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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: October 23, 2026
SUBJECT: October 28th meeting

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area MPO's Board will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 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 (10 min)
 - a. Wilmington International Airport Update- Jeff Bourk, ILM
- 8) Consent Agenda (5 min.)
 - a. Approval of Board Regular Meeting Minutes- September 30, 2026 (pg.4-15)
 - b. Opening of the 30-day public comment period for 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendment #26-7 (pg.16)
 - c. Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modification #26-10 (pg. 17-18)

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- d. Resolution requesting an amendment to the 2026-3035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs for TG-6824 Capital Improvements (pg. 19-20)
 - e. Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a Data Sharing Licensing Agreement for access to the National Performance Management Research Data Set (pg. 21)
 - 9) Old Business (15 min.)
 - a. WMPO Subcommittee Appointments (pg. 22)
 - 10) Regular Agenda (30 min.)
 - a. Resolution approving Amendment #4 to the FY 27 Unified Planning Work Program (pg. 23-61)
 - b. Opening of a 14-day Public Comment Period for the WMPO's Division Needs Tier Local Input Point Assignment for Prioritization 8.0 (pg. 62-69)
 - c. Resolution supporting the allocation of FY 29 and FY 30 Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Direct Attributable Funds (pg. 70-75)
 - d. Resolution dissolving the Go Coast Committee (pg. 76-77)
 - e. Resolution adopting the WMPO's 2027 Compensation Philosophy (pg. 78-82)
 - 11) Discussion (5 min.)
 - a. 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modifications #26-11 (pg. 83)
 - 12) Updates (10 min.)
 - a. Wilmington Urban Area MPO (pg.84-95)
 - b. Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (pg. 96-97)
 - c. NCDOT Division 3 (pg. 98-111)
 - d. NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (pg. 112-113)
 - e. NCDOT Transportation Planning Office (pg. 114-115)
 - 13) Next meeting – November 18, 2026

Attachments

- MPO Board Regular Meeting Minutes- September 30, 2026
- Proposed 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendment #26-7
- Proposed 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modification #26-10
- Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modification #26-10
- Letter from the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority requesting an amendment to the 2026-3035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs for TG-6824 Capital Improvements
- Resolution requesting an amendment to the 2026-3035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs for TG-6824 Capital Improvements
- Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a Data Sharing Licensing Agreement for access to the National Performance Management Research Data Set
- WMPO Subcommittee Appointments Memorandum (October)
- Proposed Amendment #4 to the FY 27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPW)
- Resolution approving Amendment #4 to the FY 27 Unified Planning Work Program
- WMPO's Division Needs Tier Local Input Point Assignment for Prioritization 8.0 Memorandum
- WMPO Draft Division Needs Tier Local Input Point Assignment for Prioritization 8.0
- FY 29 and FY 30 Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Direct Attributable Funds Special Call for Projects Funding Awards Memorandum
- Resolution supporting the allocation of FY 29 and FY 30 Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Direct Attributable Funds

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- Memorandum to dissolve the Go Coast Committee
 - Resolution dissolving the Go Coast Committee
 - Proposed WMPO 2027 Compensation Philosophy
 - Resolution adopting the WMPO's 2027 Compensation Philosophy
 - 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modifications #26-11
 - Wilmington Urban Area MPO Update (October)
 - Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority Update (October)
 - NCDOT Division Project Update (October)
 - NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (October)
 - NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Project Update (October)



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WMPO Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

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Wilmington, NC 28401

Members Present, In person

Chuck Bost, Town of Belville
Lynn Barbee, WMPO Board Chair, Town of
Carolina Beach
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

Brenda Bozeman, Town of Leland
Kevin Spears, City of Wilmington
Landon Zimmer, NC Board of
Transportation

Others Present, In Person

Mike Kozlosky, WMPO
Abby Lorenzo, WMPO
Krysdan Burden, WMPO
Caitlin Cerza, WMPO
Ronda Hogan, WMPO
Tessa Jones, WMPO
Luke Hutson, WMPO
Regina Hopkins, WMPO
Carolyn Caggia, WMPO

Thom Moton, City of Wilmington
Susan Habina, City of Wilmington
Doug Field, Brunswick Forest Residents
Dominique Vidrine, Wilmington Resident
Dave Hendickson, Wilmington Resident
Dep S.D. Jessee, NHSO
Robert Lazaro, Leland Resident
Dan Wright, Leland Resident
Carol Bullock, Historic Wilmington
Foundation
Jan Brewington, Historic Wilmington
Foundation
Paul Lawler, Wilmington Resident
Michelle Howes, NCDOT
Veronica Scott, NCDOT
Trevor Carroll, NCDOT
Lloyd Bonzo, Wilmington Resident
Jim King, Wilmington Resident
deAndre Corniffe, Wilmington Resident
Stephon Swart, Wilmington Resident
Denis McGarry, Wilmington Resident
Megan Mullins, Wilmington Chamber of
Commerce
Chris Coudriet, NHC
Diana Hill, Wilmington Resident
Mark Hairr, WAVE
Elaine Morrison, Wilmington Resident
Denice Shackelford, Wilmington Resident
Jill Hopman, Wilmington Resident
Kelly Godbey, Wilmington Resident
Eliza O'Donnell, Wilmington Resident

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Others Present, Remote

Greg Laughter, WMPO
Adrienne Cox, NCDOT Div3
Katie Hite, NCDOT
Beshad Norowzi, NCDOT
Jerod Patterson, Business Alliance for a
Sound Economy
David Leonard, NCDOT
Chad Kimes, GFT, Inc.
James Kashmer, Leland Resident
Jackie Esposito, Catapult
Jodi Rich, New Hanover County
Derek Pielech, NCDOT
Jeff Dayton, HDR
Zach Bugg, Kittelson
Celia Miars, AECOM

Bill Kincannon, HDR
Susan Draper, Wilmington Resident
Eric Ritzel, NCDOT
Gary Neil Gupton, Leland Resident
Eric Seidel, CFPUA
Keith Johnson
Brenna Flanagan, Port City Daily
Susan K Bulluck, Wrightsville Beach
Chamber of Commerce
Veronica Carter, Town of Leland
Kayloni Pachilis, WECT News
Brayton Willis, Leland Resident

1. Call to Order

Chairman Barbee called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

2. Roll Call

Mike Kozlosky, WMPO Executive Director, called the roll.

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

Mike Kozlosky requested that the Board waive the remote attendance policy so Landon Zimmer and Kevin Spears could participate remotely. Allen Oliver made a motion to allow Landon Zimmer and Kevin Spears to participate remotely for the September 30, 2026, meeting, Cassidy Santaguida 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 8b on the agenda, Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendments #26-5. Frank Williams made a motion to recuse Landon Zimmer from item 8b on the agenda and

remove item 8b from the Consent Agenda. Rose Terry seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Board Member Excused Absences

There were no excused absences.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Frank Williams made a motion to approve the agenda; Allen Oliver seconded the motion. The agenda passed unanimously.

6. Public Comment

Due to the extent of citizens that wanted to participate in public comment, Cassidy Santaguida made a motion to allow all nine people to speak for three minutes, extending the normal fifteen minutes of public comment to twenty-seven minutes. Rose Terry seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Doug Field, Leland resident, spoke to the Board summarizing an email he sent earlier about the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge, and the option to truncate the river. He states that this option would allow the construction of a 65-foot span replacement bridge. Mr. Field noted that Congressman Rouzer is waiting to hear from the WMPO Board with a request to act. Mr. Field requested that the WMPO Board pass a resolution to contact Congressman Rouzer on this matter. Mr. Field noted the second part of his email spoke about the cost of the bridge, and the fact the 65-foot bridge replacement would be less expensive, and thus saving money.

Dom Vidrine, Wilmington resident, addressed the Board about the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge. Mr. Vidrine noted that he lives in a 142-year-old home, in the “fire zone” at 4th and Queen Streets, and he really does not want to live under a bridge, he opposes the fixed bridge option. Mr. Vidrine would like to see a world-class bridge that could be a tourist draw, keeping the same footprint of the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge and enhancing the historic district.

David Hendrickson, Wilmington resident, reviewed six reasons why he is asking to disallow tolling the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge. Equity issue, reoccurring toll for people who must use the bridge daily is unfair, he feels the primary burden should be on the State of NC and the NC Ports Authority. The Cape Fear Memorial Bridge is part of the infrastructure of North Carolina, part of STRAHNET so it should not be treated primarily as a user financed facility. Traffic diversion, and undesirable new traffic patterns, Mr. Hendrickson believes if tolling is used, traffic diversion to the Isabel Holmes bridge will be a nightmare. Economic Isolation, Mr. Hendrickson believes that tolling will cause

isolation of Brunswick County and New Hanover County, stating both economies will suffer. Find alternative financing, Mr. Hendrickson does not believe Wilmington should be the only bridge in NC to have a toll. Lastly, Mr. Hendrickson stated there are no advocates that support tolling.

Robert Lazoro, Leland resident, shared his thoughts that the WMPO Board should rescind its authorization for bridge tolling. He believes the commuters are being asked to write a blank check for a project that lacks confirmation on the appropriate clearance height. Mr. Lazoro also believes the cost of the project is underestimated, and the residents should not be burdened with funding a major infrastructure project. Mr. Lazoro would like the MPO to consider a resolution to our federal legislature asking for a Section 216 review, he would like the NCDOT to join the MPO in that request. Mr. Lazoro also echos the calls from local government leaders and community members for a comprehensive environmental impact study of this project.

Dan Wright, Leland resident, proposed to the WMPO Board five questions. First, why if everyone claims to be against tolls, even those who voted for tolls under the apparent guise of it being procedurally necessary, hasn't the toll authorization been rescinded. Second, Mr. Wright wanted to know why we are even speaking about the 135-foot fixed bridge, he believes there is no public support for it. Third, is tolling part of a larger plan for the state of North Carolina, is the state going to have more tolls on key roads and bridges, if so, who benefits. The fourth question, directed at New Hanover County, the Snow's Cut Bridge will need replacement soon, is it going to be tolled. Mr. Wright's last question was about the Capitol Boulevard project in Raleigh, which tolls were recently removed, he is curious how there are funds to accomplish that but not the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge.

Carol Bullock, Executive Director of Historic Wilmington Foundation, spoke to the WMPO Board in support of Alternative A for the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge replacement, and opposition of the 135-foot fixed bridge that would impose on Wilmington Historic District. Ms. Bullock stated that the Historic District is an economic engine, it draws visitors to restaurants, shops, hotels, museums, and tours as well as attracting residents and private investment. She noted that in 2024 visitors spent nearly \$1.4 billion in New Hanover County, supporting more than 7,000 jobs. Ms. Bullock stated that Historic Wilmington helps bring these visitors here. Ms. Bullock believes that although the transportation capacity and costs of the two replacement bridges are similar, she believes the cost to the community is higher with Option B.

