed under Special Studies, website hosting, compliance, and maintenance, direct costs of rent, maintenance, and utilities for the WMPO's office space, office and supply purchases, travel & training costs, software subscriptions and purchases, printing and advertising services, insurance coverages, vehicle lease, maintenance, and fuel costs, general operating costs, etc.
Tangible Product Expected	Compliance with FTA and NCDOT requirements, well informed community and elected officials about the public transit program, and functional system that meets the needs of the community
Expected Completion Date of Products	June 2027 1 Year Contract
Previous Work	Collection of data and submission to NTD
Relationship	This is a collaborative effort of the Wilmington MPO and the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (CFPTA) aka Wave Transit
Responsible Agency	CFPTA (WAVE) & WMPO
Section 5303 Local 10%	8,537
Section 5303 NCDOT 10%	8,536
Section 5303 FTA 80%	68,289

MPO	Wilmington
FTA Code	44.21.00 - Program Support Administration
Task Code	III-E
Title	Management & Operations
5303 Task Objective	Indirect Costs – Indirect Costs are costs to the Lead Planning Agency that are not direct costs and are not related to a specific activity but are shared costs across multiple activities. These are costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than the one cost objective, and not readily assignable to the cost objective specifically benefitted, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved. The maximum de minimis indirect cost rate as of October 1, 2024, is 15%, however a lower de minimis cost rate may be applied. The negotiated indirect cost rate negotiated between the City of Wilmington (LPA) and WMPO for FY 27 is 4% of the Modified Total Direct Cost.
Tangible Product Expected	Indirect Costs –LPA's indirect costs associated with administering the 5303 Grant.
Expected Completion Date of Products	June 2027 1 Year Contract
Previous Work	
Relationship	Per MTDC rules, the indirect cost is can only be applied to \$50,000 of WAVE's \$95,788 passthrough funds. (50,000 Wave Funds + 41,053 WMPO funds) x 4% = \$3,579
Responsible Agency	City of Wilmington
SPR - Highway - NCDOT 20%	
SPR - Highway - F11WA 80%	
Section 104 (f) PL, Local 20%	
Section 104 (f) PL, FHWA 80%	
Section 5303 Local 10%	357
Section 5303 NCDOT 10%	358
Section 5303 FTA 80%	2,864
Section 5307 Transit - Local 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - NCDOT 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - FTA 80%	
Additional Funds - Local 100%	

Narrative of Additional Local Only Participation

(Primary work to be performed by WMPO staff except where noted.)

As part of the FY 27 UPWP, staff recommends our members contribute non-grant related funds for non-grant eligible related expenses.

III-E Management, Operations, & Program Admin - Total: \$131,000

Management & Operations – Administrative tasks and operational costs to support WMPO non-grant funded activities and initiatives.



WMPO staff promoting the WMPO's Go Coast Be A Looker initiative with printed bike suitability maps, stickers, bike lights, bells, and helmets at an event to promote bike safety for cyclists and drivers.

These funds allow us to maximize our public outreach efforts through the use of promotional items, prizes awarded for public participation in WMPO sponsored events, and the ability to provide light refreshments during public engagement events. In addition, the WMPO proposes to continue to contract with a lobbying firm to advance the WMPO Board's legislative priorities at the state and federal levels.

Neither promotional items, lobbying, nor refreshments, are allowable grant-funded expenses. These costs require the use of funding from the WMPO's local members that are not associated with any grant or grant match funds.

Reauthorization Contingency – the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, serves as the current federal surface transportation authorization legislation and is set to expire September 30, 2026. The next surface transportation reauthorization bill is currently being crafted and there are still many unknowns as to how the programs and funding contained within the current bill will change with this next reauthorization. To be flexible in these uncertain times, WMPO staff recommends funds in the amount of \$50,000 (local only funds) be programmed into the Unified Planning Work Program so that if programs change or additional funds become available to MPOs, funds are available within our budget to accommodate these changes.



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2026 - 2027 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment # 1
Indirect Cost Funding Reallocation and
July 29, 2026

On March 31, 2026, the City of Wilmington notified the WMPO that City Leadership met to discuss the indirect costs budgeted in the FY 27 UPWP. At that meeting, the City decided not to move forward with claiming indirect costs, making those funds available for use elsewhere in the UPWP.

Amendment # 1 reallocates the funds budgeted in each grant's Indirect Costs 4% of MTDC line to the Management & Operations line. Management & Operations costs include, but are not limited to, staff time and effort, equipment purchases and leases, maintenance service and use contracts for copiers, printers, AV equipment, and other office equipment, consulting and professional contractual services not listed under Special Studies, website hosting, compliance, and maintenance, direct costs of rent, maintenance, and utilities for the WMPO's office space, office and supply purchases, travel & training costs, software subscriptions and purchases, printing and advertising services, insurance coverages, vehicle lease, maintenance, and fuel costs, general operating costs, etc.

Amendment # 1 does not affect the grants' Federal, State and Local funding allocations, or overall total FY 27 UPWP budget. It simply reallocates existing funds to tasks where they can be better utilized.

PL104

44.27.00 III-E Indirect Costs 4% of MTDC

The City elected to waive all Indirect Costs; the line item decreased by \$19,289

Due to the City not seeking reimbursement of Indirect Costs, these funds were moved to the Management and Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

44.27.00 III-E Management & Operations

The City elected to waive all Indirect Costs; the line item increased by \$19,289

Due to the City not seeking reimbursement of Indirect Costs, these funds were moved to the Management and Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

PLY410 – Safe and Accessible Transportation Options (SATO)

44.27.00 III-E Indirect Costs 4% of MTDC

The City elected to waive all Indirect Costs; the line item decreased by \$320
Due to the City not seeking reimbursement of Indirect Costs, these funds were moved to the Management and Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

44.27.00 III-E Management & Operations

The City elected to waive all Indirect Costs; the line item increased by \$320
Due to the City not seeking reimbursement of Indirect Costs, these funds were moved to the Management and Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

STBG-DA

44.27.00 III-E Indirect Costs 4% of MTDC

The City elected to waive all Indirect Costs; the line item decreased by \$71,816
Due to the City not seeking reimbursement of Indirect Costs, these funds were moved to the Management and Operations line and Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Initiative lines where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

44.27.00 III-E Management & Operations

The City elected to waive all Indirect Costs; the line item increased by \$71,816
Due to the City not seeking reimbursement of Indirect Costs, a portion of these funds were moved to the Management and Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

5303

44.27.00 III-E Indirect Costs 4% of MTDC

The City elected to waive all Indirect Costs; the line item decreased by \$3,579
Due to the City not seeking reimbursement of Indirect Costs, these funds were moved to the Management and Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

44.27.00 III-E Management & Operations

The City elected to waive all Indirect Costs; the line item increased by \$3,579
Due to the City not seeking reimbursement of Indirect Costs, these funds were moved to the Management and Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

MPO	Wilmington
FTA Code	44.27.00 - Program Support Administration
Task Code	III-E
Title	Management & Operations
5303 Task Objective	Management & Operations - MPO and CFPTA staff will conduct required administrative and operational tasks to support Wave Transit. Periodical reviews of administrative agreements and procedures. Staff will perform daily operations to disseminate planning information to the BOARD/TCC committee members, the public and/or other agencies. Required ongoing administrative and operational tasks to support MPO committees and reporting requirements. Necessary costs to support Management & Operations include, but are not limited to, staff time and effort, equipment purchases and leases, maintenance service and use contracts for copiers, printers, AV equipment, and other office equipment, consulting and professional contractual services not listed under Special Studies, website hosting, compliance, and maintenance, direct costs of rent, maintenance, and utilities for the WMPO's office space, office and supply purchases, travel & training costs, software subscriptions and purchases, printing and advertising services, insurance coverages, vehicle lease, maintenance, and fuel costs, general operating costs, etc.
Tangible Product Expected	Compliance with FTA and NCDOT requirements, well informed community and elected officials about the public transit program, and functional system that meets the needs of the community
Expected Completion Date of Products	June 2027 1 Year Contract
Previous Work	Collection of data and submission to NTD
Relationship	This is a collaborative effort of the Wilmington MPO and the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (CFPTA) aka Wave Transit
Responsible Agency	CFPTA (WAVE) & WMPO
Section 5303 Local 10%	8,894
Section 5303 NCDOT 10%	8,894
Section 5303 FTA 80%	71,153

MPO	Wilmington
FTA Code	44.27.00 - Program Support Administration
Task Code	III-E
Title	Management & Operations
5303 Task Objective	Indirect Costs – Indirect Costs are costs to the Lead Planning Agency that are not direct costs and are not related to a specific activity but are shared costs across multiple activities. These are costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than the one cost objective, and not readily assignable to the cost objective specifically benefitted, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved. The maximum de minimis indirect cost rate as of October 1, 2024, is 15%, however a lower de minimis cost rate may be applied. The negotiated indirect cost rate negotiated between the City of Wilmington (LPA) and WMPO for FY 27 is 4% of the Modified Total Direct Cost.
Tangible Product Expected	Indirect Costs –LPA's indirect costs associated with administering the 5303 Grant.
Expected Completion Date of Products	June 2027 1 Year Contract
Previous Work	
Relationship	Per MTDC rules, the indirect cost is can only be applied to \$50,000 of WAVE's \$95,788 passthrough funds. $(50,000 \text{ Wave Funds} + 41,053 \text{ WMPO funds}) \times 4\% = \$3,503$
Responsible Agency	City of Wilmington
SPR - Highway - NCDOT 20%	
SPR - Highway - F11WA 80%	
Section 104 (f) PL, Local 20%	
Section 104 (f) PL, FHWA 80%	
Section 5303 Local 10%	0
Section 5303 NCDOT 10%	0
Section 5303 FTA 80%	0
Section 5307 Transit - Local 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - NCDOT 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - FTA 80%	
Additional Funds - Local 100%	



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2026 - 2027 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment # 2
August 26, 2026

STBG-DA Funding Reallocation

44.27.00 II-B-3 Special Studies: Consultant - Compensation Analysis

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item increased by \$4,000

Increase in expenditure based on additional scope needed for the consultant to perform the Compensation Analysis Special Study. These STBG-DA funds will be shifted from the Management & Operations task to offset the increase in that contract's amount.

44.27.00 III-E Management & Operations

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item decreased by \$4,000

Decrease in expenditure needed to reallocate STBG-DA funds to the Compensation Analysis Special Study task. This shift will offset the increase in that contract's amount without increasing the current total STBG-DA amount budgeted for FY 27.

5303 Agreement Amounts Correction

44.27.00 III-E Management & Operations

Based on the Agreement, the Federal share decreased by \$1

Decrease in Federal share based on the 5303 application software automatically rounding down the Federal share and rounding up the Local match. This slight adjustment allows the UPWP to match the FY27 5303 agreement.

44.27.00 III-E Management & Operations

Based on the Agreement, the Local Share increased by \$1

Increase in Local share based on the 5303 application software automatically rounding down the Federal share and rounding up the Local match. This slight adjustment allows the UPWP to match the FY27 5303 agreement.

MPO	Wilmington
FTA Code	44.27.00 - Program Support Administration
Task Code	III-E
Title	Management & Operations
5303 Task Objective	Management & Operations - MPO and CFPTA staff will conduct required administrative and operational tasks to support Wave Transit. Periodical reviews of administrative agreements and procedures. Staff will perform daily operations to disseminate planning information to the BOARD/TCC committee members, the public and/or other agencies. Required ongoing administrative and operational tasks to support MPO committees and reporting requirements. Necessary costs to support Management & Operations include, but are not limited to, staff time and effort, equipment purchases and leases, maintenance service and use contracts for copiers, printers, AV equipment, and other office equipment, consulting and professional contractual services not listed under Special Studies, website hosting, compliance, and maintenance, direct costs of rent, maintenance, and utilities for the WMPO's office space, office and supply purchases, travel & training costs, software subscriptions and purchases, printing and advertising services, insurance coverages, vehicle lease, maintenance, and fuel costs, general operating costs, etc.
Tangible Product Expected	Compliance with FTA and NCDOT requirements, well informed community and elected officials about the public transit program, and functional system that meets the needs of the community
Expected Completion Date of Products	June 2027 1 Year Contract
Previous Work	Collection of data and submission to NTD
Relationship	This is a collaborative effort of the Wilmington MPO and the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (CFPTA) aka Wave Transit
Responsible Agency	CFPTA (WAVE) & WMPO
Section 5303 Local 10%	8,895
Section 5303 NCDOT 10%	8,894
Section 5303 FTA 80%	71,152



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2025 - 2026 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment # 3
Advanced Air Mobility Initiative Funding
September 30, 2025

For FY 27, funding opportunities to conduct Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) planning initiatives across the state have been made available through the NC DOT. At the June 24th meeting, the Board supported the WMPO partnering with the NCDOT Division of Aviation on the Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Planning Program. The purpose of this study is to develop recommendations for decreasing vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), reducing congestion, fostering safety through better emergency services response, and improving public transportation and freight operations, including last mile delivery. AAM offers an innovative opportunity to improve these metrics, particularly in growing urban environments like the WMPO's planning area. The resulting recommendations will be implemented as updates into the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Congestion Management Plan (CMP). These documents shape the MPO's efforts to reduce VMT and congestion, improve freight operations, and increase safety throughout the WMPO's region while also providing performance measures to gauge the progress toward the goals set forth.

The NCDOT's cost is \$250,000. The MPO's participation cost is 10%, \$25,000. An additional \$5,000 is budgeted for staff time to participate in the initiative, for a combined total MPO cost of \$30,000. This will be funded with 80% STBG-DA funds in the amount of \$24,000 and a required 20% local match of \$6,000. These funds are currently available in the Management & Operations line; thus, the MPO's AAM participation will not increase the overall budget.

44.27.00 II-B-3 Special Studies: Staff Time – AAM Initiative

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item increased by \$5,000

Increase in expenditure based on estimated staff time needed to participate in public outreach efforts for the AAM initiative.

44.27.00 II-B-3 Special Studies: NC DOT Consultant – AAM Initiative

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item increased by \$25,000

Increase in expenditure based on NCDOT's required AAM participation cost.

44.27.00 III-E Management Operations

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item decreased by \$30,000

Decrease in expenditure to move existing funds to the above tasks to allow the WMPO to participate in the NCDOT's Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Planning Program .