Jan Brewington, President of Historic Wilmington Foundation, addressed the WMPO Board about the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge. Ms. Brewington noted that Wilmington is

not an industrial community, she stated we are a community that gets by on our looks, we have downtown, the beaches and beautiful land on the other side of the bridge. She believes that Brunswick County will be unfairly affected by tolls, noting that the US Census statistics show that 10,000 to 11,000 workers who reside in Brunswick County commute to New Hanover County each day for work, is it fair to put a toll burden on them. Ms. Brewington also noted that Navassa is the fastest growing town in North Carolina and most people who live in Navassa leave Navassa to work.

Lloyd Bonzo, Wilmington resident, retired military, past truck driver, pro-trucking. Spoke to the WMPO Board regarding the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge. Mr. Bonzo questioned what the goal of the bridge replacement is, he asked if it just to replace the memorial or if it is to manage traffic. Mr. Bonzo acknowledged that trucks are tearing up the bridge, the Army Corps of Engineers studies show what the trucks are doing to the bridge. Mr. Bonzo suggested adding a third bridge, leaving the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge in place for cars only and building a bridge down the river that would allow trucks in and out of the ports easier.

deAndre Corniffe, Wilmington resident addressed the WMPO Board about the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge. Mr. Corniffe stated that Wilmington would not be debating the massive replacement bridge or the possibility of tolling if the WMPO had advanced the Cape Fear Skyway when it was fully funded, as opposed to protecting homes in Bellville that are only about ten years old. Mr. Corniffe noted that currently we have shifted the burden from Bellville to Wilmington, and Wilmington's historic homes. Mr. Corniffe stated he would like to see the NCDOT provide two alternatives, replace the existing bridge without expanding its footprint, and add alternative C which would bring the Skyway connection back. Mr. Corniffe would also like the WMPO to withdraw its toll approval and simultaneously submit to the I-140 to Independence Boulevard proposal and include the Cape Fear Crossing Project alongside it.

7. Presentations

a. WMPO Commuter Challenge – Carolyn Caggia, WMPO

Carolyn Caggia, WMPO Transportation Planner, presented the 2026 Go Coast Commuter Challenge. Ms. Caggia began by explaining what the Go Coast program is, the WMPO's Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program, which encourages and supports alternative transportation. She explained who the program works with, such as employers, higher education learning institutions, and other agencies, and explained the marketing involved. Ms. Caggia presented the upcoming Commuter Challenge, which is slated for October 5th to the 18th and explained how to participate. She noted that the Challenge has been updated and refreshed to make it

even more exciting. In conclusion, Ms. Caggia noted how you can help spread the word individually or participate as a business connection or sponsor.

b. NCDOT Project Updates – Trevor Carroll, NCDOT

Trevor Carroll, NCDOT Division 3 Engineer, presented the Board with an update from NCDOT Division 3, beginning with a brief overview of the Division including what counties they cover, the population of those counties, and the miles of roads and bridges they maintain. Mr. Carroll notes the huge growth in the population from October 2025 to present day. He pointed out that the infrastructure in the six counties is aging, and the money the NCDOT has is used for repairs and maintenance more than building new. He highlighted the Division 3 facility locations throughout the six counties. Mr. Carroll presented a state map showing the fourteen division boundaries and the planning organizations they partner with, Division 3 has six planning organizations, three MPO's and three RPO's.

Mr. Carroll reviewed some high-profile projects for the Board beginning with the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge. He presented slides and pictures of the bridge replacement alternatives, noting that the NCDOT will continue to receive public comments about the bridge project until October 15th, then they will review and respond to the comments as well as select the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA). Mr. Carroll also reviewed the project schedule with the Board. The next project update Mr. Carroll reviewed was the Wrightsville Beach Bridge Replacement project, noting that it is almost under contract. Mr. Carroll stated that they are moving forward with work package number one, starting on the short bridge on Salisbury and then moving to the longer bridge on Salisbury. Mr. Carroll noted that the bridge over on Causeway is the third bridge in the package. Mr. Carroll explained that the work package is part of the CMGC style delivery as opposed to traditional delivery. Mike Kozlosky asked if he could elaborate on the two styles. Mr. Carroll explained that CMGC stands for Construction, Manager, General Contractor and those words represent the team that has been hired. The traditional method is where the NCDOT design the plans with the contractor and then publicly advertise them for the low bid award. The contractors would submit a bid and then the NCDOT would deliver the project that way. The last high profile project Mr. Carroll gave a review on was U-5710, the US17 (Military Cutoff Road) at US74 (Eastwood Road) Intersection Improvements. This project is moving forward with utility relocations, and this project will be let in the traditional manner, September 2027.

Mr. Carroll reviewed Division 3 project delivery phases, noting that 29% of the projects are in the right-of-way phase, 34% are in construction and 37% are in the

design phase. He stated that this represents roughly \$4.2 billion dollars in project funding, \$2 billion dollars of which are in the WMPO boundary.

Mr. Carroll shared with the group what the NCDOT calls Citizen Action Requests, where citizens call in with complaints and NCDOT track it as well as their response. He noted there are 275 maintenance employees serving six counties that perform these tasks on a weekly basis, to serve the citizens.

Mr. Carroll reviewed the NCDOT P-8.0 Project Submittal public input map and highlighted that 2,100 projects were submitted, and they are all competing for the same dollars to fund regional projects.

In conclusion, Mr. Carroll reviewed the NCDOT resources available that can help answer some of the Board's constituents' questions, such as Projects Near Me, and Drive NC.gov.

Landon Zimmer stated that was a great presentation and Trevor and his team have continuously done a great job, getting our region more than their fair share of STIP funding. Mr. Zimmer reiterated that costs are going up and the gas tax is flattening, so keeping up with the costs is increasingly more difficult, and looking outside of the box is necessary. He noted one of the best investments the state makes is into infrastructure.

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Board Regular Meeting Minutes- August 26, 2026
- b. Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendments #26-5
- c. Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendments #26-6
- d. Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modification #26-9
- e. Opening of a 45-day Public Comment Period on an Amendment to the WMPO's Public Participation Plan
- 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
- 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

Frank Williams made a motion to approve the consent agenda with item 8b pulled. Jimmy Tate seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Brenda Bozeman made a motion to approve item 8b on the consent agenda, Stephanie Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Landon Zimmer recused from the vote.

9. Regular Agenda

a. Resolution approving Amendment #3 to the FY27 Unified Planning Work Program

Regina Hopkins, WMPO Accounting Manager, overviewed the FY27 UPWP Amendment #3. Ms. Hopkins explained the amendment is to make a budget adjustment to participate in the NCDOT Division of Aviation's Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Planning Program. She noted the funds are currently available in the Management & Operations line, and they will be moved to the Staff Time – AAM Initiative, increase of \$5,000, and NC DOT Consultant – AAM Initiative, increase of \$25,000. Ms. Hopkins noted that this is simply a budget adjustment, it does not impact the local match required in the overall budget.

Jimmy Tate made a motion to support approving Amendment #3 to the FY27 Unified Planning Work Program. Chuck Bost seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

b. Resolution approving the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan

Abby Lorenzo, WMPO Deputy Director, reminded the Board that the final draft of the WMPO Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan was presented to the WMPO Board on August 26, 2026, after an 18-month planning process that focused heavily in data analysis, community input, and significant coordination with local partners and stakeholders. The Safety Action Plan identifies 40 priority projects along with a range of additional non-infrastructure related countermeasures. Ms. Lorenzo explained that with the adoption of the WMPO Safety Action Plan, WMPO member jurisdictions as well as planning partners are eligible to apply for additional Safe Streets and Roadways for all funding, supplemental planning funds, as well as implementation funding. These funds can support additional supplemental planning studies, as well as the implementation of roadway improvements and safety priorities that are identified in the safety action plan.

Allen Oliver made a motion to approve the WMPO's Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan. Rose Terry seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion

a. 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modifications #26-10

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

b. WMPO Compensation Philosophy

Jackie Esposito with Catapult was available to discuss the WMPO's compensation philosophy as the WMPO starts to evaluate their 2027 budget. Ms. Esposito reviewed Catapult's current methodology when partnering with the WMPO, she reviewed considerations in some of the local labor market contacts, walked through the proposed changes, and concluded with a revised compensation philosophy and salary range positioning framework that the Board can review and consider at the October meeting.

Frank Williams asked if the Board has questions before the October meeting, what is the procedure for submitting those questions. Mike Kozlosky responded that if the Board sends their questions to him by October 16th, he can share them with Ms. Esposito.

Cassidy Santaguida clarified that the recommended compensation philosophy is a deviation from the City of Wilmington, which is the lead agency for the WMPO. She also pointed out that Wilmington's philosophy is not entirely based on AMI, there is consideration for position, expertise and tenure. Ms. Santaguida also noted that she believes over time the WMPO salary shifts will deviate from the way the City of Wilmington salaries shift and before the Board adopts this philosophy, she wants to make it clear to the Board, staff and everybody else, that there is an expected deviation because the WMPO and the City of Wilmington have separate compensation philosophies.

c. WMPO Board Subcommittees

Mike Kozlosky reviewed the four current sub-committees of the WMPO Board and why they were formed. He reminded the Board that at the last meeting it was requested that the Board review the committees and if there is a committee that a member feels strongly about continuing, it will be discussed at this meeting. Mr. Kozlosky stated that staff reviewed the committees and at a minimum recommends

that the Board continue the Evaluation and Compensation and the Boundary, Governance, and Structure subcommittees.

Frank Williams agreed with Mr. Kozlosky on the recommendation of keeping the Evaluation and Compensation, and Boundary, Governance and Structure committees. Cassidy Santaguida stated she feels the Alternative Funding subcommittee should continue, so a local option sales tax conversation could be continued, and she volunteers to work on that committee. Rose Terry questioned how the members of the committees were selected previously. Mike Kozlosky answered that they were nominated and approved by the WMPO Board through conversations with the Board Chair.

Mike Kozlosky noted that none of the subcommittees mentioned have met since September of 2025, and the way this Board appoints subcommittees may differ from the previous Board. Chairman Barbee stated he believes it is important to decide which committees the Board would like to keep, and as of now it seems to be three, Evaluation and Compensation; Boundary, Governance and Structure; and Alternative Funding. He would like the Board to think about these committees and if interested in being on the committee to submit your name. He noted that if there are more Board members interested than seats available, the Board will select seats at a meeting. Kevin Spears agrees with Ms. Santaguida not to do away with the Alternative Funding subcommittee but thinks the appointment of members should happen publicly at a meeting. Stephanie Walker agrees that the Alternative Funding subcommittee needs to remain.