WMPO 2026 - 2027 UPWP Administrative Table - Amendment # 3

WMPO FY27 Task and Cost Allocations			FHWA/TPD Planning - PL104(f)			FHWA/TPD Planning - PL-Y410	FHWA/TPD Planning - STBG-DA			FHWA - Safe Streets & Roads 4 All				FTA/IMD - 5303 - Planning				Additional	FY27 PROGRAM TOTALS			
FTA CODE	TASK CODE	TASK DESCRIPTION	WBS #: 52191.1.18			WBS #: 50902.1.4	WBS #: 44094.1.8			State WBS # 51360 / Federal Award # 693JJ32540101				WBS #: 36230.27.26.6			Funds					
			Local	Federal	Total	Federal Total	Local	Federal	Total	Local	State	Federal	Total	Local	State	Federal	Total	Local (100%)	Local Totals	State Totals	Federal Totals	Grand Totals
	II-A	Data and Planning Support	20,400	81,600	102,000	-	19,200	76,800	96,000	-	-	-	-	3,820	3,820	30,560	38,200	-	43,420	3,820	188,960	236,200
44.24.00	II-A-1	Networks and Support Systems	20,160	80,640	100,800	-	19,200	76,800	96,000	-	-	-	-	2,970	2,970	23,760	29,700	-	42,330	2,970	181,200	226,500
44.23.01	II-A-2	Travelers and Behavior	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44.23.02	II-A-3	Transportation Modeling	240	960	1,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	850	850	6,800	8,500	-	1,090	850	7,760	9,700
44.23.02	II-B	Planning Process	10,400	41,600	52,000	7,980	68,800	275,200	344,000	-	-	-	-	530	530	4,240	5,300	-	79,730	530	329,020	409,280
44.23.02	II-B-1	Target Planning	1,400	5,600	7,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,400	-	5,600	7,000
44.23.01	II-B-2	Regional Planning	8,000	32,000	40,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	530	530	4,240	5,300	-	8,530	530	36,240	45,300
	Y-410 SATO	Safe and Accessible Transportation Options - Y-410 Set Aside	-	-	-	7,980	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,980	7,980
44.27.00	II-B-3	Special Studies: Total	1,000	4,000	5,000	-	68,800	275,200	344,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69,800	-	279,200	349,000
44.27.00	II-B-3	Special Studies: Staff Time - Resiliency Improvement Plan (RIP)	1,000	4,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	4,000	5,000
44.27.00	II-B-3	Special Studies: Staff Time - Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A)	-	-	-	-	1,000	4,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	4,000	5,000
44.27.00	II-B-3	Special Studies: Staff Time - Advanced Air Mobility Initiative	-	-	-	-	1,000	4,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	4,000	5,000
44.27.00	II-B-3	Special Studies: Consultant - Resiliency Improvement Plan (RIP)	-	-	-	-	60,000	240,000	300,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60,000	-	240,000	300,000
44.27.00	II-B-3	Special Studies: Consultant - Compensation Analysis	-	-	-	-	1,800	7,200	9,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,800	-	7,200	9,000
44.27.00	II-B-3	Special Studies: NC DOT - Advanced Air Mobility Initiative	-	-	-	-	5,000	20,000	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	20,000	25,000
	III-A	Planning Work Program	400	1,600	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400	-	1,600	2,000
44.21.00	III-A-1	Planning Work Program	200	800	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	-	800	1,000
44.24.00	III-A-2	Metrics and Performance Measures	200	800	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	-	800	1,000
44.25.00	III-B	Transp. Improvement Plan	2,500	10,000	12,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500	-	10,000	12,500
44.25.00	III-B-1	Prioritization	1,000	4,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	4,000	5,000
44.25.00	III-B-2	Metropolitan TIP	500	2,000	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	-	2,000	2,500
44.25.00	III-B-3	Merger/Project Development	1,000	4,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	4,000	5,000
44.27.00	III-C	Cvt Rgts. Cmp./Otr .Reg. Reqs.	1,700	6,800	8,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	440	440	3,520	4,400	-	2,140	440	10,320	12,900
44.27.00	III-C-1	Title VI Compliance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44.27.00	III-C-2	Environmental Justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44.27.00	III-C-3	Minority Business Enterprise Planning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44.27.00	III-C-4	Planning for the Elderly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44.27.00	III-C-5	Safety/Drug Control Planning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44.27.00	III-C-6	Public Involvement	1,500	6,000	7,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	440	440	3,520	4,400	-	1,940	440	9,520	11,900
44.27.00	III-C-7	Private Sector Participation	200	800	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	-	800	1,000
44.27.00	III-D	Statewide & Extra-Regional Planning	1,000	4,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	4,000	5,000
44.27.00	III-D	Statewide & Extra-Regional Planning	1,000	4,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	4,000	5,000
44.27.00	III-E	Management Ops, Program Support Admin	63,900	255,600	319,500	320	285,440	1,141,760	1,427,200	-	-	-	-	8,895	8,894	71,152	88,941	131,000	489,235	8,894	1,468,832	1,966,961
44.27.00	III-E	Management Operations	63,900	255,600	319,500	320	285,440	1,141,760	1,427,200	-	-	-	-	8,895	8,894	71,152	88,941	131,000	489,235	8,894	1,468,832	1,966,961
44.27.00	III-E	Indirect Costs 4% of MTDC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FY27 TOTALS:			100,300	401,200	501,500	8,300	373,440	1,493,760	1,867,200	-	-	-	-	13,685	13,684	109,472	136,841	131,000	618,425	13,684	2,012,732	2,644,841
			Local	Federal	Total	Total / Federal	Local	Federal	Total	Local	Federal	Federal	Total	Local	State	Federal	Total	Local	Local	State	Federal	Grand Total
			PL 104(f)			PL Y410 SATO	STBG-DA			Safe Streets for All				5303 - Normal Planning				Additional	Totals			

WMPO FY24 Task and Cost Allocations - Carry Forward			FHWA/TPD Planning - PL104(f)			FHWA/TPD Planning - PL-Y410	FHWA/TPD Planning - STBG-DA			FHWA - Safe Streets 4 All				FTA/IMD - 5303 - Normal Planning				Additional	FY24 CARRY FORWARD TOTALS			
			N/A - Does Not Carry Forward			N/A - Does Not Carry Forward	WBS #: 44094.1.5			State WBS # 51360 / Federal Award # 693JJ32540101				N/A - Does Not Carry Forward				Funds				
FTA CODE	TASK CODE	TASK DESCRIPTION	Local 20%	Federal 80%	Total 100%	Total 100%	Local 20%	Federal 80%	Total 100%	Local 10%	State 10%	Federal 80%	Total 100%	Local 10%	State 10%	Federal 80%	Total 100%	Local (100%)	Local Totals	State Totals	Federal Totals	Grand Totals
	II-B	Planning Process	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000	400,000	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000	400,000	500,000
44.27.00	II-B-3	Special Studies: Consultant - Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000	400,000	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000	400,000	500,000
FY 24 CONTINUANCE TOTALS:			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000	400,000	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000	400,000	500,000
			Local	Federal	Total	Total	Local	Federal	Total	Local	Federal	Federal	Total	Local	State	Federal	Total	Local	Local	State	Federal	Grand Total
			PL 104(f)			PL Y410 SATO			STBG-DA			Safe Streets for All				5303 - Normal Planning				Additional	Totals	

Combined Total of FY27 and FY24 Continuance	PL 104(f)			PL Y410 SATO	STBG-DA			Safe Streets for All				5303 - Normal Planning				Additional	FY27 & FY24 Combined Total			
	Local	Federal	Total	Total / 100% Federal	Local	Federal	Total	Local	Federal	Federal	Total	Local	State	Federal	Total	Local	Local	State	Federal	Grand Total
TOTALS:	100,300	401,200	501,500	8,300	373,440	1,493,760	1,867,200	50,000	50,000	400,000	500,000	13,685	13,684	109,472	136,841	131,000	668,425	63,684	2,412,732	3,144,841

Anticipated DBE Contracting Opportunities for FY 2027

Name of MPO: Wilmington Urban Area MPO

Person Completing Form: Mike Kozlosky

Telephone Number: 910-342-2781

Task Code	Prospectus Description	Name of Agency Contracting Out	Type of Contracting Opportunity (Consultant, etc.)	Federal Funds to be Contracted Out	Total Funds to be Contracted Out
II-B-3	FY 27: New Special Studies: Resiliency Improvement Plan (RIP)	City of Wilmington	Consultant	\$240,000	\$300,000
II-B-3	FY 27: New Special Studies: Consultant Compensation Analysis	City of Wilmington	Consultant	\$7,200	\$9,000
II-B-3	FY 27: New Special Studies: NC DOT AAM Planning Program.	NC DOT Division of Aviation	Consultant	20,000	25,000
II-B-3	FY 24: Continuance Special Studies: Consultant Safe Streets & Roads for All	City of Wilmington	Consultant	\$400,000	\$500,000

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FY 2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK
PROGRAM FOR THE WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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, a comprehensive and continuing transportation planning program must be carried out cooperatively in order to ensure that funds for transportation projects are effectively allocated to the Wilmington Urban Area; and

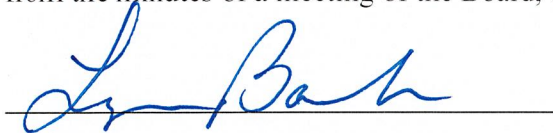
WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington serves as the Lead Planning Agency (LPA) for the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and has been designated as the recipient of Metropolitan Planning Program funding; and

WHEREAS, members of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Board agree that the Planning Work Program will effectively advance transportation planning for State Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby adopts the FY 2026-2027 Planning Work Program for the Wilmington Urban Area.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on March 25, 2026.

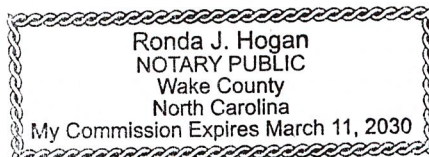
I, LYNN BARBEE, Chair of the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Board, duly held on this the 25th day of March 2026.



Lynn Barbee, Chair

*****Subscribed and sworn to me this 25 day of MARCH, 2026.

Notary Public Ronda J. Hogan My commission expires 03-11-2030



**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT # 1 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2027
UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

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 Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Unified Planning Work Program documenting the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning program in the Wilmington Urban Area was adopted by the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on March 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the need for amendments to the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program has been evaluated and justified in order to effectively advance transportation planning for FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization can amend the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program to cover any anticipated expenditures for the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization proposes amendments to the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program to reflect current and anticipated expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves Amendment # 1 to the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on July 29, 2026



Lynn Barbee, Chair



Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT # 2 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2027
UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

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 Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Unified Planning Work Program documenting the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning program in the Wilmington Urban Area was adopted by the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on March 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approved Amendment # 1 on July 29, 2026; and

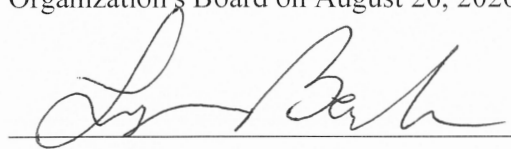
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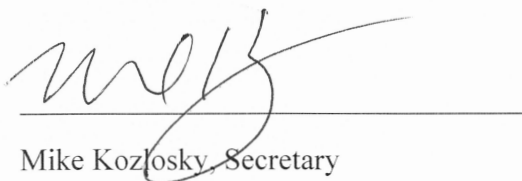
WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization proposes amendments to the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program to reflect current and anticipated expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves Amendment # 2 to the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on August 26, 2026.



Lynn Barbee, Chair



Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT # 3 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2027
UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

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 Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Unified Planning Work Program documenting the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning program in the Wilmington Urban Area was adopted by the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on March 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approved Amendment # 1 on July 29, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approved Amendment # 2 on August 26, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the need for amendments to the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program has been evaluated and justified in order to effectively advance transportation planning for FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization can amend the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program to cover any anticipated expenditures for the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization proposes amendments to the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program to reflect current and anticipated expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves Amendment # 3 to the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on September 30, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION’S SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL SAFETY
ACTION 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, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is committed to improving roadway safety for all roadway users; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization applied for and was awarded funding through the United States Department of Transportation’s Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program in federal fiscal year 2023 to develop a comprehensive safety action plan for the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization completed the *WMPO Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan* in accordance with the SS4A grant program’s federal requirements and in alignment with the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s long-range vision; and

WHEREAS, the *WMPO Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan* development was guided by the SS4A Steering Committee in coordination with the MPO Board, Technical Coordinating Committee, local elected and appointed officials, local municipal and county staff, community stakeholders, subject matter experts, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, public comments were solicited at regular intervals during the planning process, including a 30-day public comment period to review the final plan; and

WHEREAS, the final draft plan was presented to the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Board on August 26, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby adopts the *WMPO Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan*.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Board on September 30, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

REVISIONS TO THE 2026-2035 STIP/MPO TIP
HIGHWAY PROGRAM
Administrative Modification #26-10

WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
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STIP MODIFICATIONS

BL-0181 NEW HANOVER PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	NC 132 (SOUTH COLLEGE ROAD); 17TH STREET TO SR 1521 (PINER ROAD / CAROLINA BEACH ROAD). CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH. <u>TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR PLANNING AND</u> <u>DESIGN, DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 26 TO FY 27.</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2027 - FY 2027 -	\$2,629,000 \$699,000 \$3,328,000	(BGDA) (L(M))
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MEMORANDUM

TO: WMPO Board members

FROM: Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director

DATE: September 22, 2026

SUBJECT: WMPO Board Subcommittees

The WMPO Board's adopted Bylaws includes "Section II- Board Sub-Committees: The Board may create Subcommittees to assist with forwarding the mission and goals of the Wilmington MPO. These Subcommittees shall be created by a formal vote of the Board."

The WMPO currently has four established Board Subcommittees. These Subcommittees include Evaluation and Compensation; Boundary, Governance, and Structure; Cape Fear Memorial Bridge Aesthetics; and Alternative Funding. Below, please find a description of each subcommittee and the members as of December 2025.

Evaluation and Compensation Subcommittee: *This committee was established to review and provide a recommendation on the performance and compensation for the WMPO's Executive Director.*

Members:
Dane Scalise, Frank Williams, Luke Waddell, and Hank Miller

Boundary, Governance, and Structure Subcommittee- *This committee was established to periodically review and provide recommendations on the governance and structure of the WMPO as well as any potential MPO planning area boundary adjustments.*

Members:
Frank Williams, Dane Scalise, Lynn Barbee, Luke Waddell, and Brad George

Cape Fear Memorial Bridge Aesthetics Subcommittee- *This committee was established to provide recommendations on any potential aesthetic enhancements and cost share arrangements as part of the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge Replacement project. (This committee has never met because NCDOT was going to establish a group to include the WMPO subcommittee members and other members in the community to discuss aesthetic treatments.)*

Members:

Dane Scalise, Brenda Bozeman, Luke Waddell, Frank Williams, and Landon Zimmer

Alternative Funding Subcommittee- *This committee was established to review the alternative funding and financing strategies identified in Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050. In September 2025, the committee recommended to the WMPO Board further exploration of a local option sales tax.*

Members:

Brad George, Frank Williams (with Mike Forte as alternate), Landon Zimmer, Dane Scalise, Luke Waddell, and Hank Miller (as ex-officio)

Some of these subcommittees address on-going initiatives and continue to serve a purpose beyond a specific topic or focus area. Others may need to be modified or dissolved. In addition, significant Board turnover has occurred over the past year resulting in several members who previously served on these subcommittees no longer serving on the WMPO Board.

WMPO staff sought guidance from the WMPO Board at your August meeting regarding which subcommittees the Board desired to retain, modify, and/or dissolve. Based on the discussion at this meeting, it was requested that Board members review the committees, and if there is a committee that a member feels strongly should continue and are willing to serve as chair, to come back at the next meeting and present why the Board needs to retain the committee. At a minimum, WMPO staff recommends the Board retain the Evaluation and Compensation Subcommittee and Boundary, Governance, and Structure Subcommittee. For subcommittees that are to continue, the WMPO will seek Board member appointments to these committees.



WMPO Planning and Project Updates September 2026

Long-Range Planning Activities:

SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL SAFETY ACTION PLAN

Project Description/Scope: The WMPO has continued work on its Safety Action Plan with the help of consultants Kittelson and Associates. 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 is up for adoption consideration at the September TCC and Board meetings.
- Following adoption, WMPO will work with the consultant team, Kittelson and Associates, on project close-out and obtaining hard copies of the plan.
- WMPO staff will work to develop a formal performance reporting process to be updated on an annual basis.

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.
- Formal planning activities are anticipated to begin in Fall 2026.

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 WMPO was awarded 60 children's bicycle helmets through NCDOT's Bicycle Helmet Initiative in Spring 2026. The helmets have all been distributed at WMPO outreach events in conjunction with safety education through the Be A Looker campaign.
- WMPO staff are developing a carpool and vanpool toolkit that will provide information on shared commuting options, guidance for establishing a carpool or vanpool, and safety considerations for participants. This initiative supports Safe Objective 2.1 and Connected Objective 1.1 of the Go Coast Short-Range TDM Plan. Once completed, staff will promote the toolkit to area employers and make it available to commuters interested in shared transportation options.
- Planning and outreach efforts are underway for the 2026 Go Coast Commuter Challenge, which will be held October 5–18, 2026. The 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. Individuals and teams are encouraged to participate, explore different transportation options, and earn a chance to win prizes from local businesses. More information, including tracking forms and a marketing toolkit, can be found on the [Go Coast website](#).

Outreach and Engagement Activities:

AUGUST OUTREACH EVENTS

- **Trinity United Methodist Church Back to School Bash**
 - WMPO staff participated in Trinity United Methodist Church's Back to School Bash at New Hanover High School on August 15, 2026. Staff engaged with more than 200 community members and distributed more than 35 children's helmets and transportation safety materials.

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH EVENTS:

- **Special Pedals & WMPO Tune Up and Tunes**
 - The WMPO is partnering with Special Pedals to host Tune Up & Tunes on September 27 from 12–2 p.m. The free community event will take place at the Special Pedals shop, located at 320 Red Cross Street, and will offer bicycle maintenance support, music, and snacks available to purchase.

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

35 total plan reviews (29 formal; 6 informal; 0 concept)

- City of Wilmington Formal Reviews: 9
- City of Wilmington Informal Reviews: 3
- City of Wilmington Concept Reviews: 0
- City of Wilmington Full Releases: 6
- Town of Leland Formal Reviews: 11
- Town of Leland Informal Reviews: 0
- New Hanover County Formal Reviews: 3
- New Hanover County Informal Reviews: 2
- New Hanover County Sketch Plan Reviews: 0
- Pender County Formal Reviews: 6
- Pender County Informal Reviews: 1
- Town of Belville Reviews: 0
- 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

21 total active (1 new; 18 under review, 2 approved)

- New Hanover County 3 (0 new, 3 under review, 0 approved).
- City of Wilmington 5 (1 new, 4 under review, 0 approved).
- Carolina Beach 0
- Town of Belville 0
- Town of Leland 3 (0 new, 2 under review, 1 approved) Leland Royal Farms – approved.
- Town of Navassa 0
- Pender County 8 (0 new, 8 under review, 0 approved).
- Brunswick County 2 (0 new, 1 under review, 1 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:

- Market Street:
 - Began construction on September 22, 2025
 - Held final walk-through with NCDOT, design engineer, and contractor for Market St section; final punch list items are being addressed
- Middle Sound Loop Road:
 - Box elevations were adjusted with paving anticipated late September 2026
 - Change orders were submitted for adjustments to winged headwall, expressway gutter system, and drainage grates
- Change order submitted 8/26/2026 requesting remaining construction funds for project

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 WMPO Board approved the City of Wilmington's request and awarded an additional \$431,200 in federal funding to complete the design for Phase 1 on March 26, 2025. The supplemental agreement for the awarded funds was executed on July 23, 2025.
- Scope change request to utilize remaining originally awarded funds and bring design to 60% plans approved by NCDOT on July 22, 2025.
- 25% plans were submitted for review by the City on October 17, 2025, and comments were returned on November 14.
- WSP Supplemental Scope 3 (60%-100% design) executed by City and WSP on February 20, 2026.
- 60% plans were submitted on April 3, 2026, and distributed to the City review team. A 60% review meeting led by WSP with City departments, CFCC, and Friends of the Wilmington Rail Trail partners was held on May 11, 2026. Following the review meeting, all comments were provided to WSP. NCDOT Rail Division comments submitted to WSP on May 22, 2026.
- Monthly coordination meeting with NCDOT Rail Division held June 2, 2026, to discuss 60% plan submittal and the trail cross-section along NCDOT's recently acquired right-of-way.

- 90% plans have been submitted by WSP and have been distributed to the City review team. Once the City has reviewed the plans, a meeting will be held with WSP to go over comments.

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:

- Project kick-off meeting held in March 2023
- Contract approved by Kure Beach Town Council in June 2023
- 100% final design and signal plans are complete; currently under review by NCDOT
- ROW funding authorization in progress with NCDOT
- Continuing 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 Agreement executed August 24, 2023, and PE funds authorized September 14, 2023
- Exult Engineering contract fully executed August 19, 2024
- Categorical Exclusion (CE) Environmental Documents approved January 6, 2025
- ROW funding authorized on June 10, 2025
- Environmental consultation form approved January 27, 2026.
- ROW Certification signed on August 18, 2026
- Updated final design (100%) plans, specifications, and estimate approved August 24, 2026
- Request for Construction Funding submitted August 25, 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:

- ROW acquisition complete
- Notice to Proceed was issued on July 27, 2026
- Contractor has hired a surveyor and is establishing a clearing and grubbing plan; construction is planned to start in September 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 to award PE/design contract to GFT and are currently drafting the agreement
- Anticipated PE start date is October 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
- A firm has been selected, and staff are currently working on obtaining approval from NCDOT

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:

- Project feasibility study and design have been completed
- ROW currently in progress
- Agreement with NCDOT on September 22, 2026 City Council agenda authorizing the City Manager to enter into the agreement

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:

- Received comments back from NCDOT on the final plan review
- Design engineer working on comments and changes from NCDOT
- STIP Modification submitted to move construction funding from FY26 to FY27

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:

- Agreement executed with NCDOT on May 24, 2022
- PE Authorization obtained on January 20, 2023
- Design kick-off meeting between City and RS&H staff held on January 31, 2023
- 25% Plans approved by NCDOT on February 12, 2024
- Environmental Document approved on May 7, 2024
- Design put on hold in May 2024 due to insufficient funds for Construction.
- Additional funds through the MPO's DA program were awarded on October 30, 2024
- Design re-start meeting held on January 8, 2025
- ROW Plans returned to RS&H with comments on March 21, 2026. Revisions in progress.
- Utility coordination has been completed and final UBO plans have been received
- 90% plans have been submitted by RS&H and have been distributed to the City review team. Once the City has reviewed the plans, a meeting will be held with RS&H to go over comments.

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:

- On April 29, 2025, the Town and Kimley-Horn held a community meeting to discuss the plans and specifically Temporary Construction Easements (TCE) for property owners who will be directly impacted by the project
- All necessary TCEs have been acquired
- Categorical Exclusion documents revised, fully executed, and submitted
- 90% Plans uploaded to EBS
- Finalizing plans and bid documents
- A Request for Letters of Interest (RFLOI) for CEI services will be posted in early fall 2026
- STIP Modification is being submitted to move construction funding from FY26 to FY27

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:

- Private Engineering Firm has completed final signal design plans
- The contract has been awarded; shop drawings were approved in early April
- The anticipated pole delivery date is September 2026
- Tentatively planning to install this new signal and 3rd/Orange projects together in November 2026 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:

- Private Engineering Firm has completed final signal design plans
- The contract has been awarded; shop drawings were approved in April
- The anticipated pole delivery date is September 2026
- Tentatively planning to install this new signal and 3rd/Ann together in November 2026 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 to award PE/design contract to Bolton & Menk and are currently drafting the agreement
- Anticipated PE start date is October 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:

- Project currently in ROW phase, will then move to utility relocation
- Currently working on completing ROW acquisition, railroad coordination, and final plans
- Additional funding awarded by the WMPO Board on August 26, 2026 to complete MUP

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:

- Scoping meeting held with the design firm on August 17, 2026

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:

- Revised signal plans submitted

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:

- The project was awarded funds in November 2021
- NC Board of Transportation approved the flex request in January 2023
- Flex request confirmed end of April 2023
- Letters from NCDOT transmitted May 23, 2023
- 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. Purchase order was subsequently issued to Tolar on March 2, 2026. Delivery is expected mid-September 2026.
- A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for professional engineering services for bus shelters and benches was released by Wave Transit on July 27, 2026, with a due date of August 24, 2026. A firm was selected, and negotiations are underway.

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
- 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
- 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
- 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:

- No update provided

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:

- Supplemental funding received for construction; contracts executed on 11/6/2024
- Project has received a 2-year extension to April 30, 2027, from NCDOT to allow additional funding requests, bidding, construction, and closeout
- Construction started in June 2026 and is 80% percent complete; coordination with NCDOT project area overlap is underway
- Design contract change order was needed to complete a select group of plan revisions required by NCDOT; contractor will require additional construction time to allow time for plan revisions and installation of remaining intersections.
- Discussions with partner agencies/users on vehicle operation and maintenance protocols in progress

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 multi-use path of eight feet (8') wide 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
- 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 multi-use path of eight feet (8') wide 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
- 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

Wave Transit Year In Review Fiscal Year 2026



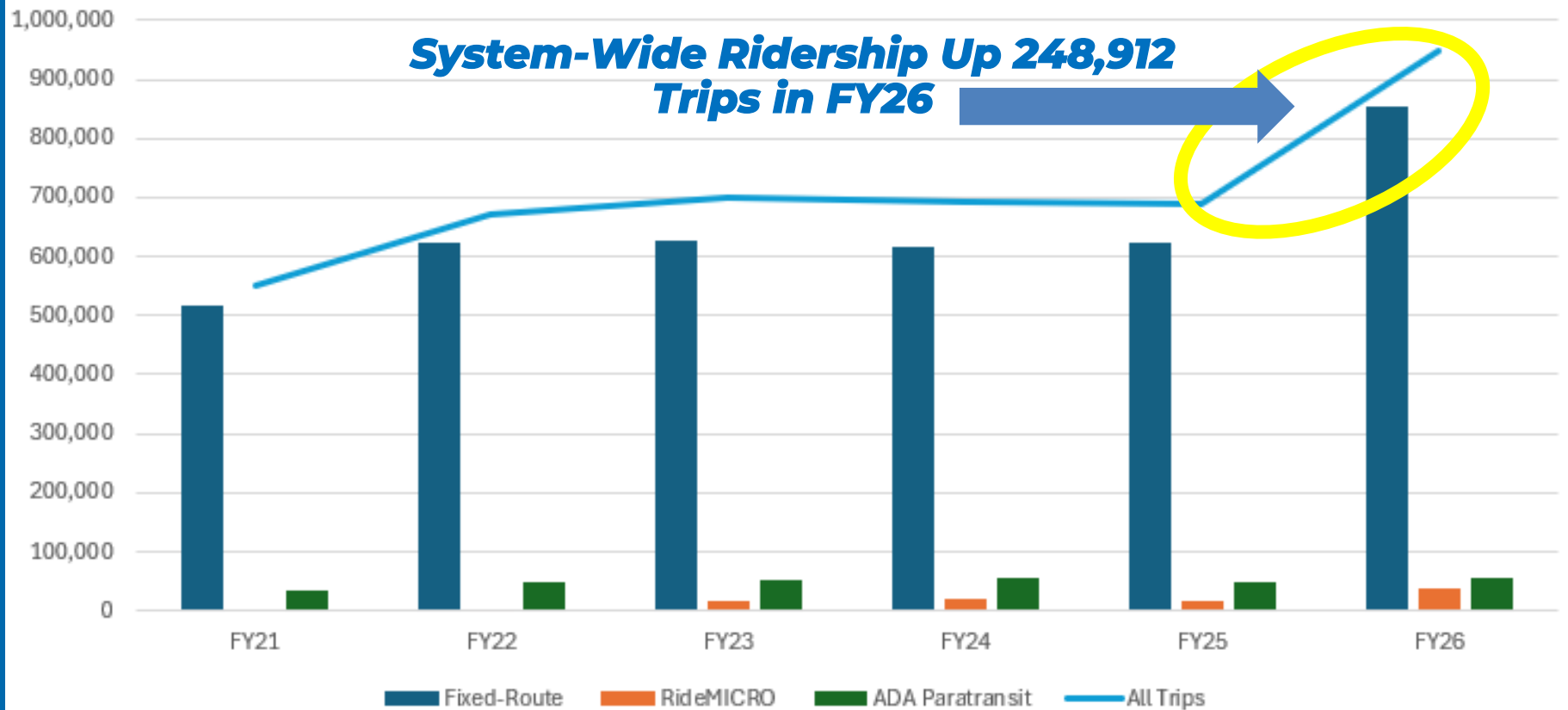


Reimagine Wave Results in Significant Ridership Gains in FY2026



Wave Ridership FY21-FY26

**System-Wide Ridership Up 248,912
Trips in FY26**



Reimagine Ridership Highlights

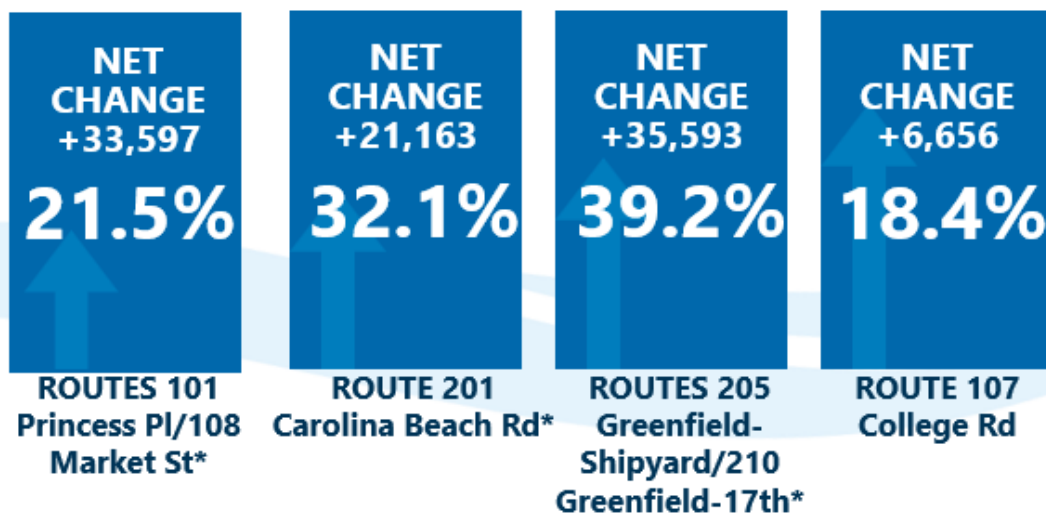
Ridership increased across all services.