Frank Williams made a motion to continue the Evaluation and Compensation; Boundary, Governance and Structure; and Alternative Funding subcommittees. Cassidy Santaguida seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Chairman Barbee asked Mike Kozlosky how many members were on each committee. Mr. Kozlosky noted there were four members on the Evaluation and Compensation subcommittee. Cassidy Santaguida noted that it was mentioned at the last meeting that one of the members would be a City of Wilmington member. It was decided it would remain four members, the Chair, Vice Chair, one from the City of Wilmington and one at large. However, if there were less than seven members (less than quorum) that are passionate about serving the Board has the option of appointing all interested. Kevin Spears questioned if the Chair and Vice Chair should be on every committee, it was decided that one or the other should be on the remaining committees, along with four at large.

Chairman Barbee asked the members to review the definitions of the committees, think about it, and decide what they want to serve on and nominate themselves at the next meeting or submit an email to he or Mike Koslosky before the next meeting so there is a slate of candidates.

11. Updates

a. Wilmington Urban Area MPO

Mike Kozlosky gave an update on Prioritization 8.0, noting that NCDOT on September 21st released the projects that were funded at the Regional Impact Tier, as well as the scoring, along with the funding availability for the Division Needs Tier. There are three projects that the MPO Board either allocated points towards or donated points toward that were identified for funding in the Regional Tier. These projects were the Mann's Harbor Dormitory, the Market Street Access Management Improvements and the rail project from Raleigh to Wilmington. Next steps, draft Division Needs point assignment will be brought to the Board in October, a 14-day public comment period will need to be opened, and approval of the local input point assignment will have to take place in November.

Mike Kozlosky introduced Tessa Jones, WMPO Public Information Officer, to give a quick update on the public outreach and engagement the WMPO has scheduled. Ms. Jones gave updates on events coming up such as Tune Up and Tunes, Bike Fest at Good Hops in Carolina Beach, and National Night Out at Long Leaf Park. Ms. Jones presented the safety-minded freebies that are given out, as well as some of the October themed freebies such as temporary tattoos and mini flashlights.

Mike Kozlosky also reminded the Board about the Hampstead Bypass Tour happening October 15th, beginning at Trevor Carroll's office at Division 3.

The final update was a reminder about the training sessions happening over the next few months. Before today's meeting was TIA Training, and next month will be on Transportation Funding, Ben Johnson from NCDOT's STIP unit will be providing an overview of transportation funding at 1:30, October 28th.

b. Cape Fear Public Transit Authority

Updates are in the packet.

c. NCDOT Division 3

Updates are in the packet.

d. NCDOT Transportation Planning Division

Behshad Norowzi stated that Pender County Transportation Plan is under internal review and once it is final it will be shared with the steering committee. The Multimodal Freight Plan is currently being updated, the last time it was updated was 2023 and they are hoping to share the draft with all the partners by the end of 2026.

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

14. Adjourn

Chuck Bost made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cassidy Santaguida seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 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 #26-7

WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
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STIP ADDITIONS

HS-2603T NEW HANOVER PROJ.CATEGORY REGIONAL	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	US 17 BUSINESS (3RD STREET); US 17 BUSINESS. (MARKET STREET) INTERSECTION IN WILMINGTON. CONSTRUCT CONCRETE ISLANDS FOR CURB BUMP- OUTS.	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2027 - FY 2027 -	\$9,000 \$1,000 \$10,000	(HSIP) (T(M))
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ADD PROJECT BREAK AT THE REQUEST OF
TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY AND SAFETY DIVISION.

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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**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS #26-10 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 #26-10.

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 #26-10.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on October 28, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary



October 1, 2026

Mr. Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
305 Chestnut Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

Dear Mr. Kozlosky,

Wave Transit requests the following amendments and modifications to the 2024 – 2033 and 2026-2035 versions of the North Carolina State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to align with planned uses for current Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant program funds:

FY 2025 5339 Grant

Wave was awarded the 5339 Grant under a FY 2025 apportionment, and it is not reflected in the STIP. The following update is requested to be added to the STIP.

1. **TG-6824 Capital Improvements** - Amendment to add \$362,114 in FY 2027, with (\$289,691) from FTA funds and 72,423 from locally contributed capital funds. This is a new STIP ID for capital purchases and vehicle procurement.

Wave Transit would like to express our appreciation to the WMPO for your assistance and partnership in creating these amendments and modifications to the STIP. Please contact us if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Hairr
Executive Director
Wave Transit

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2026-2035 STATE/MPO
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS FOR TG-6824 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

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 Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (Wave) has respectfully requested an amendment to the 2026-2035 State and Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Improvement Programs to include funding allocations to the Section 5339(c) projects programmed in FY 2027; and

WHEREAS, Wave was awarded the 5339 Grant under a FY 2025 apportionment that is not currently reflected in the STIP; the requested funding amendment is outlined below:

TG-6824 Capital Improvements - Amendment to add FY 2025 apportionment of \$362,114 with \$289,691 in FTA funds, and \$72,423 in locally contributed capital funds. This is a new STIP ID for capital purchases and vehicle procurement.

WHEREAS, the requested public transportation amendment is required to be submitted by the Metropolitan Planning Organization to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for consideration; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the amendment will be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation and will be considered for formal approval as an upcoming Amendment to the 2026-2035 State and MPO Transportation Improvement Programs.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby requests an Amendment to the 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs for this public transportation project.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on October 28, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO
A DATA SHARING LICENSING AGREEMENT FOR ACCESS TO THE
NATIONAL PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT RESEARCH DATA SET**

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 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) introduced transportation system mobility performance requirements that include the monitoring and reporting of congestion and freight performance measures; and

WHEREAS, to assist transportation agencies with meeting the MAP-21 monitoring and reporting requirements, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) provides access to a national database of probe vehicle data known as the National Performance Management Research Data Set (NPMRDS); and

WHEREAS, NPMRDS utilizes travel times and speed data collected through anonymous probe vehicles equipped with mobile devices, producing speed and travel time metrics in 5-minute, 15-minute, and 1-hour increments for both truck and passenger vehicles; and

WHEREAS, transportation agencies' applications of the NPMRDS include the establishment of performance indicators and measures, congestion management process monitoring and reporting, and other performance-based planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization seeks to obtain access to the data set for application in its performance-based transportation planning activities; and

WHEREAS, State Departments of Transportation and Metropolitan Planning Organizations can access NPMRDS for free following the execution of a data sharing licensing agreement with INRIX Data Services.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a data sharing licensing agreement for access to the National Performance Management Research Data Set.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on October 28, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary



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MEMORANDUM

TO: WMPO Board members

FROM: Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director

DATE: October 20, 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 had four established Board Subcommittees. These Subcommittees included Evaluation and Compensation; Boundary, Governance, and Structure; Cape Fear Memorial Bridge Aesthetics; and Alternative Funding.

At the Board's September meeting, the Board voted to retain and continue the WMPO Executive Director's Evaluation and Compensation Subcommittee; WMPO Boundary, Governance, and Structure Subcommittee; and WMPO Alternative Funding Subcommittee. Below please find descriptions for each of these committees:

WMPO Executive Director 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.

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.

Alternative Funding Subcommittee- This committee was established to review the alternative funding and financing strategies identified in Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050.

At your October Board meeting, the WMPO Board will appoint members to each of these subcommittees.



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Unified Planning Work Program Fiscal Year 2027

Amendment # 4
October 28, 2026



Amendment # 3 Approved 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:

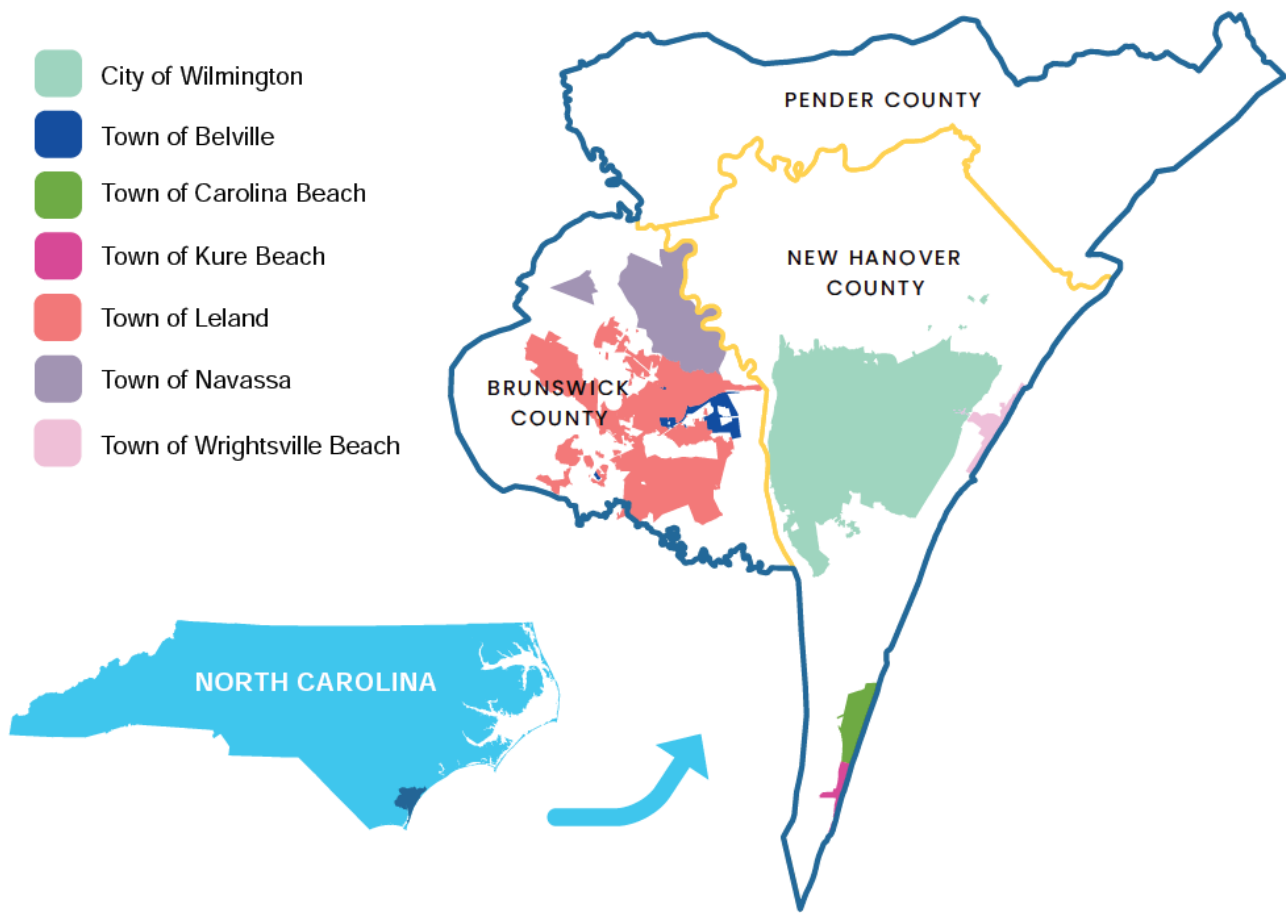
- **FHWA - Section 104(f) Funds (PL104)**
Funds dedicated to the urban area to perform transportation planning. PL104 funds require a 20% local match.
- **FHWA - Safe & Accessible Transportation Options Set Aside (SATO/Y410)**
These funds are dedicated to the urban area to perform transportation planning 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.