Fixed-route ridership increased 20.3% (+102,466 in CY26)

System-wide ridership increased 38.7% (+248,912 in CY26)

RideMICRO ridership increased 106.8% (+19,282)

ROUTES WITH HIGHER FREQUENCY*



Comparing FY25 to FY26

UNCW Seahawk Shuttle Service



UNCW Shuttle Service Ridership Rises Exponentially

*Ridership More Than
Doubles to Over 250,000
passengers in FY26!*

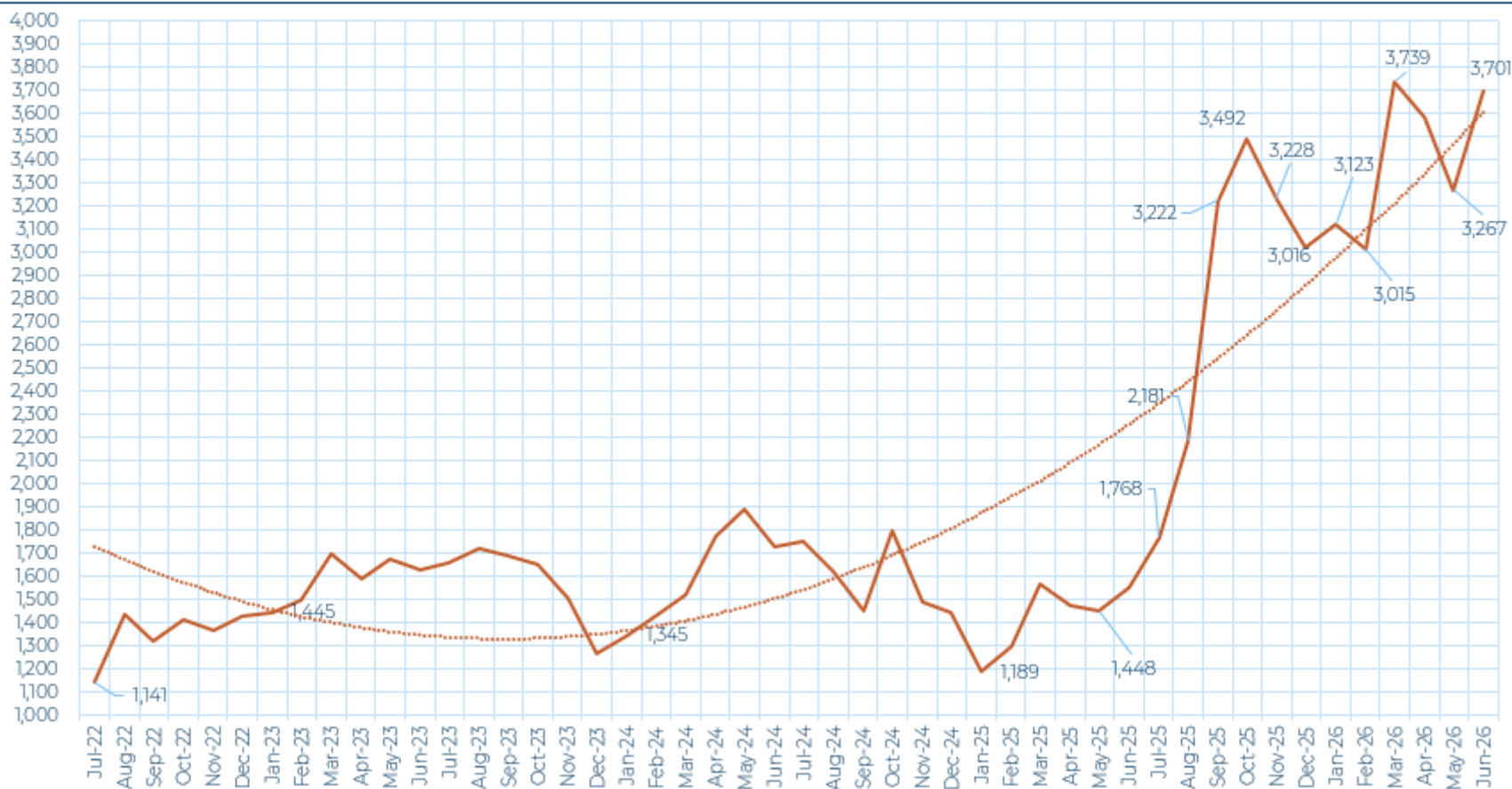


Expanded RideMICRO
Service *Doubles*
Ridership in FY26

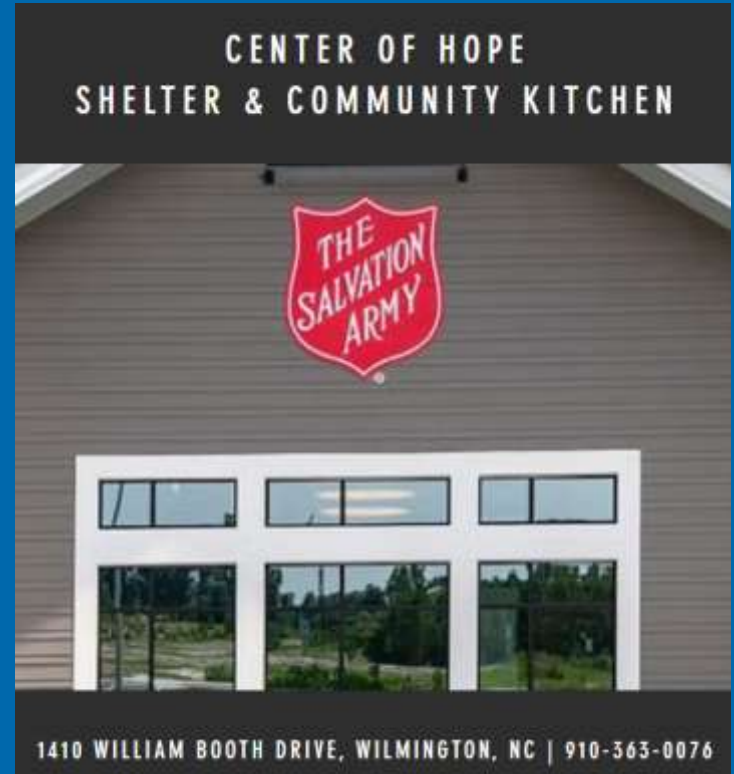
*19,302 More
Trips!*



Passengers Per Month



Surgical Service Expansions



CMS Shuttle (Fall/Spring Semesters)

RideMicro by Wave Transit operates the Shuttle between Main Campus and the Center for Marine Science (CMS).

Secured \$1.2MM For New Shuttles

Purchase Order to be Issued Fall 2026

FTA Low or No Emission Grant Program

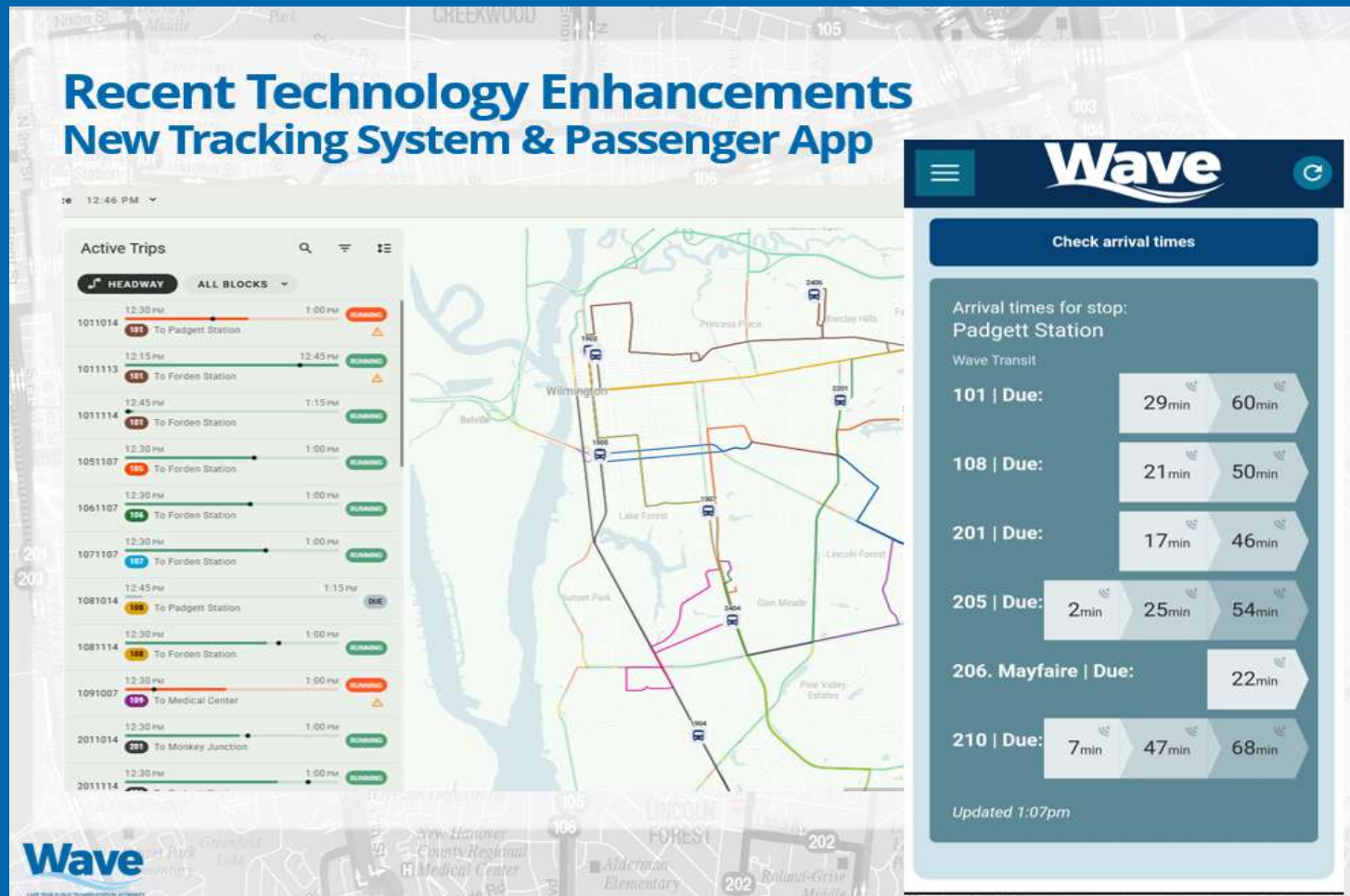
For purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses and facilities



Acquired 4 New DART Paratransit ADA Vans



New Bus Tracking & Passenger App



19 New Bus Shelters & Benches Ordered Installation Scheduled to Begin Late 2026





Making Waves Foundation Reconstituted

- **New Board**
- **Secured New Funding (\$15K Endowment Grant)**
- **More Than 2,500 Free & Discounted Bus Passes Awarded in FY26**

Marketing & Outreach

FREE RIDE TO VOTE

Take Wave Transit to the polls - fare-free!

Wave Transit service is fare-free on limited dates during early voting and Election Day

FARE-FREE DAYS

Saturday, October 25

Sunday, October 26

Saturday, November 1

Tuesday, November 4

Wave



Wave

Wave

Programs & Services

Get the help you need to get where you need to go.

Commute Planning

Our Customer Service Representatives will help you determine the correct stops, routes, and timing to travel to your destination using Wave Transit's services. Visit our transfer stations or call (910) 343-0106 for assistance.

Travel Training

Travel training is commute planning plus practice. Our Mobility Manager will discuss your transit needs and barriers.

Connecting with Future Customers

We built new relationships with our local schools and young people through participation in campus events, travel training and transit education, summer camp scavenger hunts, and through UNCW's four-year fellowship program.

- CFCC New Student Orientation
- CFCC Community Resource Night
- CFCC Wellness Wednesday
- CFCC Falling for Fun Fair
- UNCW Health Equity Scholarship Fellow
- group and individual travel trainings
- UNCW Mobile Health Resource Fair
- NHHS Community Resource Fair



CAPE-FEAR
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE



Public Meeting

A meeting will be held to discuss proposed adjustments to several routes. Following a presentation, staff will be available for questions and discussion. Customers and community members are encouraged to attend.

December 3

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Padgett Station



Travel Training Spotlight

Dozens of Master's of Social Work interns, nurses, and resident physicians from Novant gained knowledge, skills, and practice in navigating the community on board our vehicles.



Community Programs & Partnerships

Technology & Messaging

- Continued in FY26 acclimating customers to the Reimagine Wave Transit system and new Passenger Technology through outreach
- Increased agency capacity to provide in-depth commute planning assistance to customers on short notice
- Improved user experience and accessibility of wavetransit.com
- Standardized messaging through staff skill development and interdepartmental cooperation



Real-Time Bus Tracking



Book, Pay, & Ride

Spreading Wave's Good News Locally & Nationally



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Apr 1, 2026

An Investment in Public Transportation That's Moving Our Community Forward

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Transit Can Be a Key Element Even for Certain Road & Bridge Projects



By Mark Hairr, PTMP



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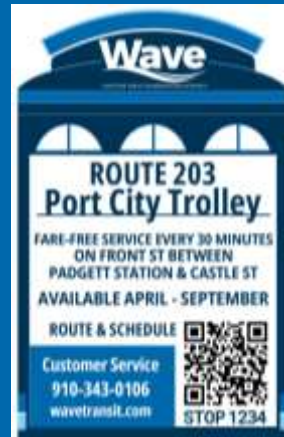
Pedestrian Infrastructure Critical for all Transportation Modes By Mark Hairr, PTMP

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**Active Shooter Training w/New
Hanover County Sheriff's Office**



**New Downtown
Trolley Banners**



**Hosted Chamber's Career Leadership
Day for Roland-Grise 7th Graders**

Restored Wave Ops Center Employee Garden



Before



After



Other Initiatives

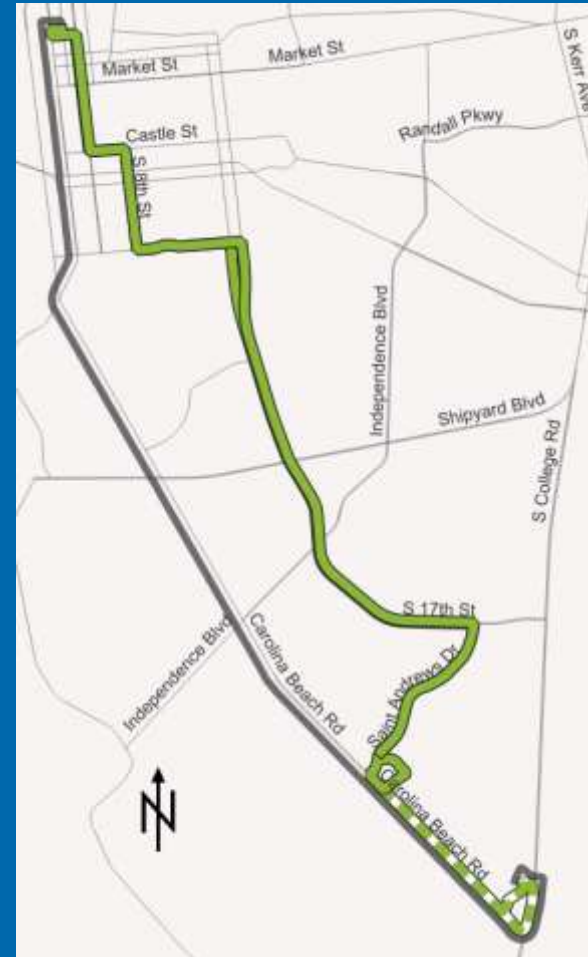
What's On The Horizon *for FY2027?*



On-Time Performance Service Improvements

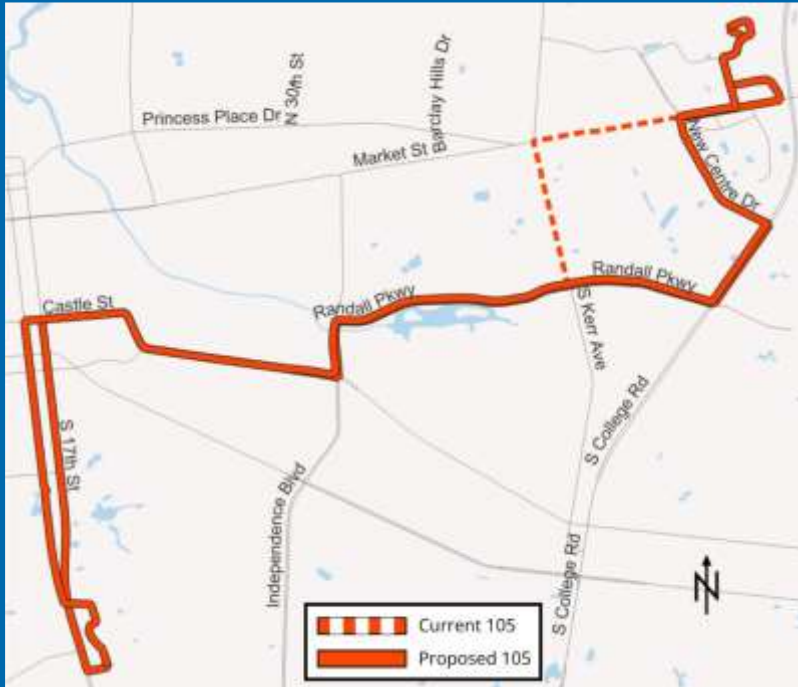
Route 210 Greenfield-17th St Implemented June 28

Schedule adjusted to meet on-time metrics. RideMICRO used as a service option to backfill service between St Andrews Dr & Monkey Junction

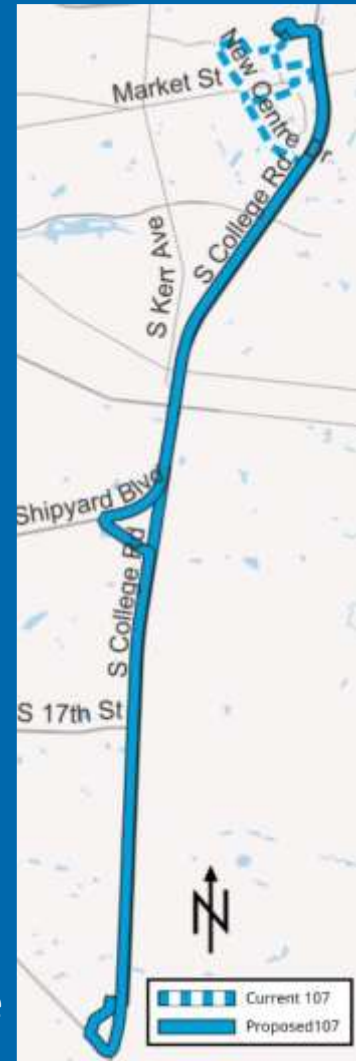


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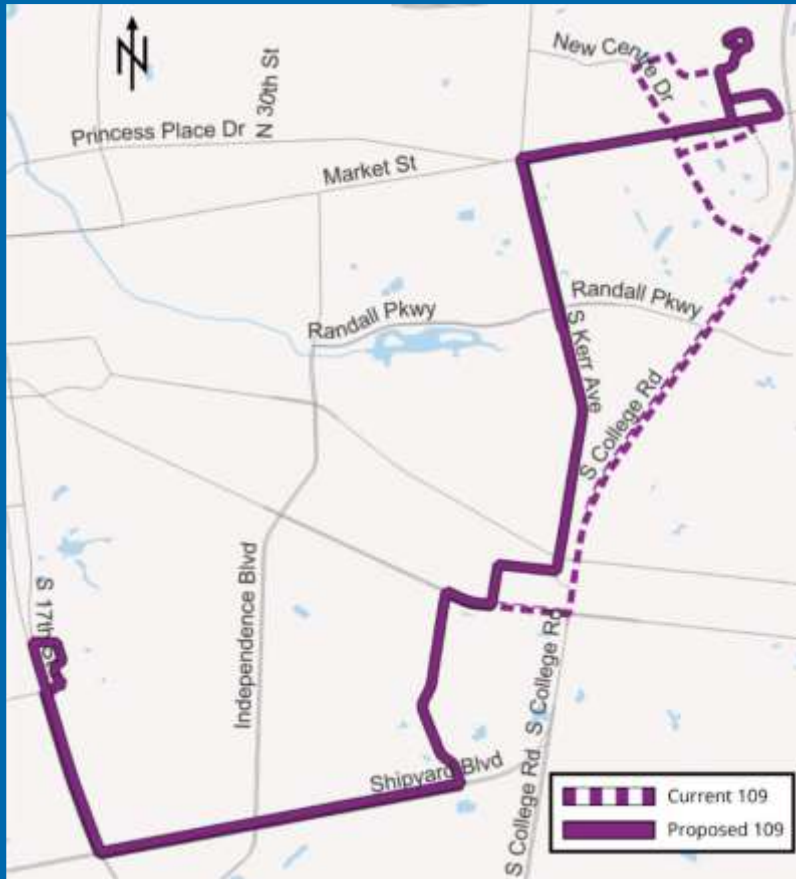
Route 105 Changed to Serve All of Randall Pkwy



Route 107 Improved to 30-Minute Service
Instead of Hourly

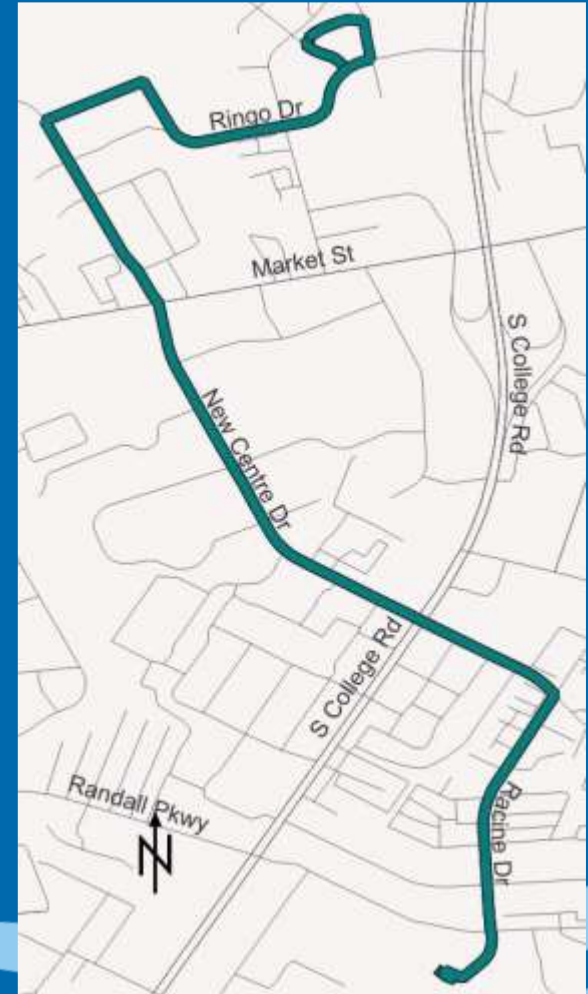


On-Time Performance Service Improvements



Route 109 Now Covers Kerr Ave & Market St.

UNCW Teal Route Now Serves
New Centre Dr Both Directions



Additional Bus Stop Amenities



Mobile Fare Payment



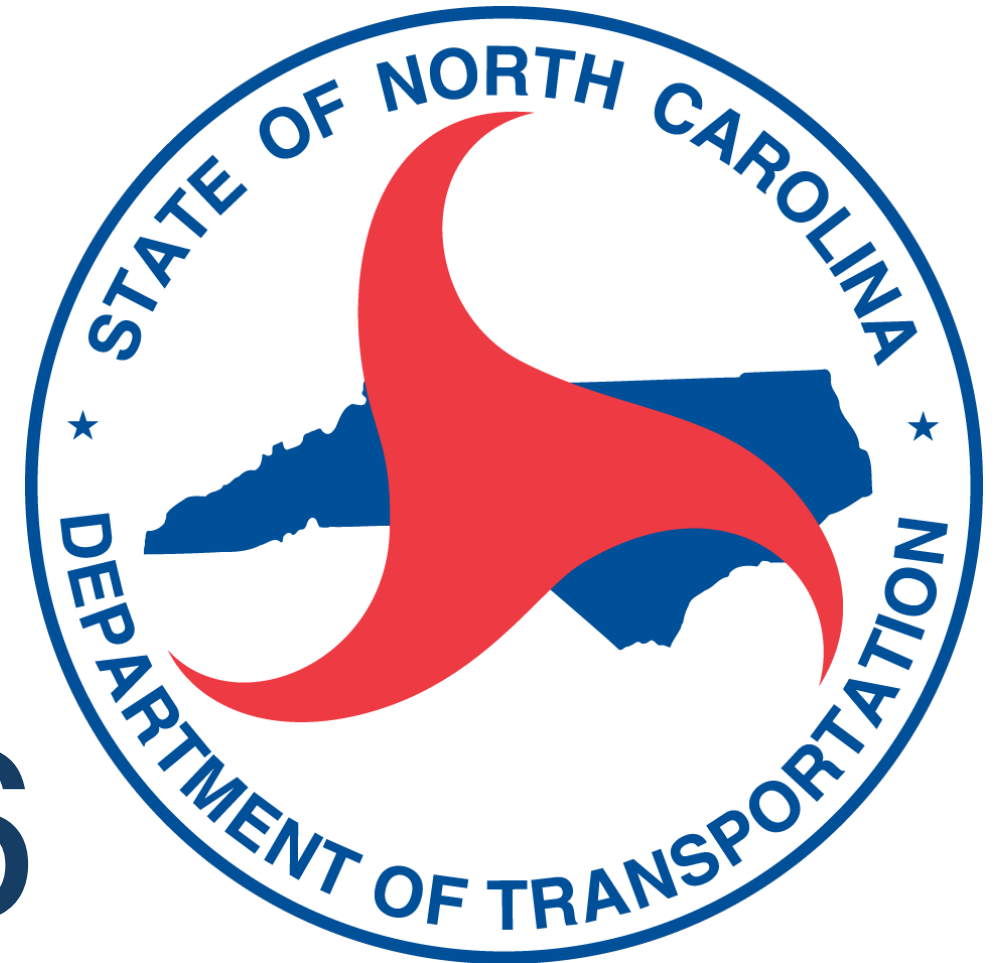
Begin Planning for Bus Rapid Transit





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Division 3 Project Update SEPTEMBER 2026



WILMINGTON URBAN AREA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

WMPO SEPTEMBER PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

Project Manager	Contract Type	TIP	Description	County	*SAP Let Date (year.month.date)
Derek Pielech	Division POC Let (DPOC)	HB-0040	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.	NEW HANOVER	2026.06.30
Ron Van Cleaf	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	2026.09.07
Ron Van Cleaf	NON - DOT LET (LAP)	BL-0059	FORT FISHER BOULEVARD, K AVENUE, AND NORTH 3RD STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING ADA CROSSWALKS, PEDESTRIAN ACTUATED PUSH BUTTONS, AND SIDEWALK CONNECTIONS IN KURE BEACH.	NEW HANOVER	2026.09.21
Ron Van Cleaf	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	2026.10.22
Ron Van Cleaf	NON - DOT LET (LAP)	HL-0131	NC 133 BELVILLE RIVERWALK PARK ENTRANCE. CONSTRUCT TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND RELATED PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE.	BRUNSWICK	2026.12.15
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
Derek Pielech	Division POC Let (DPOC)	BP3-R004	BRIDGE 181 OVER STURGEON CREEK ON SR 1437 (OLD FAYETTEVILLE ROAD).	BRUNSWICK	2027.05.20

WMPO SEPTEMBER PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

Project Manager	Contract Type	TIP	Description	County	*SAP Let Date (year.month.date)
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-0153	GULLAH GEECHEE HERITAGE TRAIL GAP, CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH ADJACENT TO NC 133.	BRUNSWICK	2027.09.23
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
Derek Pielech	Division POC Let (DPOC)	BP3-R004A	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS @ LANVALE AND VILLAGE.	BRUNSWICK	2027.12.11
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
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