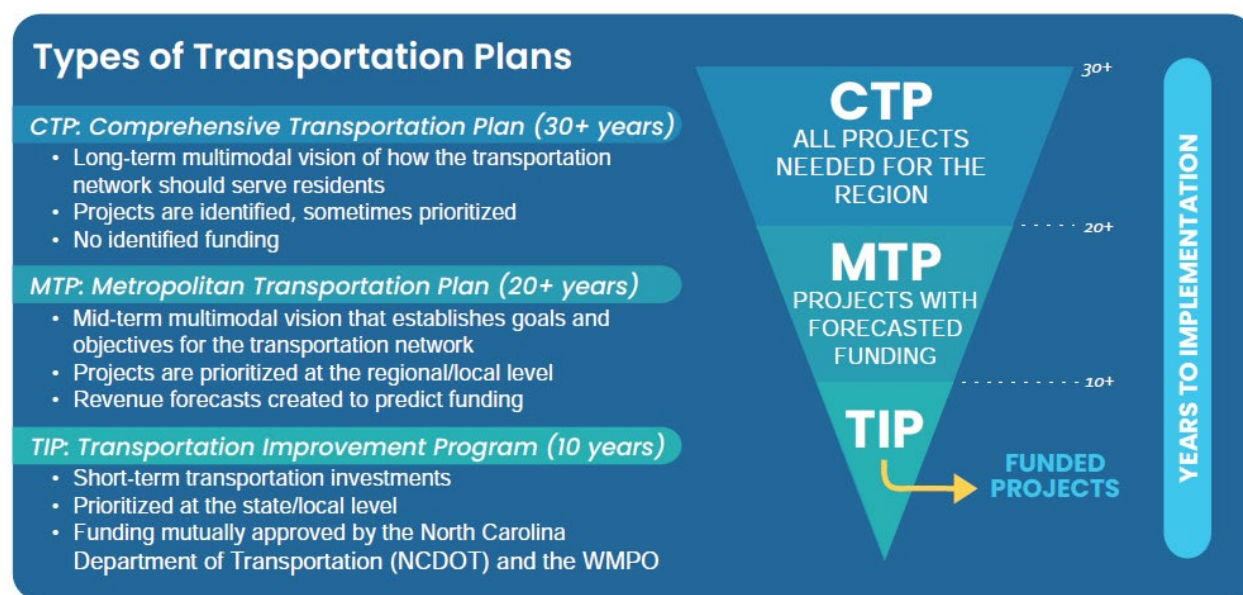
III-B Transportation Improvement Plan – Total: \$12,500

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

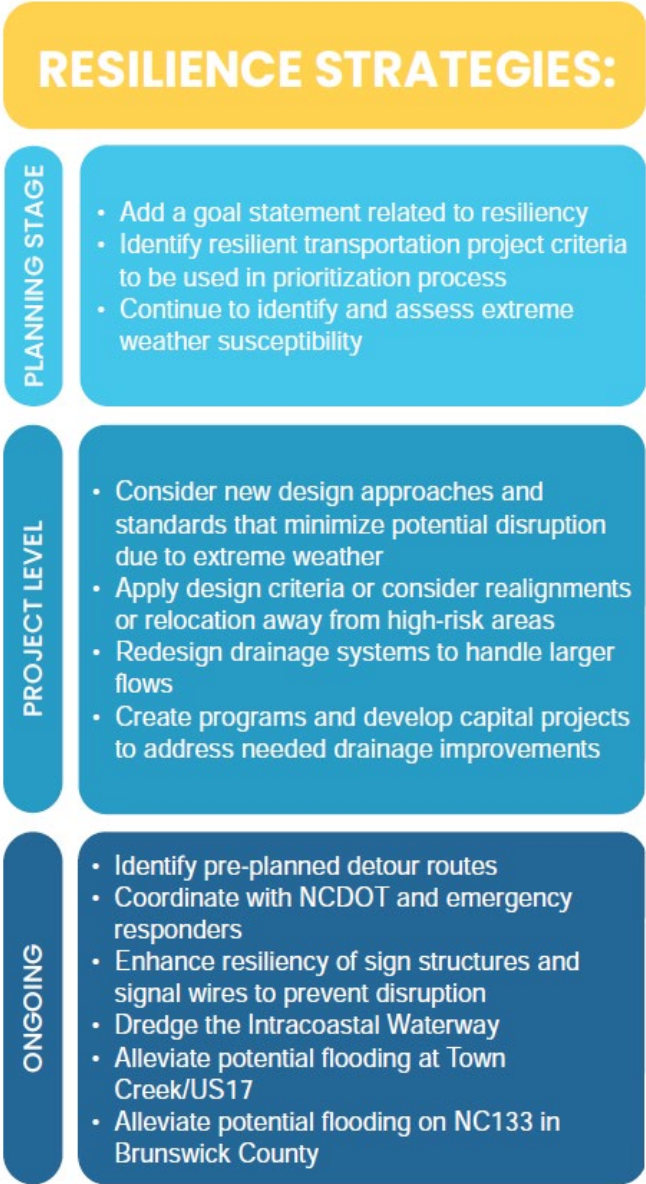
II-B-3 Special Studies: \$310,000

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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2026 - 2027 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment # 3
Advanced Air Mobility Initiative Funding
September 30, 2026

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.



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2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment # 4
Central Wilmington North-South Feasibility Study
October 28, 2026

The Independence Boulevard Extension (U-4434) project is proposed to extend Independence Boulevard from Randall Parkway to the Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. The project would consist of two travel lanes in each direction, separated by a variable-width median. A greenway is also proposed on the east side of the proposed project to connect to the Gary Shell Cross City Trail Plan.

Independence Boulevard Extension (U-4434) was funded in the adopted 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs for Preliminary Engineering only. In May 2026, the WMPO Board voted to remove Independence Boulevard Extension from the adopted 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs. The project remained in Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050 (MTP). As part of this action, the WMPO continued to recognize the importance of improved north-south connectivity and remained committed to working with our partners at the City of Wilmington and NCDOT to develop a more acceptable solution that enhances mobility and safety in central Wilmington.

This feasibility study would include a review of the purpose and need, traffic operations and safety, alternatives analysis, environmental impacts, public engagement, and recommendations. The study will evaluate alternative North-South corridors and associated improvements within the Central Wilmington area. NCDOT will manage the feasibility study with co-project management by the WMPO.

The total study cost is \$200,000. The Federal portion is \$160,000 (80%) and the local portion is \$40,000 (20%). The adopted FY27 UPWP budget includes \$50,000 in Local Only funds for grant contingency usage; of those funds, \$40,000 will be utilized to provide the required local match. While the overall impact to the budget is an increase of \$160,000 in Federal funds, there is no impact to the required local funds.

44.27.00 II-B-3 Special Studies: SPR Study

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item increased by \$200,000

This is a new task line for the special study discussed above. \$160,00 (80%) will be funded by Federal SPR funds, \$40,000 will be provided with Local funds for the 20% match.

44.27.00 III-E Management Operations

To provide the necessary SPR Local Match, the line item decreased by \$40,000

Decrease in expenditure to move existing funds to provide the local match needed for the SPR Special Study.

WMPO 2026 - 2027 UPWP Administrative Table - Amendment # 4

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				FHWA/TSMO Planning - SPR			Additional	FY27 PROGRAM TOTALS				
			WBS #: 52191.1.18			WBS #: 50902.1.4			WBS #: 44094.1.8			State WBS # 51360 / Federal Award # 693JJ32540101				WBS #: 36230.27.26.6				WBS #: TBD			Funds					
FTA CODE	TASK CODE	TASK DESCRIPTION	Local 20%	Federal 80%	Total 100%	Federal 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 20%	Federal 80%	Total 100%	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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,000	160,000	200,000	-	109,800	-	439,200	549,000			
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 (AAM)	-	-	-	-	5,000	20,000	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	20,000	25,000			
44.27.00	II-B-3	Special Study: NC DOT - Independence Blvd Extension (U-4434)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,000	160,000	200,000	-	40,000	-	160,000	200,000			
	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	Cvl 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	-	-	-	-	91,000	449,235	8,894	1,468,832	1,926,961		
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	-	-	-	-	91,000	449,235	8,894	1,468,832	1,926,961		
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	40,000	160,000	200,000	91,000	618,425	13,684	2,172,732	2,804,841			
			Local	Federal	Total	Total / Federal	Local	Federal	Total	Local	Federal	Federal	Total	Local	State	Federal	Total	Local	Federal	Total	Local	Local	State	Federal	Grand Total			
			PL 104(f)			PL Y410 SATO	STBG-DA			Safe Streets for All				5303 - Normal Planning				STBG-DA			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				FHWA/TPD Planning - STBG-DA			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				WBS #: TBD			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 20%	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
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Combined Total of FY27 and FY24 Continuance			PL 104(f)			PL Y410 SATO	STBG-DA			Safe Streets for All				5303 - Normal Planning				FHWA/TSMO Planning - SPR			Additional	FY27 & FY24 Combined Total			
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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	40,000	160,000	200,000	91,000	668,425	63,684	2,572,732	3,304,841

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 27: New Central Wilmington North-South Feasibility Study	NC DOT	Consultant	160,000	200,000
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.

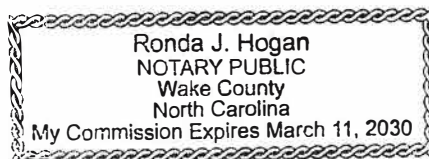
I, LYNN BARBEE, Chair of the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Board, duly held on this the 25th day of March 2026.



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

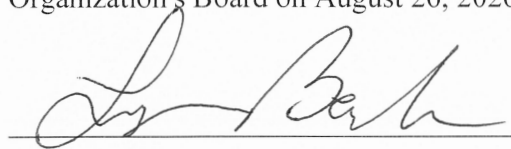
WHEREAS, the need for amendments to the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program has been evaluated and justified in order to effectively advance transportation planning for FY 2027; and

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

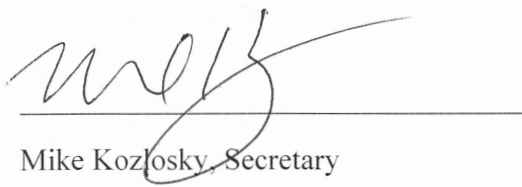
WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization proposes amendments to the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program to reflect current and anticipated expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves Amendment # 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 APPROVING AMENDMENT # 4 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 Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approved Amendment # 3 on September 30, 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 # 4 to the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on October 28, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary



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MEMORANDUM

To: WMPO Board Members

From: Greer Templer, Senior Transportation Planner

Date: October 22, 2026

Subject: Prioritization 8.0 – Draft Division Needs Tier Projects Local Input Point Assignments

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

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

Project selection differs by tier. Statewide Mobility Tier projects are evaluated entirely through quantitative scoring and are not eligible to receive Local Input Points. Regional Impact Tier projects are evaluated using a combination of quantitative scores and local input, with quantitative scoring accounting for 70 percent of the overall score and Local Input Points comprising the remaining 30 percent. Division Needs Tier projects are evaluated using an equal weighting of quantitative scores and local input. As a result, projects with stronger overall scores are more competitive for programming in the MPO/State Transportation Improvement Programs.

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

The WMPO has 1,600 Division Needs Tier Local Input Points available for assignment among eligible projects. A maximum of 100 Local Input Points may be assigned to any individual project.

Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

The attached draft Division Needs Tier Local Input Point assignment was developed in accordance with the WMPO Board-approved Local Input Point Methodology.

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

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

Each criterion is assigned a score of up to 100 points, resulting in a maximum methodology score of 500 points per project. These methodology scores are used to evaluate and prioritize eligible projects for consideration of Local Input Point assignment. The methodology provides the basis for identifying projects recommended to receive up to 100 Local Input Points, while also ensuring the Division Needs Tier assignment includes at least one project from each non-highway mode represented in the eligible project pool.

The attached draft assignment reflects the application of the approved methodology using the information currently available. The coordination with NCDOT Division 3 criterion has been tentatively scored using the point assignments carried forward from the Regional Impact Tier. Coordination with Division 3 remains ongoing, and staff will finalize the point assignments following those discussions. In addition, the approved methodology requires a 14-day public comment period prior to finalizing and approving the final local input point assignments. Staff recommends the opening of that comment period by the WMPO Board at its October 28, 2026, meeting.

A finalized Division Needs Tier Local Input Point Assignment recommendation will be presented to the Board in November, prior to NCDOT's November 20, 2026, submission deadline.

Prioritization 8.0 Divison Needs Tier Projects - Draft Local Point Assignment																		
Project Information										Local Input Criteria								
SPOT ID	Mode	TIP	Project Category	Route / Facility / Project Name	From / Cross Street / Location	To / Cross Street	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	P 8.0 Quantitative Score (x of 100)	DRAFT Division 3 Points (x of 100)	Consistency with Plans (x of 100)	Status of project in development (x of 100)	Number of Prioritization Cycles (x of 100)	Total (x of 500)	DRAFT Point Assignment	Notes	Ranking
H149006-D	Highway	U-5881	Statewide Mobility	US 117 (College Road)	South of SR 1272 (New Centre Drive)	NS-94068 (Ringo Drive)	Upgrade Roadway	2 - Upgrade Arterial to Freeway/Expressway	\$ 55,700,000	74.28	100	100	50	100	424.28	100	*Points assigned by NCDOT Division 3 and WMPO during Regional Impact	1
H250015	Highway	U-5704	Statewide Mobility	US 117 (College Road)	US 76 (Oleander Drive)	N/A	Upgrade the intersection to an at-grade quadrant design, utilizing utilize Parkway Drive with improvements including roadway widening and turn lanes.	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 57,700,000	62.66	100	100	50	100	412.66	100	*Points assigned by NCDOT Division 3 and WMPO during Regional Impact Tier Local Input Point Assignment	2
F230649	Ferry		Regional Impact	Southport - Ft Fisher	Southport terminal	N/A	Additional (second) ramp at Southport	8 - Expand Facility	\$ 18,000,000	79.36	100	100	25	25	329.36	0*	*WMPO able to assign up to 50 points, CFRPO able to assign 50 points **WMPO staff recommend reassigning points from F230649 to H171924,the next-highest-scoring project to fall outside the top 16 threshold per the adopted methodology to support a project directly within the WMPO planning area boundary	
B250267	Bicycle & Pedestrian	5702AA	Division Needs	UNCW Pedestrian Bridge across College Road	West US 117 (South College Road)	East US 117 (South College Road)	The feasibility study describes a proposed pedestrian facility crossing US 117/NC 132/South College Road to provide additional connectivity to the University of North Carolina - Wilmington (UNCW) campus. It also includes pedestrian improvements to the College Road corridor as a supplemental design component of the project.	6 - Grade-Separated Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 6,845,451	73.56	100	100	25	25	323.56	100		3
B231171	Bicycle & Pedestrian		Division Needs	US 421 (Carolina Beach Road)	SR 1187 (Sanders Road)	SR 2566 (Halyburton Memorial Parkway)	Construct a multi-use path along S College Beach Road from Sanders Road to the intersection with Halyburton Memorial Parkway.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 8,722,400	73.14	100	100	25	25	323.14	100		4
H110987	Highway	U-5729	Regional Impact	US 421 (Carolina Beach Road)	US 421 (Burnett Boulevard)	US 117 (Shipyard Boulevard)	Upgrade roadway	11 - Access Management	\$ 72,100,000	72.98	0	100	50	100	322.98	100	*Points assigned by WMPO at Regional Impact Tier **U-5729SW is now included in the scope of U-5729 and no longer being scored separately.	5
F230648	Ferry		Regional Impact	Southport - Ft Fisher	Southport and Ft Fisher terminals	N/A	Replace and expand Operations Buildings / Visitor Centers at Southport and Fort Fisher	8 - Expand Facility	\$ 4,448,500	65.48	100	100	25	25	315.48	100*	*WMPO able to assign up to 50 points, CFRPO able to assign 50 points. Coordination with CFRPO regarding point assignments ongoing.	6
H149006-A	Highway	U-5702B	Regional Impact	NC 132 (College Road)	US 421 (Carolina Beach Road)	US 117 (Shipyard Boulevard)	Access management and travel time improvements.	11 - Access Management	\$ 129,300,000	63.18	0	100	50	100	313.18	100	*Points assigned by WMPO at Regional Impact Tier	7
H110993	Highway	U-6080	Division Needs	SR 1175 (Kerr Avenue)	Patrick Avenue	SR 1411 (Wrightsville Avenue)	Widen existing 2-lane facility to 4-lane divided facility with bicycle lanes, 5' sidewalk, 10' multiuse path	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 68,400,000	52.37	0	100	50	100	302.37	100		8
H149006-E	Highway	U-5704	Statewide Mobility	US 117 (College Road)	US 76 Oleander Drive	N/A	Upgrade the intersection to a grade-separated quadrant design, utilizing utilize Parkway Drive with improvements including roadway widening and turn lanes.	7 - Upgrade At-grade Intersection to Interchange or Grade Separation	\$ 184,600,000	52.00	0	100	50	100	302.00	0*	*WMPO staff recommend reassigning points from H149006-E to R150128,the next-highest-scoring project to fall outside the top 16 threshold per the adopted methodology. This also supports fulfilling the multimodal criteria outlined in the WMPO's adopted methodology. The at-grade alternative to H149006-E (H250015) is recommended to receive points under the adopted methodology.	
H090287-AG	Highway	R-4462	Statewide Mobility	US 74 (US 76)	NC 87 (Maco Road)	SR 1426 (Mount Misery Road)	Upgrade roadway to interstate standards	2 - Upgrade Arterial to Freeway/Expressway	\$ 375,800,000	51.30	0	100	50	100	301.30	100**	*Points assigned by NCDOT Division 3 and WMPO during Regional Impact **WMPO able to assign up to 89 points, CFRPO able to assign 11 points. Coordination with CFRPO regarding point assignments ongoing.	9
A150101	Aviation	AV-5795	Statewide Mobility	ILM - Wilmington International Airport: GA Apron Expansion	34.277476901379764, - 77.91062332512783	N/A	The airport is experiencing unprecedented demand for GA and corporate tiedown and hangar space, exceeding ramp availability. Project Expands the North Apron toward new tenant ramp areas to expand capacity and enhance economic development within the corporate GA community. [DOA PRN = 3432]	1200 - Aircraft Apron / Helipad Requirements	\$ 1,000,000	74.20	0	100	50	75	299.20	100		10
H192190	Highway		Division Needs	New location	US 17 (Ocean Highway)	NC 133 (River Road)	Construct new roadway connection between US 17 and NC 133 in Brunswick County.	5 - Construct Roadway on New Location	\$ 55,800,000	73.73	0	100	25	100	298.73	100		11