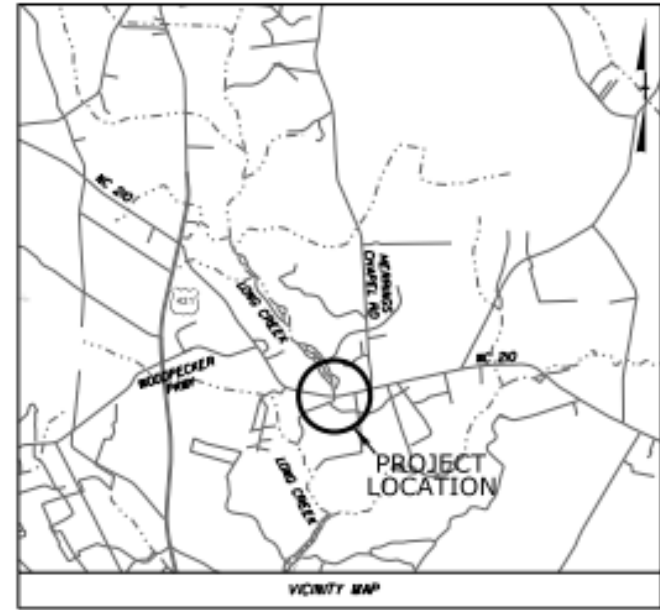
WMPO SEPTEMBER PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT					
Project Manager	Contract Type	TIP	Description	County	*SAP Let Date (year.month.date)
Brian Harding	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-5734	US 421 (SOUTH FRONT STREET) FROM US 17 BUSINESS/US 76/US 421 (CAPE FEAR MEMORIAL BRIDGE) TO US 421 (BURNETT BOULEVARD) WIDEN TO MULTI-LANES.	NEW HANOVER	2029.06.19
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

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Project Manager	Contract Type	TIP	Description	County	*SAP Let Date (year.month.date)
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

WMPO SEPTEMBER 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	2026.06.12	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	72.75%
C204942	Joshua Pratt	U-6202	NEW HANOVER	SR 2048 (GORDON ROAD) FROM US 17 (MARKET STREET) TO I-40. WIDEN ROADWAY.	2029.12.18	26.50%
C205072	Brad Haste	R-3300A	PENDER	US 17 HAMPSTEAD BYPASS FROM US 17 BYPASS SOUTH OF HAMPSTEAD TO NC 210	2030.03.30	24.67%
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	7.67%
DC00504	Nate Tew	N/A	PENDER	REDUCED CONFLICT INTERSECTION ALONG US 17 FROM SCOTTS HILL ROAD TO SIDBURY ROAD.	2027.12.18	0.00%

TIP PROJECT: B-5156

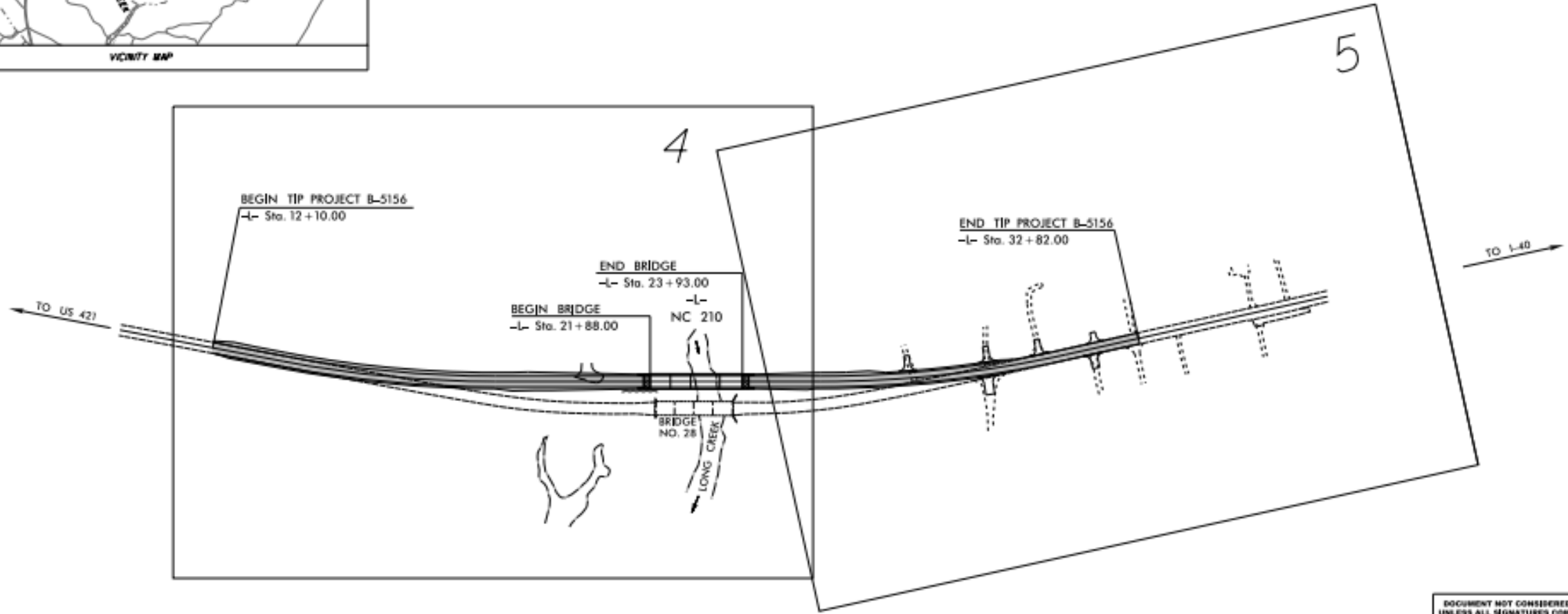
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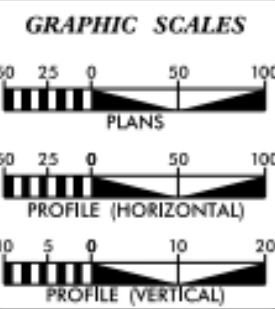
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PENDER COUNTY

STATE	PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT YEAR
N.C.	B-5156	1	2024
DATE	REVISION	DESCRIPTION	BY
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



NTS



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

Kimley-Horn

JEFFREY W. MOORE, P.E.
PROJECT ENGINEER

SETH DENNEY, P.E.
PROJECT DESIGN ENGINEER

DAVID STUTTS, P.E.
STRUCTURES MANAGEMENT UNIT
PROJECT ENGINEER-
PE/PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

HYDRAULICS ENGINEER

Developed by: David Heston 8/7/2024

SIGNATURE: ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER

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

SIGNATURE:



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

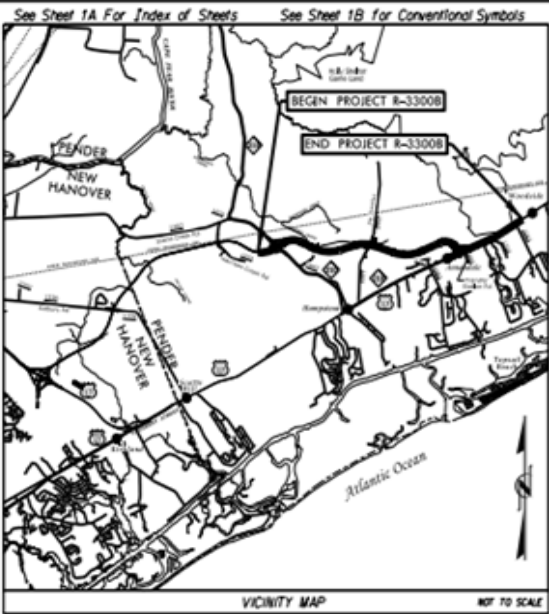
NC-210

BRIDGE 28 OVER LONG CREEK

Facility opened
Reforestation completed
Sediment loss fixed in March
Added silt fence and special sediment stone and reseeded entire project area

**CONSTRUCTION
PROGRESS**

91%



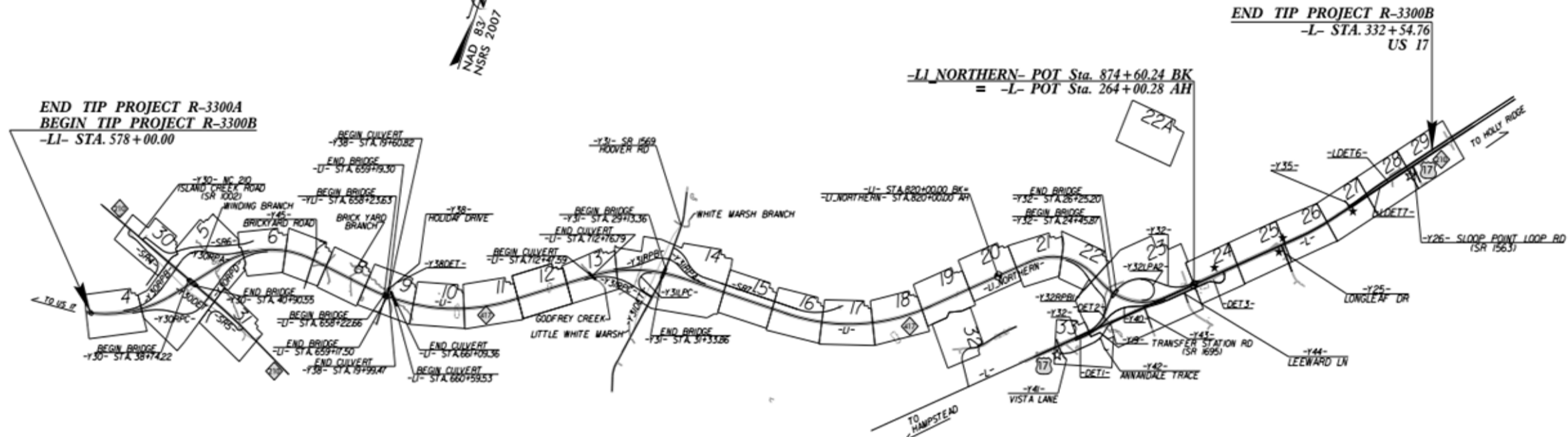
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PENDER COUNTY

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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RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27603
NC COA NO. C-0890

Dewberry
2410 WILLOW ROAD
RALEIGH, NC 27603
NC COA NO. F-2029

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

DOCUMENT NOT CONSIDERED FINAL
UNLESS ALL SIGNATURES COMPLETED

GRAPHIC SCALES

50 25 0 50 100
PLANS

50 25 0 50 100
PROFILE (HORIZONTAL)

10 5 0 10 20
PROFILE (VERTICAL)

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

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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

Seal: North Carolina Professional Engineer Seal 26871
Signature: John G. Dillen, P.E. 11/22/2022

Seal: North Carolina Professional Engineer Seal 12786
Signature: Steve Bender, P.E. 11/22/2022

Seal: North Carolina Professional Engineer Seal 025513
Signature: Mike Lindgren, P.E. 11/22/2022

ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER



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**

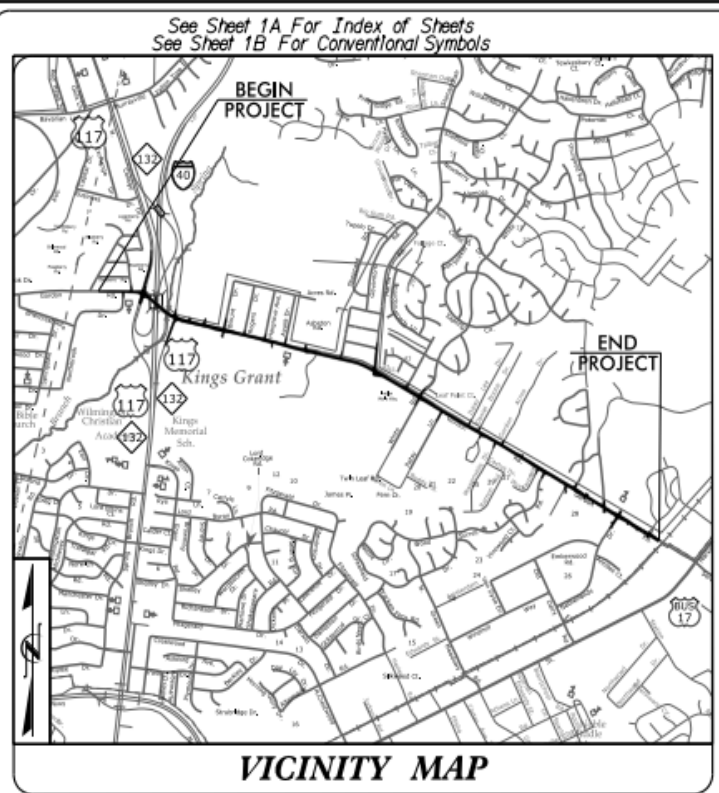
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09/2026

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TIP PROJECT: U-6202

CONTRACT: C204942



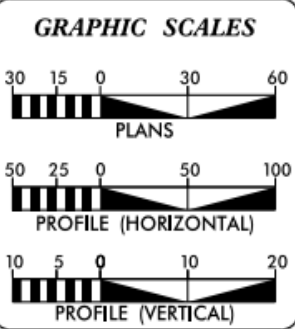
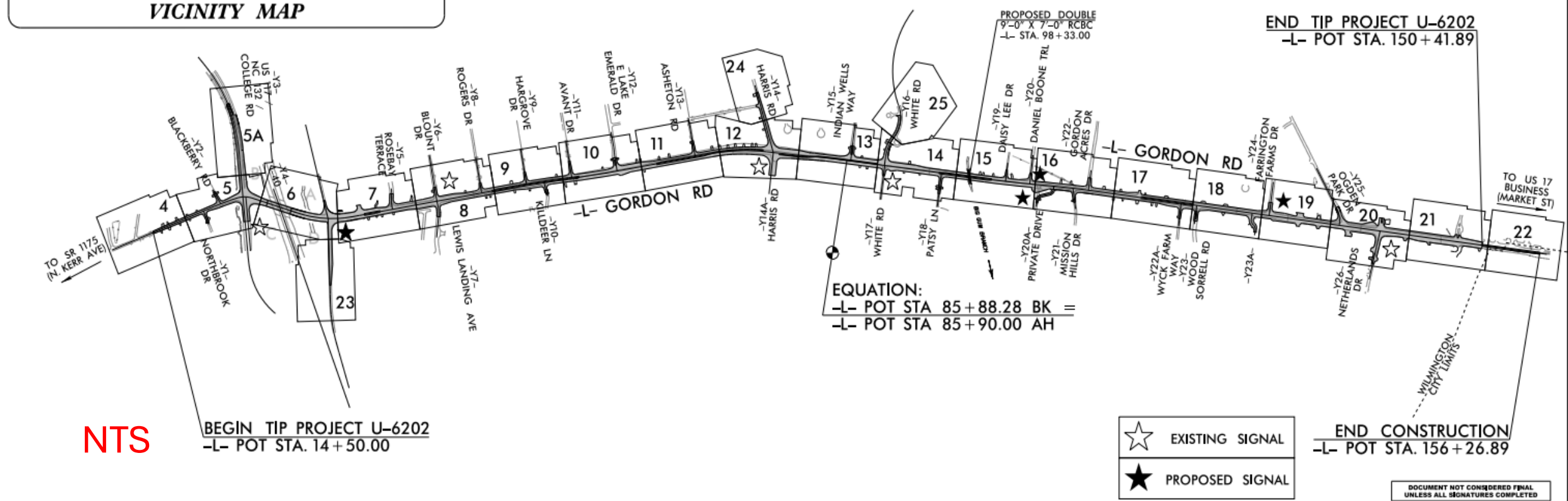
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

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	

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FOR NCDOT DIVISION 3

2024 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

RIGHT OF WAY DATE:
JUNE 17, 2022

LETTING DATE:
NOVEMBER 19, 2024

J. MATTHEW PICKENS, PE
PROJECT ENGINEER

ANDREW J. McOMBER, PE
PROJECT DESIGN ENGINEER

BRIAN HARDING, PE
NCDOT CONTACT

HYDRAULICS ENGINEER

8/23/2024

SEAL

SIGNATURE: _____ P.E.

ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER

8/23/2024

SEAL

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**

26%

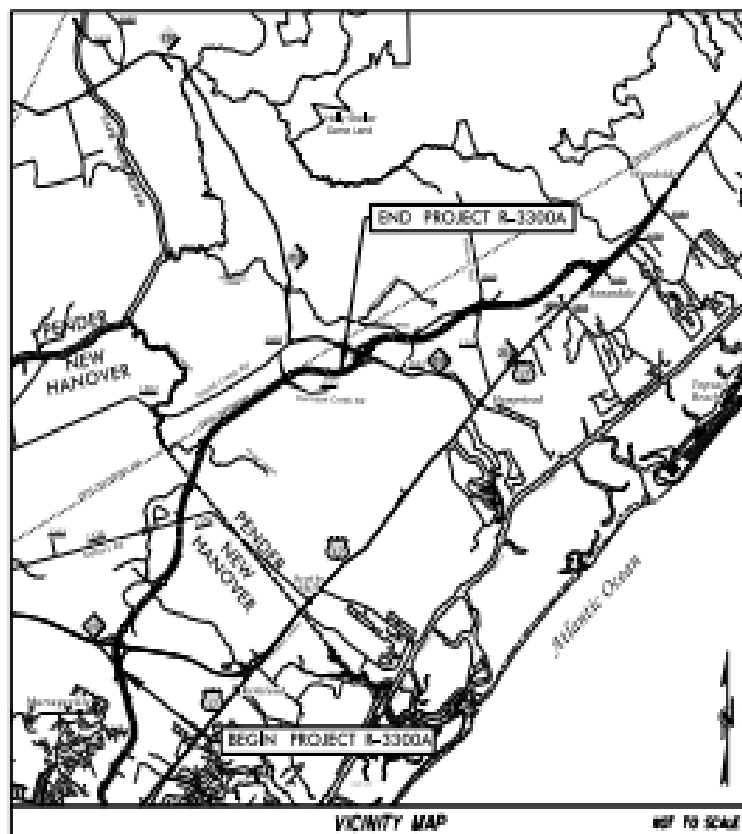
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TIP PROJECT: R-3300A

CONTRACT: C205072

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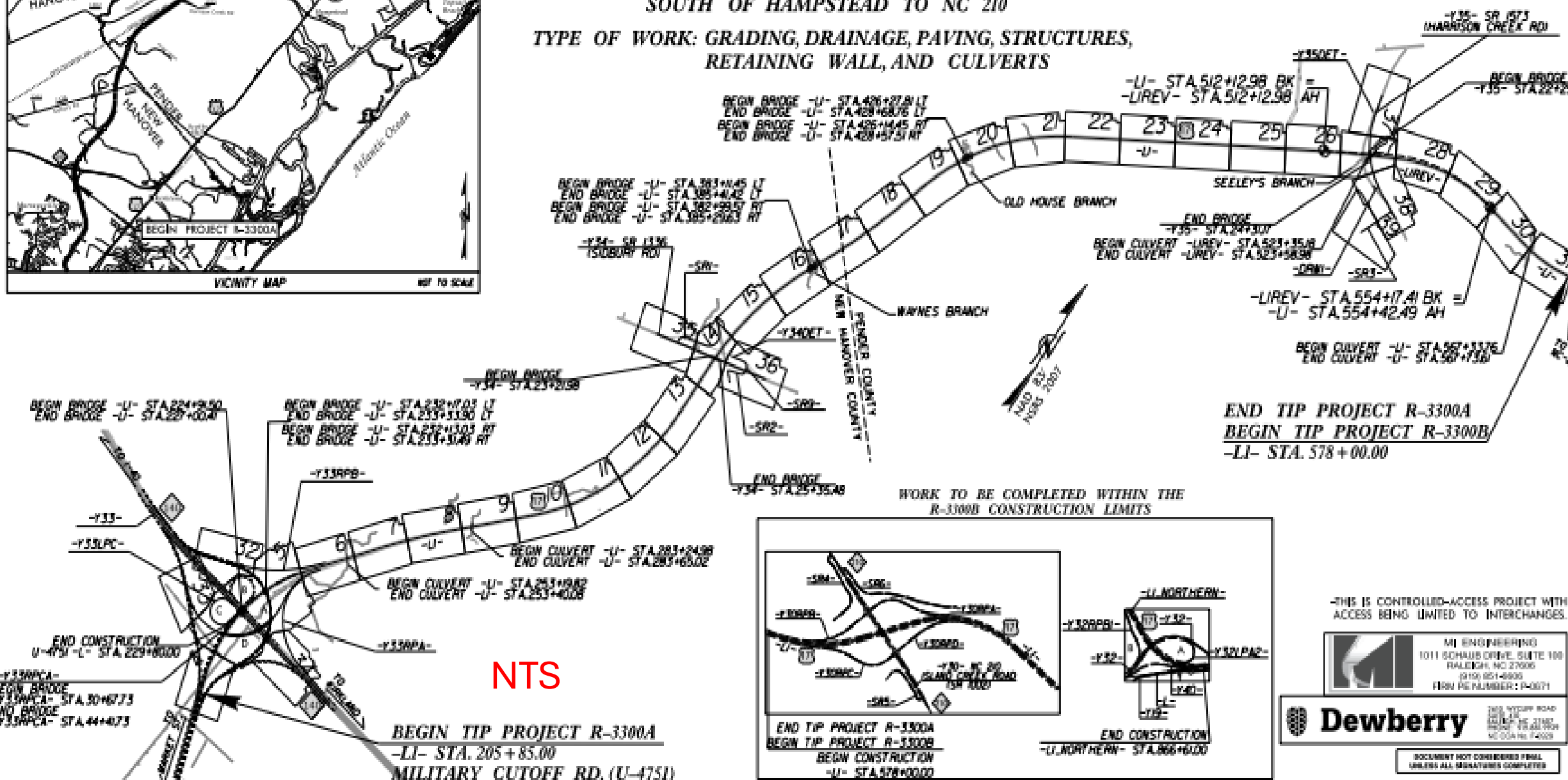
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

NEW HANOVER & PENDER COUNTIES

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

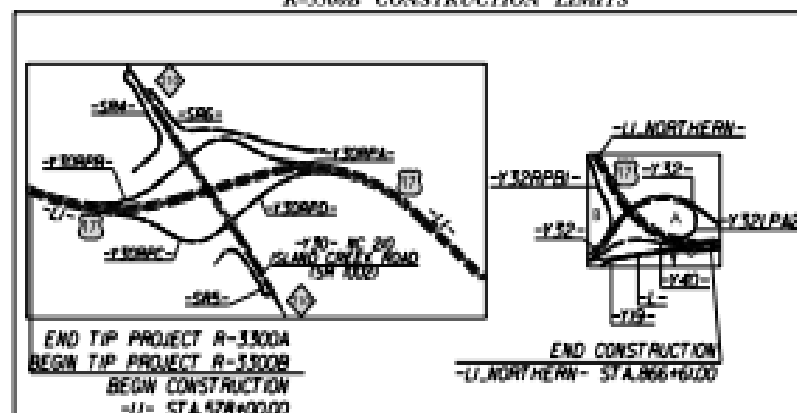
TYPE OF WORK: GRADING, DRAINAGE, PAVING, STRUCTURES,
RETAINING WALL, AND CULVERTS

DATE	STATE PROJECT OFFICE NO.	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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WORK TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE
R-3300B CONSTRUCTION LIMITS



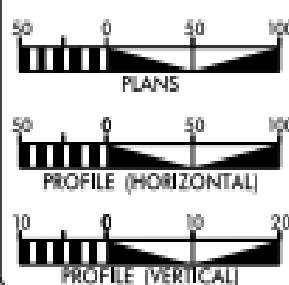
THIS IS CONTROLLED-ACCESS PROJECT WITH
ACCESS BEING LIMITED TO INTERCHANGES.

NO END FERRING
1011 SCHUBS DRIVE, SUITE 100
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FIRM # NUMBER: P-0071

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GRAPHIC SCALES



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

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FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BY STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

RIGHT OF WAY DATE:
APRIL 1, 2019

LETTING DATE:
JULY 15, 2025

KATRINA N. HAZEL, P.E.

PROJECT DESIGN ENGINEER

TRACE HOWELL, P.E.

SCOTT DESIGN & CONSULT

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ROADWAY DESIGN
ENGINEER

TRACE HOWELL, P.E.

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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

24%

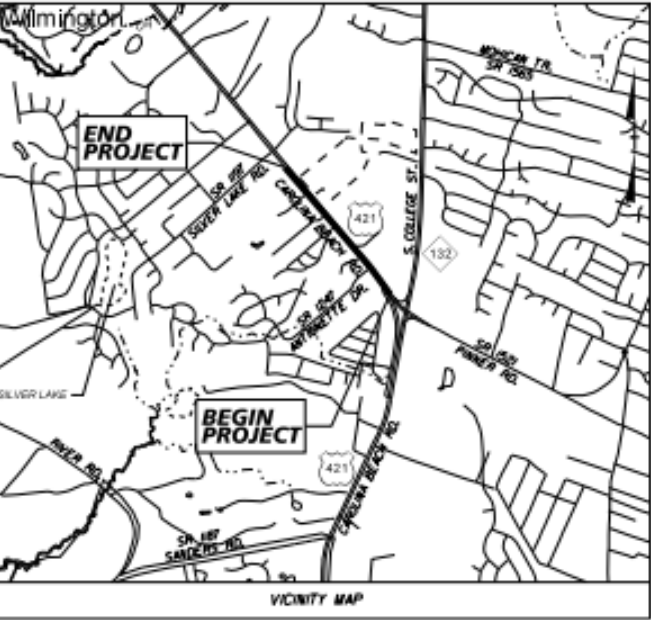
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TIP PROJECT: W-5703C

CONTRACT: DC00505

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
NEW HANOVER COUNTY

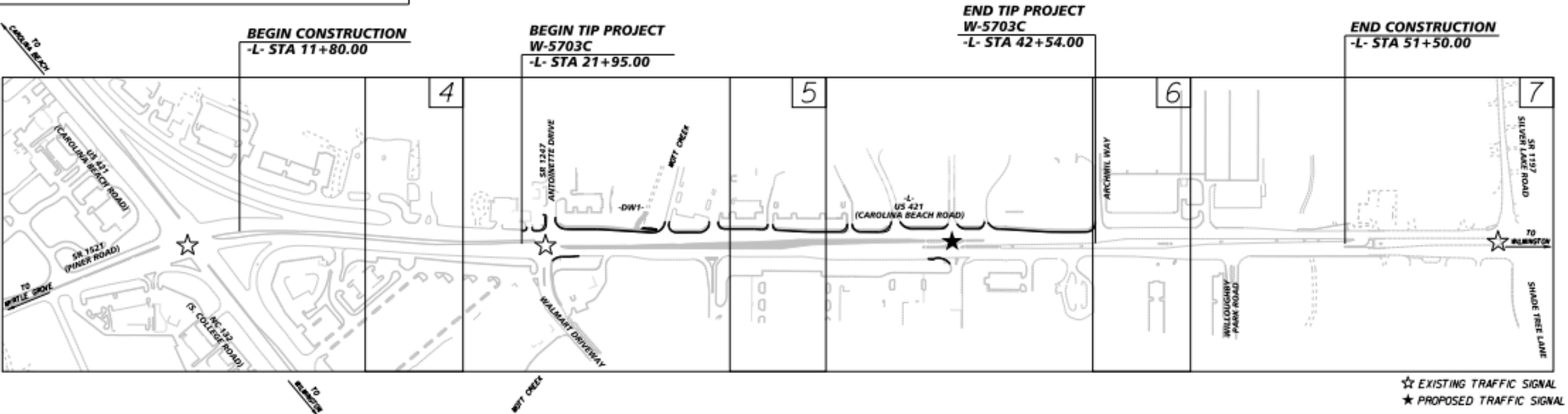
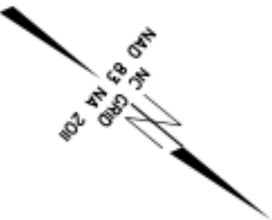
LOCATION: US 421 (CAROLINA BEACH ROAD) FROM S. COLLEGE ROAD TO
APPROXIMATELY 200' NORTH OF WILLOUGHBY PARK ROAD

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

DATE	STATE PROJECT NUMBER	SHEET	TOTAL
N.C.	W-5703C	1	
STATION	DESCRIPTION	DATE	BY
44849.1.3	HSIP-0421(091)	PE	
44849.2.9	HSIP-0421(091)	UTIL	
44849.2.3	HSIP-0421(091)	RAW	
44849.3.3	HSIP-0421(091)	CONSTR	

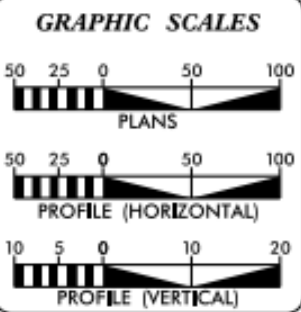
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100% PLANS



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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
	PE
ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER	
	3/6/2026
	PE



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

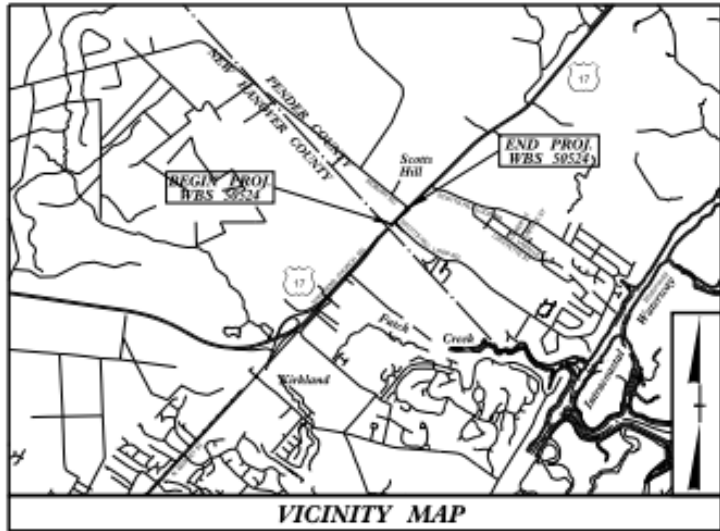
US 421 (Carolina Beach Road) from S College Road to 200' from Willoughby Park Road