B230787	Bicycle & Pedestrian		Division Needs	Central College Road Trail	SR-2048 (Gordon Road)	SR-2206 (Northchase Parkway NE)	Construct a 10' shared-use path adjacent to US 117/NC 132/N College Road.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 11,212,800	69.46	0	100	100	25	294.46	0**	*Funded for construction through the WMPO's LAP Program. **WMPO staff recommend reassigning points from B230787 to R150128,the highest-scoring transit project to directly support Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority/Wave Transit operations and fall outside the top 16 threshold per the adopted methodology.This recommended deviation also supports fulfilling the multimodal criteria outlined in the WMPO's adopted methodology.	
F150235	Ferry		Regional Impact	Southport - Ft Fisher	Southport - Ft Fisher route	N/A	Additional River Class vessel	6 - Expand Vehicle Vessel	\$ 35,000,000	44.20	0	100	50	100	294.20	100	Points assigned by WMPO at Regional Impact Tier	12
H090713	Highway		Regional Impact	NC 133 (River Road SE)	SR 1551 (Blackwell Road)	SR 1599 (Jackeys Creek Lane)	Widen NC133 (River Road SE) from SR 1551 (Blackwell Road) to SR 1599 (Jackey's Creek Lane SE) to four-lane, divided cross section with curb and gutter.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 67,000,000	63.06	0	100	25	100	288.06	100	Points assigned by WMPO at Regional Impact Tier	13
H171924	Highway	U-4738	Statewide Mobility	US 117 (Shipyard Boulevard), US 17 (Ocean Highway), US 17 bus, US 421 (Carolina Beach Road), US 74	US 117 (Shipyard Boulevard)	I-140 (Wilmington BYP)	Upgrade existing roadways and construct new river crossing south of existing Cape Fear Memorial Bridge. [TOLL PROJECT]	6 - Widen Existing Roadway and Construct Part on New Location	\$ 1,629,700,000	59.92	0	100	25	100	284.92	100*	*WMPO staff recommend reassigning points from F230649 to H171924,the next-highest-scoring project to fall outside the top 16 threshold per the adopted methodology.	14
R150128	Rail		Division Needs	CSX SE Line (Wilmington Multimodal Transportation Center)	Downtown Wilmington Multimodal Transportation Center located on Campbell Street between 3rd and 4th Street, across from Padgett Transfer Station (Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority/Wave Transit).	N/A	Construction of an intercity passenger station in Wilmington to accommodate future rail service between Raleigh and Wilmington. This passenger station will be part of a larger multimodal center ultimately accommodating public transportation, private mass transportation, passenger rail, bicyclists, and pedestrians.	4 - Passenger rail station improvement or construction (point)	\$ 93,925,000	34.00	0	100	50	100	284.00	100*	*WMPO staff recommend reassigning points from H149006-E to R150128,the next-highest-scoring project to fall outside the top 16 threshold per the adopted methodology.This recommended deviation also supports fulfilling the multimodal criteria outlined in the WMPO's adopted methodology.	15
H170244	Highway		Regional Impact	NC 133 (River Road SE)	SR 1599 (Jackeys Creek Lane SE)	Rabon Way SE	Widen NC133 (River Road SE) from SR 1599 (Jackey's Creek Lane SE) to Rabon Way to four-lane, divided cross section with curb and gutter.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 65,500,000	46.01	0	100	25	100	271.01	0	Points assigned by WMPO at Regional Impact Tier	
H230873	Highway		Statewide Mobility	US 17 BUS	US 74 Interchange	5th Street	Replace the existing Cape Fear Memorial Bridge	5 - Construct Roadway on New Location	\$ 1,029,800,000	60.71	0	100	25	75	260.71	0	Points assigned by WMPO at Regional Impact Tier	
B230788	Bicycle & Pedestrian		Division Needs	South College Road Trail	South 17th Street	SR-1521 (Piner Road)	Construct a 10' shared-use path adjacent to NC 132 (N College Road) from South 17th Street to SR-1521 (Piner Road).	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 11,004,800	77.22	0	100	50	25	252.22	0	Funded for construction through the WMPO's LAP Program	
R140031	Rail		Regional Impact	NCDOT AC Line	Wallace to Castle Hayne	N/A	Restoration of the Wallace to Castle Hayne Rail Corridor from just north of Wilmington to Wallace. This project is contingent upon the awarding of an 80/20 federal grant and if the grant is not awarded, then the project is void.	5 - Passenger rail service (line)	\$ 52,845,600	26.18	0	100	25	100	251.18	0		
A150420	Aviation		Statewide Mobility	ILM - Wilmington International Airport: Perimeter Road Improvements (Ph.1)	Various Areas, General Location: 347, 16', 21.59"N 777, 53',56.94"W	N/A	Project will improve safety and emergency response by relocating the Airport's vehicle perimeter road outside NAVAID critical areas and Object Free Areas while also providing enhanced separation of airport operational vehicles, emergency response vehicles and aircraft. [DOA PRN = 3415]	3000 - Other	\$ 1,000,000	20.40	0	100	25	100	245.40	0	Points assigned by WMPO at Regional Impact Tier	
H190398	Highway		Statewide Mobility	US 17	SR 2734 (Marsh Oaks Drive)	SR 1582 (Washington Acres Road)	Convert roadway to reduced conflict intersection corridor configuration and provide access management.	4 - Upgrade Arterial to Signalized RCI Corridor	\$ 94,400,000	67.98	0	100	25	50	242.98	0	Points assigned by NCDOT Division 3 and WMPO during Regional Impact	
R150532	Rail		Statewide Mobility	NCDOT AC Line	From Burgaw to Castle Hayne	N/A	Restoration of the Wallace to Castle Hayne Rail Corridor from Burgaw to Castle Hayne (phase 2) per Pender Co CTP project PEND0001-R.	1 - Freight rail corridor improvement or construction (line)	\$ 202,239,824	15.60	0	100	25	100	240.60	0		
R150125	Rail		Statewide Mobility	CSX AF Line	MP AF 286.6, near the former Invista facility located on the New Hanover side of the New Hanover / Pender County boundary to the Pender County Commerce Park facility	N/A	Construction of approximately 1.5 mile rail line extension from MP AF 286.60 (near Invista) to support new rail volumes inbound & outbound from Pender Commerce Park. Project includes at-grade crossing improvements to US 421 (Crossing #629 171T).	1 - Freight rail corridor improvement or construction (line)	\$ 7,868,025	9.32	0	100	25	100	234.32	0		
F250422	Ferry		Regional Impact	Southport - Ft Fisher	Southport and Ft Fisher terminals	N/A	Additional (second) ramps at Southport and Fort Fisher	8 - Expand Facility	\$ 36,000,000	82.58	0	100	25	25	232.58	0		
R192033	Rail		Statewide Mobility	CSX AF Line (Yadkin Spur, CNC Lead)	US 17/421 South of I-140 Dan Cameron Bridge, Wilmington	N/A	Installation of grade crossing improvements at existing at-grade crossing (Crossing #629 163B) at US 421 in Wilmington. The project includes the installation of gates, signalization and supplementary safety measures per MUTCD guidelines and AREMA recommendations to achieve optimal benefit per spending.	3 - Highway-rail crossing improvement (point)	\$ 6,916,000	55.36	0	100	25	50	230.36	0		

R230522	Rail		Regional Impact	NCRR/NS NC Line, CSX AC Line, NCDOT AC Line, & CSX SE Line (Wilmington to Raleigh Passenger Service)	Wilmington to Raleigh via Goldsboro	N/A	Upgrade rail infrastructure to support new intercity passenger service from Wilmington to Raleigh via Goldsboro. Project includes necessary infrastructure, stations, and passenger equipment to begin service with three roundtrips per day. This project is contingent upon the awarding of an 80/20 federal grant and if the grant is not awarded, then the project is void.	5 - Passenger rail service (line)	\$ 154,938,000	79.74	0	100	25	25	229.74	0	Awarded funding at Regional Impact Tier	
F230761	Ferry		Regional Impact	Southport - Ft Fisher	Ft Fisher terminal	N/A	Additional (second) ramp at Fort Fisher	8 - Expand Facility	\$ 18,000,000	79.36	0	100	25	25	229.36	0		
B250735	Bicycle & Pedestrian		Division Needs	Country Club Drive Multi-Use Path	St Johns Church Road	SR-1563 (Sloop Point Loop Road)	Construct a 10' shared-use path adjacent to SR-1565/Country Club Drive.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 16,345,600	53.50	0	100	50	25	228.50	0		
A170927	Aviation		Statewide Mobility	ILM - Wilmington International Airport: Emergency Boat Ramp Access Launch Rwy 6	34?, 15', 33.49"N 77?, 54', 45.32"W	N/A	The existing emergency water rescue ramp (boat access) is an unimproved riverbank and regularly susceptible to erosion by tide and current. This project will Provide stabilized access for Rescue boat along with a dock to support life safety activities in response to waterway aircraft crash emergencies at runway end. [DOA PRN = 3806]	3000 - Other	\$ 1,000,000	25.28	0	100	25	75	225.28	0		
A231118	Aviation		Statewide Mobility	ILM - Wilmington International Airport: Apron Maintenance	34?, 16', 18.6"N 77?, 54', 32.38"W	N/A	Perform maintenance and renovations on the Modern Aviation FBO Ramp to ensure a safe operating surface amid increasing demand. [DOA PRN = 4931]	1200 - Aircraft Apron / Helipad Requirements	\$ 500,000	74.60	0	100	25	25	224.60	0		
A231184	Aviation		Statewide Mobility	ILM - Wilmington International Airport: Airline and Customs Apron Joint and Pavement Repair	34?, 16', 24.71"N 77?, 54', 35.45"W	N/A	Clean, seal, and repair joints and concrete pavement sections for the Air Carrier and Customs Aprons to ensure a safe and adequate pavement system at on the existing airline and customs ramp.	1200 - Aircraft Apron / Helipad Requirements	\$ 500,000	73.34	0	100	25	25	223.34	0		
B231163	Bicycle & Pedestrian		Division Needs	SR 1521/1492 (Piner Road/Grissom Road/Masonboro Loop Road)	NC 132 (College Road)	Masonboro Sound Road	Construct a multi-use path along Piner Rd. and Masonboro Loop Road from the Monkey Junction intersection to the Masonboro Loop Road/Masonboro Sound Road intersection.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 16,803,676	67.62	0	100	25	25	217.62	0		
B231167	Bicycle & Pedestrian		Division Needs	US 421 (Carolina Beach Road)	SR 1247 (Antoinette Drive)	NC 132 (College Road)	Construct a multi-use path along Carolina Beach Road from Antoinette Drive to the Monkey Junction intersection.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 1,200,400	60.64	0	100	25	25	210.64	0		
H231084	Highway		Division Needs	SR 1521 (Piner Road), SR 1492 (Myrtle Grove Road)	SR 1520 (Grissom Road)	N/A	Redesign multiple intersections along SR 1521 (Piner Road) and SR 1492 (Myrtle Grove Road). SR 1521 at SR 1520; SR 1521 at SR 1492; and SR 1492 at SR 1520. Widen SR 1521 from US 421 to SR 1492 to include median divider, multiuse path, and 5' sidewalk.	21 - Realign Multiple Intersections	\$ 11,600,000	60.59	0	100	25	25	210.59	0		
F230763	Ferry		Regional Impact	Southport - Ft Fisher	Ft Fisher terminal	N/A	Terminal improvement: install 5' sidewalk at Fort Fisher between ferry terminal building entrance and US 421	8 - Expand Facility	\$ 39,006	60.00	0	100	25	25	210.00	0		
T250305	Public Transit		Division Needs	Duplin County Transit Vehicle Expansion	Duplin County Public Transportations building - 144 Duplin Commons Dr., Kenansville	N/A	Purchase (2) 22' LTV Demand Response Vehicles	4 - Demand Response	\$ 303,070	55.42	100	0	25	25	205.42	0		
F250415	Ferry		Regional Impact	Southport - Ft Fisher	Southport - Ft Fisher route and terminals	N/A	Additional River Class vessel, additional (second) ramps at Southport and Fort Fisher, and replace/expand dorm at Southport	6 - Expand Vehicle Vessel	\$ 74,591,000	52.26	0	100	25	25	202.26	0		
F250418	Ferry		Regional Impact	Southport - Ft Fisher	Southport - Ft Fisher route and Southport terminal	N/A	Additional River Class vessel, additional (second) ramp at Southport, and replace/expand dorm at Southport	6 - Expand Vehicle Vessel	\$ 56,591,000	50.96	0	100	25	25	200.96	0		
F250416	Ferry		Regional Impact	Southport - Ft Fisher	Southport - Ft Fisher route and Southport terminal	N/A	Additional River Class vessel and additional (second) ramp at Southport	6 - Expand Vehicle Vessel	\$ 53,000,000	50.32	0	100	25	25	200.32	0		
H230971	Highway		Regional Impact	US 17 (Oleander Drive)	Pine Grove Drive	Greenville Loop Road	Construction of access management improvements to include raised median, turning lanes, and driveway access closures.	11 - Access Management	\$ 86,100,000	49.48	0	100	25	25	199.48	0	Points assigned by WMPO at Regional Impact Tier	
H231083	Highway		Division Needs	SR 1209 (Independence Boulevard)	US 421 (Carolina Beach Road)	River Road	Widen Independence Boulevard to 4-lane, divided cross section with 10' multiuse path and 5' sidewalk.	18 - Widen Existing Local (Non-State) Roadway	\$ 94,500,000	49.21	0	100	25	25	199.21	0		
B230803	Bicycle & Pedestrian		Division Needs	US 421 (Carolina Beach Road) Pedestrian Crossing Improvements	SR-1247 (Antoinette Drive)	N/A	Construct crosswalks at existing signalized intersection of US 421 (Carolina Beach Road) and SR-1247 (Antoinette Drive). Includes six (6) curb ramps, six (6) pedestrian signal heads, and three (3) painted crosswalks.	8 - Multi-Site Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,082,400	49.14	0	100	25	25	199.14	0		
R231208	Rail		Regional Impact	NCRR/NS NC Line, CSX A & SE Lines (New Passenger Service)	Wilmington to Raleigh via Fayetteville and Pembroke	N/A	Improvement to rail infrastructure to support new intercity passenger service from Wilmington to Raleigh via Fayetteville and Pembroke on the NCRR/NC NC, CSX A, and CSX SE Lines. Project includes necessary infrastructure, stations, and passenger equipment to begin service with three roundtrips per day. This project is contingent upon the awarding of an 80/20 federal grant and if the grant is not awarded, then the project is void.	5 - Passenger rail service (line)	\$ 204,786,600	48.98	0	100	25	25	198.98	0		

R192058	Rail		Statewide Mobility	CSX ACB Line	New railroad line: Cape Fear Memorial Bridge to Port of Wilmington's north end	N/A	Construction of new rail line connecting the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge to the NCSPA-owned trackage at its north end in Wilmington (Surry St to CSX ACB Line to port). The project is funding-eligible since CSX uses trackage to conduct interchange with WTRY (port). The project would also maintain project funding eligibility if CSX reserved rights to own and/or operate over this stretch of trackage in the future.	1 - Freight rail corridor improvement or construction (line)	\$ 651,218,000	23.48	0	100	25	50	198.48	0		
R230524	Rail		Regional Impact	CSX AC Line, NCDOT AC Line, & CSX SE Line (Wilmington to Goldsboro Passenger Service)	CSX AC Line (Goldsboro to Wallace), NCDOT AC Line (Wallace to Castle Hayne), CSX SE Line (Castle Hayne to Wilmington)	N/A	Improvement to and construction of rail infrastructure to support new intercity passenger service from Wilmington to Goldsboro on the CSX SE, NCDOT AC, and CSX AC Lines. Project includes necessary infrastructure, stations, and passenger equipment to begin service with three roundtrips per day. This project would also include a layover facility at one endpoint. This project is contingent upon the awarding of an 80/20 federal grant and if the grant is not awarded, then the project is void.	5 - Passenger rail service (line)	\$ 144,230,800	48.48	0	100	25	25	198.48	0		
H129637-A	Highway	U-4434	Division Needs	SR 1209 (Independence Boulevard Extension)	Randall Parkway	US 17 BUS (Market Street)	Randall Parkway to US 74 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway) in Wilmington. Multi-lanes on new location.	5 - Construct Roadway on New Location	\$ 424,600,000	47.53	0	100	50		197.53	0		
H250557	Highway		Division Needs	SR 1322 (Murrayville Road)	US 117 (College Road)	I-40	Widen SR 1322 (Murrayville Road) from two lanes, undivided to four lanes, divided, with MUP and sidewalk.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 49,800,000	46.85	0	100	25	25	196.85	0		
B230917	Bicycle & Pedestrian		Division Needs	NC132 (College Road) Pedestrian Crossing Improvements	Shopping Center Drive	N/A	Construct crosswalks at existing signalized intersection of NC 132 (S College Road) and Shopping Center Drive. Includes six (6) curb ramps, six (6) pedestrian signal heads, and three (3) painted crosswalks.	8 - Multi-Site Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,212,000	44.76	0	100	25	25	194.76	0		
H230956	Highway		Regional Impact	US 421 (Carolina Beach Road)	SR 1576 (River Road)	Access Road	Replacement of existing bridge structure over Snow's Cut. Proposed cross section includes raised median, shoulders, and 12' MUP.	26 - Upgrade Roadway	\$ 113,500,000	43.35	0	100	25	25	193.35	0		
F251118	Ferry		Regional Impact	Statewide: Support Vessel	Manns Harbor Shipyard	N/A	Replace Tug Vessel (Cape Fear)	1 - Replace Support Vessel	\$ 1,684,280	36.80	0	100	25	25	186.80	0		
H231111	Highway		Division Needs	SR 1322 (Murrayville Road)	I-40	N/A	Convert grade separation of SR 1322 (Murrayville Road) at I-40 to half clover interchange.	9 - Convert Grade Separation to Interchange	\$ 89,100,000	36.48	0	100	25	25	186.48	0		
H230961	Highway		Regional Impact	US 74 (Causeway Drive), US 76 (Causeway Drive)	Airlie Road	US 74 (West Salisbury Street)	Replace moveable span, 4-lane, undivided bridge with fixed span, 4-lane divided bridge with 12' multi-use path facility.	26 - Upgrade Roadway	\$ 262,600,000	35.41	0	100	25	25	185.41	0		
B230808	Bicycle & Pedestrian		Division Needs	US421 (Carolina Beach Road) Pedestrian Crossing Improvements	SR-1492 (Myrtle Grove Road)	N/A	Construct crosswalks at existing signalized intersection of US 421 (Carolina Beach Road) and SR-1492 (Myrtle Grove Road). Includes six (6) curb ramps, six (6) pedestrian signal heads, and three (3) painted crosswalks.	8 - Multi-Site Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,082,400	35.04	0	100	25	25	185.04	0		
T250790	Public Transit		Division Needs	Forden Station Ticket Kiosks	505 Cando St, Wilmington, NC 28405	N/A	Implementation of ticket kiosks and tap pay option for mobile payment to be placed at passenger facilities.	5 - Facility - Passenger Station	\$ 25,000	34.76	0	100	25	25	184.76	100*	*WMPO staff recommend reassigning points from B230787 to R150128,the highest-scoring transit project to directly support Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority/Wave Transit operations and fall outside the top 16 threshold per the adopted methodology.This recommended deviation also supports fulfilling the multimodal criteria outlined in the WMPO's adopted methodology.	16
B230789	Bicycle & Pedestrian		Division Needs	NC-133 (River Road SE) Belville Trail Ext/Gullah Geechee Heritage Greenway	Rice Hope Run	SR-1547 (Brunswick Place)	Construct a 10' shared-use path adjacent to NC-133 (River Road SE).	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 1,990,800	33.78	0	100	25	25	183.78	0		
A231185	Aviation		Statewide Mobility	ILM - Wilmington International Airport: Overlay Airport Blvd, Building Circulation and Surrounding Roadways	347, 16', 4.44"N 777, 55', 10.85"W	N/A	Overlay aging pavement on Airport Blvd. and ILM roadways leading to N 23rd St. to accommodate increasing traffic and support ILM passenger growth. [DOA PRN = 4934]	3000 - Other	\$ 1,000,000	29.16	0	100	25	25	179.16	0		
T250647	Public Transit		Division Needs	Paratransit Vehicles	1480 Castle Hayne Rd, Wilmington, NC 28401	N/A	Purchase two (2) new vehicles to provide paratransit ADA trips.	4 - Demand Response	\$ 222,000	27.92	0	100	25	25	177.92	0		
A231119	Aviation		Statewide Mobility	ILM - Wilmington International Airport: Perimeter Road Improvements (Ph. 2)	347, 16', 24.33"N 777, 53', 36.15"W	N/A	Project will improve safety by relocating the Airport's vehicle perimeter road outside NAVAID critical areas and Object Free Areas. The road will be all-weather road allowing traffic to be separated from Aircraft movement areas. (Phase 2) [DOA PRN = 3835]	3000 - Other	\$ 500,000	25.26	0	100	25	25	175.26	0		
H193097	Highway		Statewide Mobility	US 17	SR 1563 (Sloop Point Loop Road)	NC 210	Upgrade to a controlled access facility with service roads.	2 - Upgrade Arterial to Freeway/Expressway	\$ 326,000,000	48.35	0	50	25	50	173.35	0		
H231085	Highway		Division Needs	SR 1572 (Sidbury Road)	Future NC 417 (Hampstead BYP, R-3300A)	N/A	Convert future grade separation on SR 1572 (Sidbury Road) at (future) NC 417 (Hampstead Bypass) to interchange.	9 - Convert Grade Separation to Interchange	\$ 72,900,000	18.34	0	100	25	25	168.34	0		