Pedestrian Safety Improvements

CONSTRUCTION
PROGRESS

7%

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See Sheet 1B For Conventional Symbols



VICINITY MAP

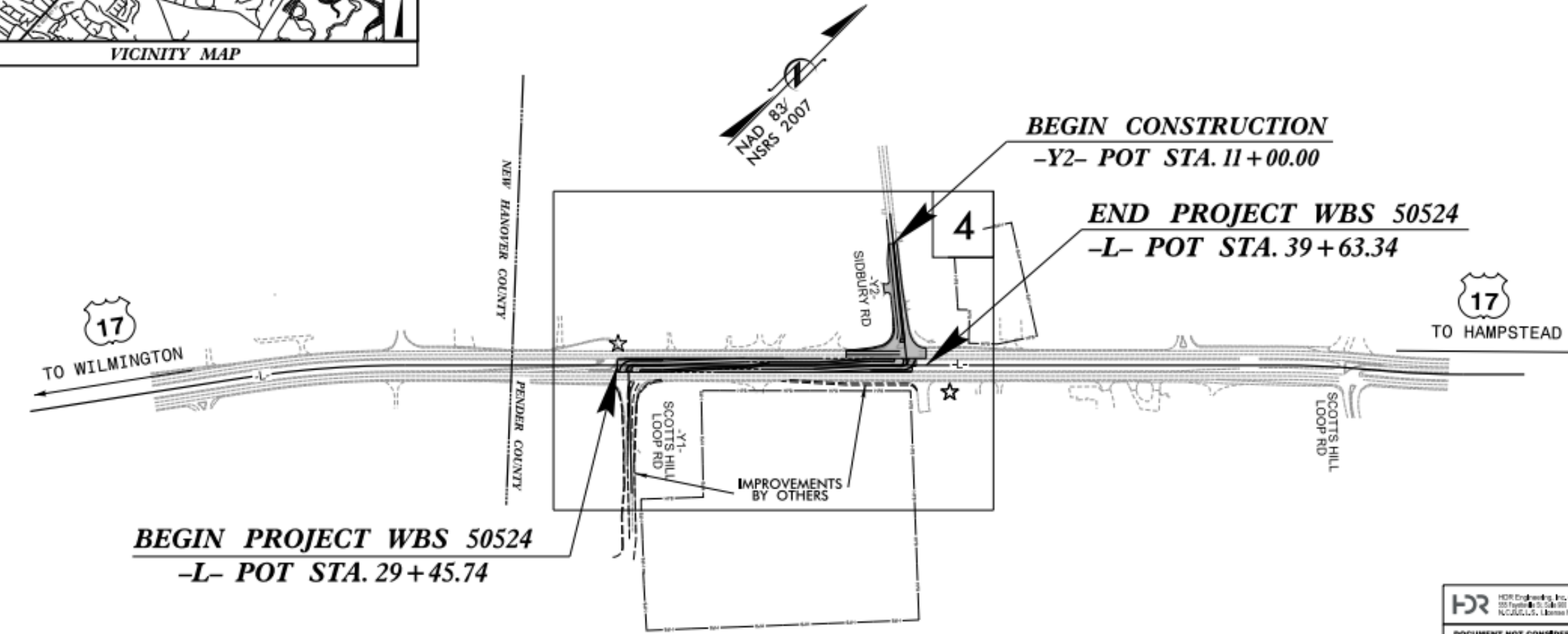
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

PENDER COUNTY

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

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

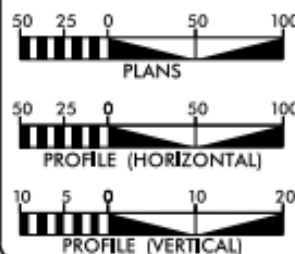
STATE	STATE PROJECT REFERENCE NO.	POST MILE	TOTAL MILES
N.C.	WBS 50524	1	
STATE FUNDING	F.A.FUNDING	REVENUE	
WBS 48864	N/A	PEROW/CONSTR.	
WBS 50524	N/A	PEROW/CONSTR.	



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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:
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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

P.E. 4130206

ROADWAY DESIGN
ENGINEER

P.E. 4130206



Project Details:

Work Begin: 5/2026

Completion: 12/2027

Contractor: King Asphalt, Inc

NCDOT Contact: Nate Tew

Contract: Unknown as of 7/26

Project
Comments:

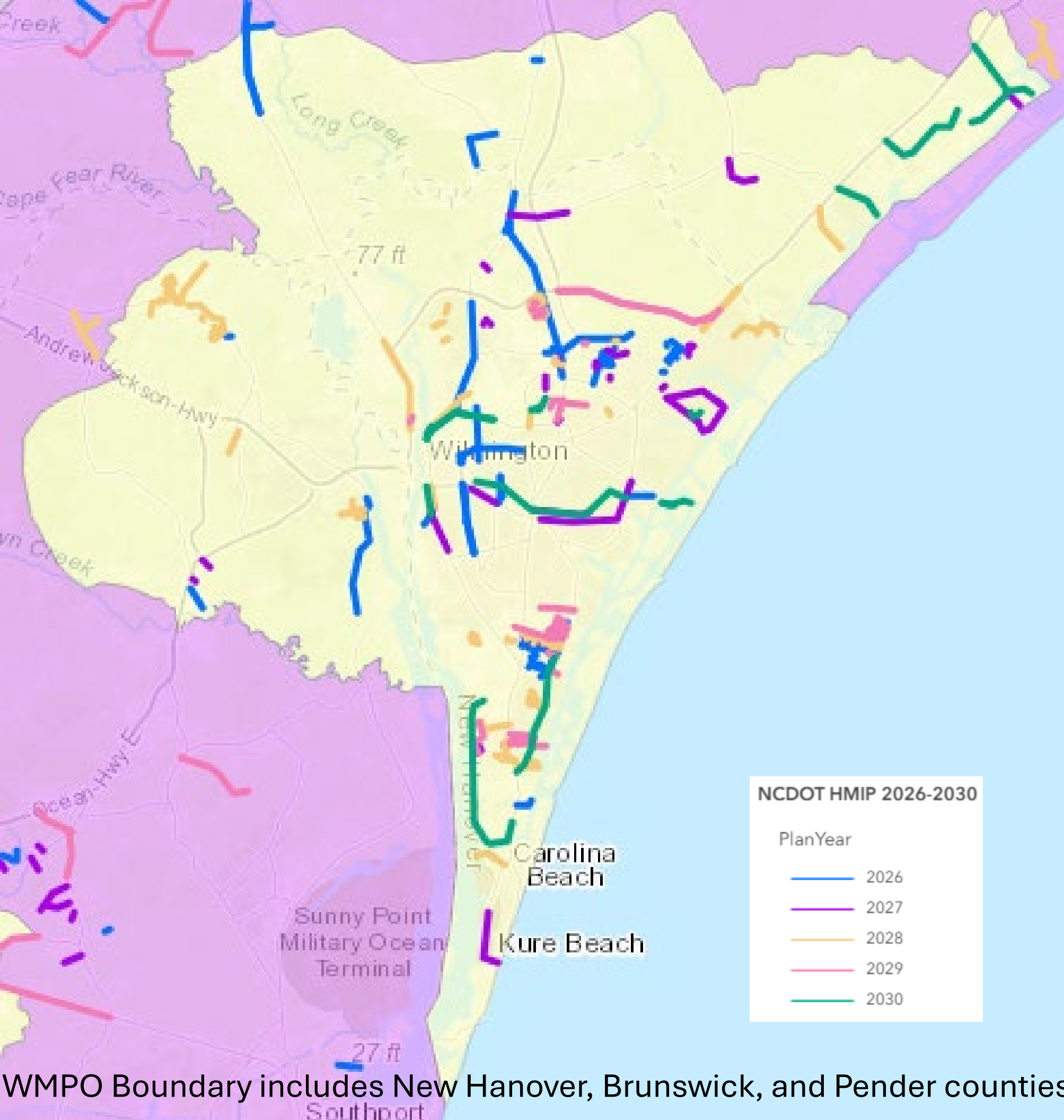
N/A

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

CONSTRUCTION
PROGRESS

0%

WMPO SEPTEBER RESURFACING/PRESERVATION PROJECTS					
Contract Number	Contract Year	County	Routes	*Estimated Completion (year.month.date)	Percent Complete
C205101	2025	PENDER	RESURFACING AND PRESERVATION ALONG VARIOUS ROUTES	2026.12.15	93.06%
DC00492	2024	NEW HANOVER	RESURFACING AND PRESERVATION ALONG VARIOUS ROUTES	2027.07.16	31.06%
C205212	2026	PENDER	1 SECTION OF US-421, 9 SECTIONS OF SECONDARY ROADS, AND 6 SECTIONS OF TOWN 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%
C205199	2026	BRUNSWICK	3 SECTIONS OF NC-133, AND 19 SECTIONS OF SECONDARY 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%
DC00503	2026	NEW HANOVER	ADA CURB RAMP UPGRADES/ADDITIONS WHERE NEEDS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED	2027.05.28	0.00%



WMPO Boundary includes New Hanover, Brunswick, and Pender counties

HMIP

Public

GO!NC NCDOT.GOV

NCDOT 2023-2027 HMIP (Highway Maintenance Improvement Program) as approved by the

**SCAN QR CODE
FOR LINK**



NOTE: Projects
details
are subject to
change

SEPTEMBER NCDOT Resource Feature

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: NCDOT Southern Coast Updates
Nextdoor: Posts



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Government organization

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Details

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Links

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Communities

I-26 Connector Updates

N.C. 150 Widening Improvements

Sandhills Area Improvements

Southern Coast Updates

Triangle Area Updates

Message

Posts

North Carolina Department of Transportation

Labor Day travel is here!... See more



Southern Coast Updates

Channel · 1.7K members

NCDOT: Cape Fear Memorial Bridge Replacement

www.ncdot.gov

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Communications Officer Veronica Scott

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Posts

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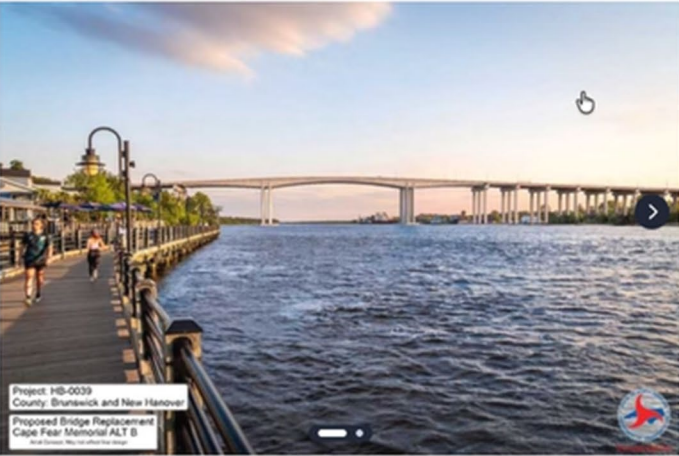
Communications Officer Veronica Scott · 3 hr ago

Cape Fear Memorial Bridge Replacement Project – Alternative B

The upcoming public hearings will look at two proposed alternatives for the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge replacement. Alternative B, pictured below, is a fixed span bridge with 135ft of vertical clearance above the Cape Fear River.

You can read more about Alternative B in the Environmental Assessment available on the project webpage: [https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/cape-fear-bridge-replacement/Pages/default.aspx](#)

The public hearings are scheduled for Sept. 14 & 15 in New Hanover and Brunswick counties. More information about the public hearings and how to leave a comment is also available on the project webpage.



Project: HB-0039
County: Brunswick and New Hanover
Proposed Bridge Replacement
Cape Fear Memorial ALT B
New Hanover, NC (not official map)

Posted to Subscribers of North Carolina Department of Transportation in 2 areas

IMD PLANNING UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Integrated Mobility Division
N.C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



September 2026

STATEWIDE PLANNING

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN

IMD kicked off the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Strategic Plan in coordination with the National Safe Routes to School Partnership. The plan will develop a roadmap for the Safe Routes to School program, focusing on the current state of the program, a review of peer states, stakeholder engagement, program recommendations, implementation and metrics.

[Safe Routes to School Statewide Strategic Plan Stakeholder Survey - PublicInput](#)

STATEWIDE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

This plan will be update the state's 2013 plan and is expected to be completed in Summer 2027. The plan recently kicked off and the team is in the process of establishing identifying engagement opportunities. The survey below is currently open for community input:

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

E-BIKE USE AND SAFETY MATERIALS

IMD will be working with Kimley-Horn and NCDOT Comms on developing use and safety materials for e-bikes. The draft scope of work may focus on three primary areas: safety, understanding e-bikes and e-scooters (law, policy, e-bike classes), and how to operate an e-bike/e-scooter. IMD also plans to include e-scooters as part of this effort. We anticipate developing materials such as online resources, fact sheets, videos, flyers, brochures, rack cards, etc.

TRANSIT

2025 ON-DEMAND MICROTRANSIT ANNUAL REPORT

NCDOT Published the 2025 On-Demand Microtransit Report that provides an overview of all agencies operating microtransit services through FY2025, including operational statistics and other service characteristics. This is a great resource to review the variety and types of microtransit implementation happening around the State.

[On-Demand Microtransit Annual Report](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

FTA AND STATE TRANSIT GRANT PROGRAMS FY 2028

The fiscal year 2028 grant cycle opened in April for transit agencies statewide to apply for federal and state funding to support their transit operations. Application deadline is Oct. 2. During a typical grant cycle, IMD staff reviews and approves more than 400 applications.

GRANTS AWARDED

MULTIMODAL PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

Eleven municipalities were awarded Multimodal Planning Grant projects for FY27, with projects anticipated to kick off in December 2026. Looking ahead, the call for FY28 projects is expected to open in spring 2027. The MMPG Program provides funding and planning assistance to communities across North Carolina to develop bicycle, pedestrian, and multimodal transportation plans.

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SEPTEMBER TPO UPDATES WILMINGTON MPO

SEPTEMBER 2026

PENDER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP): The CTP is currently going through internal review. Once internal reviews are done, the steering committee will review the report in preparation for public drop-in sessions.

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

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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 \(ncdot.gov\)](http://Traffic Survey Group (ncdot.gov))
- NCDOT Interactive Traffic Volume Map—[Interactive Traffic Volume map \(ncdot.gov\)](http://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 \(25-Year Vision\)](http://NCDOT Comprehensive State Rail Plan (25-Year Vision)) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: rail plan)
- [NC Statewide Multimodal Freight Plan \(2015-2040\)](http://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 \(2021\)](http://NCDOT Resilience Strategy Report (2021)) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: resilience strategy report)
- [Statewide Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan \(2013\)](http://Statewide Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan (2013)) (or go to ncdot.gov/bikeped/walkbikenc)