R231037	Rail		Statewide Mobility	CSX AC Line (MRSX DOD Junction)	SE Quadrant of the AC/DOD junction, near Leland	N/A	Construction of a third leg to create a full wye junction where the MRSX DOD Line meets the CSX AC Line near MP AC 252.5, near Elijah. Proposed limits of Old Fayetteville Rd and Lanvale Rd NE. The project is funding-eligible since CSX uses the first two miles of DOD trackage to conduct interchanges with the DOD.	1 - Freight rail corridor improvement or construction (line)	\$ 13,462,368	16.98	0	100	25	25	166.98	0		
R230604	Rail		Division Needs	NCDOT AC Line & CSX SE Line	Wilmington to Castle Hayne	N/A	Construct new route on existing preserved corridor of NCDOT AC Line from future rail station in Wilmington at N 3rd Street and tie into proposed Castle Hayne station via the CSX SE Line.	5 - Passenger rail service (line)	\$ 37,611,000	16.64	0	100	25	25	166.64	0		
T250643	Public Transit		Division Needs	Station and Operations Facility Security Improvements	CFPTA Operations Center - 1480 Castle Hayne Rd, Wilmington, NC 28401; Padgett Station - 520 N Third Street, Wilmington, NC 28401; Forden Station - 505 Cando St, Wilmington, NC 28405	N/A	Security improvements at Padgett Station and the CFPTA Operations Center. Improvements at Padgett Station to include new 6' perimeter fence and three (3) moveable gates. Improvements at the Operations Center includes new remote access gate to secure bus yard. New audio and visual monitoring equipment at Forden and Padgett Stations and the Operation Center. Includes security upgrades on all fixed route and paratransit vehicles.	8 - Facility - Administrative	\$ 396,000	14.76	0	100	25	25	164.76	0		
T250660	Public Transit		Division Needs	Automatic Bus Wash	1480 Castle Hayne Rd, Wilmington, NC 28401	N/A	New bus wash facility at Wave Transit Operations Center.	9 - Facility - Maintenance	\$ 285,000	14.76	0	100	25	25	164.76	0		
R230584	Rail		Regional Impact	CSX SE Line	MP 253.74 to MP 371 between Castle Hayne and Hamlet	N/A	Modernization of corridor (replace dark territory with signalized territory for a proposed passenger route) between MP 253.74 and 371 to increase the overall train capacity of the corridor.	7 - Corridor modernization (line)	\$ 233,046,000	14.26	0	100	25	25	164.26	0		
R230597	Rail		Division Needs	NCDOT AC Line	New route from N 3rd St to King St in Wilmington	N/A	Construction of a new route on an existing preserved corridor of NCDOT AC Line from future rail station in Wilmington at N 3rd Street that ties into the existing CSX ACB Line at King Street (Crossing #629 284Y).	5 - Passenger rail service (line)	\$ 10,893,267	12.16	0	100	25	25	162.16	0		
R170043	Rail		Statewide Mobility	CSX AC Line	From Malmo to the RJ Corman Carolina Line in Whiteville	N/A	Restoration of the former Atlantic Coast Rail line from Malmo to the RJ Corman Carolina line in Whiteville. Conceptual study completed by NCDOT FS-1706A.	1 - Freight rail corridor improvement or construction (line)	\$ 194,696,865	15.80	0	50	25	50	140.80	0		
R170434	Rail		Statewide Mobility	CSX AC Line	From Malmo to the International Logistics Park near the Columbus/Brunswick County Line	N/A	Restoration of the former Atlantic Coast Rail line from MP 255.05 on the CSX AC Line in Malmo to the International Logistics Park near the Columbus/Brunswick County Line.	1 - Freight rail corridor improvement or construction (line)	\$ 27,001,755	15.80	0	50	25	50	140.80	0		
F231106	Ferry		Regional Impact	Manns Harbor Shipyard	Manns Harbor Shipyard	N/A	Replace and expand dorm facility at Manns Harbor Shipyard	8 - Expand Facility	\$ 4,480,000	80.00	0	0	25	25	130.00	0	Awarded funding at Regional Impact Tier	
F250420	Ferry		Regional Impact	Southport - Ft Fisher	Ft Fisher terminal	N/A	Replace and expand Operations Building / Visitor Center at Fort Fisher	8 - Expand Facility	\$ 1,382,500	76.78	0	0	25	25	126.78	0		
H250014	Highway	BP3-R004A	Division Needs	SR 1438 ALT(Lanvale Road)	SR 1472 (Village Road)	N/A	Signalize intersection and coordinate with railroad.	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 2,084,000	62.79	0	0	25	25	112.79	0		
R230594	Rail		Statewide Mobility	CSX AC Line	SR 1438 (Lanvale Rd), Brunswick County	N/A	Construction of grade separation with road OVER rail at SR 1438 (Lanvale Road NE) and closure of existing at-grade crossing (Crossing #629 191E) near Leland.	3 - Highway-rail crossing improvement (point)	\$ 19,100,000	57.44	0	0	25	25	107.44	0		
R230591	Rail		Statewide Mobility	CSX SE Line	SR 1302 (23rd Street), New Hanover County	N/A	Construction of grade separation with road OVER rail at SR 1302 (23rd Street) and closure of existing at-grade crossing (Crossing #628 721N) near intersection of SR 1302 (23rd Street) and SR 1399 (Blue Clay Road) near Wilmington.	3 - Highway-rail crossing improvement (point)	\$ 26,800,000	56.46	0	0	25	25	106.46	0		
F251115	Ferry		Regional Impact	Statewide: Support Vessel	Manns Harbor Shipyard	N/A	Replace Dredge (Manteo)	1 - Replace Support Vessel	\$ 7,909,095	56.40	0	0	25	25	106.40	0		
F250411	Ferry		Regional Impact	Southport - Ft Fisher	Southport - Ft Fisher route	N/A	Replace and expand Operations Building / Visitor Center at Southport	8 - Expand Facility	\$ 3,066,000	55.80	0	0	25	25	105.80	0		
F231109	Ferry		Regional Impact	Statewide: Support Vessel	Manns Harbor Shipyard	N/A	Replace Support Vessel (Skyco)	1 - Replace Support Vessel	\$ 40,000,000	55.60	0	0	25	25	105.60	0		
F192751	Ferry		Regional Impact	Manns Harbor Shipyard	Manns Harbor Shipyard	N/A	Synchrolift Refurbishment. Includes equipment upgrades, retrofits, and dredging.	8 - Expand Facility	\$ 5,000,000	54.20	0	0	25	25	104.20	0		
F230647	Ferry		Division Needs	Southport - Ft Fisher	Southport - Ft Fisher route	N/A	Replace a River Class Vessel with a new River Class (MV Southport)	2 - Replace Vehicle Vessel	\$ 30,000,000	51.60	0	0	25	25	101.60	0		
F250451	Ferry		Division Needs	Statewide: Support Vessel	Manns Harbor Shipyard	N/A	Replace Tug Vessel (Wanchese)	1 - Replace Support Vessel	\$ 5,646,459	48.40	0	0	25	25	98.40	0		
F230645	Ferry		Division Needs	Southport - Ft Fisher	Southport - Ft Fisher route	N/A	Replace a River Class Vessel with a new River Class (MV Fort Fisher)	2 - Replace Vehicle Vessel	\$ 30,000,000	48.00	0	0	25	25	98.00	0		
F251117	Ferry		Regional Impact	Statewide: Support Vessel	Manns Harbor Shipyard	N/A	Replace Tug Vessel (Morehead City)	1 - Replace Support Vessel	\$ 1,684,276	35.20	0	0	25	25	85.20	0		

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



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MEMORANDUM

To: WMPO Board Members
From: Krysdyn Burden, Grants Coordinator
Date: October 22, 2026
Subject: Update on the FY2029-2030 Special Call for Projects Funding Awards

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the status of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (WMPO) FY2029-2030 Special Call for Projects.

Background

The WMPO Board adopted the FY2026-2030 Locally Administered Projects Program (LAPP) process on June 25, 2025, and approved funding for five of the ten applications on November 19, 2025, with funding allocated from FY2026 through FY2028. Since funding was not allocated for fiscal years 2029 and 2030, a Special Call for Projects was issued to solicit applications for funding in those years.

On May 27, 2026, the WMPO Board adopted the competitive process for the FY2029-2030 LAPP Special Call for Projects. The WMPO's FY2029-2030 Special Call for Projects was announced on June 1, 2026. A pre-submittal informational meeting was held on June 10, 2026, followed by a pre-application submittal deadline of July 17, 2026. The final application submittal deadline was September 18, 2026.

Results of the FY2029-2030 Special Call for Projects

The WMPO received seven applications from six member jurisdictions, requesting a total of \$12,124,000. For fiscal years 2029 and 2030, approximately \$5,553,004 is available for award. Staff reviewed and scored these applications according to the adopted LAPP criteria. The table below lists the seven applications, their funding requests, project phases, requested funding fiscal years, and average scores out of 100 points.

Project Name	Member Jurisdiction	Requested DA Allocation	Proposed Local Match	Phase/Funding Fiscal Year	Average Score
S Lake Park Boulevard Sidewalk Grant	Town of Carolina Beach	\$921,600	\$230,400	PE: 2029 ROW: 2030	85.0
New Centre Drive Sidewalks and Pedestrian Signals	City of Wilmington	\$1,696,000	\$424,000	PE/ROW: 2029 CON: 2030	82.0
Carolina Beach Road Multi-use Path Phase 1	New Hanover County	\$3,601,600	\$900,400	CON: 2030	79.0
Medical Center Drive Sidewalk and Roadway Improvements	City of Wilmington	\$1,843,200	\$460,800	PE/ROW: 2029 CON: 2030	73.3
South Navassa Road Multi-Use Path	Town of Leland	\$973,600	\$243,400	PE/ROW: 2029 CON: 2030	65.3
Mid-Block Crosswalks Construction Project	Town of Kure Beach	\$364,000	\$91,000	CON: 2029	61.0
Intersection Improvements at SR 1322 (Murrayville Road) & SR 2234 (Brittany Road)	NCDOT Division 3	\$2,724,000	\$681,000	PE/ROW: 2029 CON: 2030	43.5
*PE = Preliminary Engineering/Design *ROW = Right of Way *CON = Construction					

WMPO staff have identified several possible options to fund projects for fiscal years 2029 and 2030.

Option A

WMPO staff recommend that the Town of Carolina Beach's S. Lake Park Boulevard Sidewalk and the City of Wilmington's New Centre Drive Sidewalks and Pedestrian Signals projects be awarded funding in fiscal years 2029 and 2030 for the requested phases outlined in the above table. Although New Hanover County's Carolina Beach Road Multi-use Path project received the third-highest score, funding is insufficient to award construction funding in 2030. This would result in a funding surplus of \$2,935,404.

Option A	
FY2029 Allocation	\$2,776,502
S. Lake Park Blvd PE	-\$488,000
New Centre Dr PE/ROW	-\$416,800
Remaining Balance	\$1,871,702
FY2030 Allocation	\$2,776,502
S. Lake Park Blvd ROW	-\$433,600
New Centre Dr CON	-\$1,279,200
Remaining Balance	\$1,063,702
Total Remaining Funding	\$2,935,404

Option B

Option B would expand on Option A and award funding to the City of Wilmington's Medical Center Drive Sidewalk and Roadway Improvements project and the Town of Leland's South Navassa Road Multi-use Path project for the requested phases and fiscal years. This would result in a funding surplus of \$118,604.

Option B	
FY2029 Allocation	\$2,776,502
S. Lake Park Blvd PE	-\$488,000
New Centre Dr PE/ROW	-\$416,800
Medical Center Dr PE/ROW	-\$358,400
S. Navassa Rd MUP PE/ROW	-\$207,200
<i>Remaining Balance</i>	<i>\$1,306,102</i>
FY2030 Allocation	\$2,776,502
FY2029 Allocation Rollover	\$1,306,102
S. Lake Park Blvd ROW	-\$433,600
New Centre Dr CON	-\$1,279,200
Medical Center Dr CON	-\$1,484,800
S. Navassa Rd MUP CON	-\$766,400
<i>Remaining Balance</i>	<i>\$118,604</i>
Total Remaining Funding	\$118,604

Option C

Option C would expand on Option A and award funding to the City of Wilmington's Medical Center Drive Sidewalk and Roadway Improvements project for preliminary engineering and right-of-way only in FY2029; the Town of Leland's South Navassa Road Multi-use Path project for all phases; and the Town of Kure Beach's Mid-Block Crossing project for construction in FY2029. This would result in a funding surplus of \$1,239,404.

Option C	
FY2029 Allocation	\$2,776,502
S. Lake Park Blvd PE	-\$488,000
New Centre Dr PE/ROW	-\$416,800
Medical Center Dr PE/ROW	-\$358,400
S. Navassa Rd MUP PE/ROW	-\$207,200
Mid-Block Crosswalks CON	-\$364,000
<i>Remaining Balance</i>	<i>\$942,102</i>
FY2030 Allocation	\$2,776,502
FY2029 Allocation Rollover	\$942,102
S. Lake Park Blvd ROW	-\$433,600
New Centre Dr CON	-\$1,279,200
S. Navassa Rd MUP CON	-\$766,400
<i>Remaining Balance</i>	<i>\$1,239,404</i>
Total Remaining Funding	\$1,239,404

TCC Recommendation

WMPO staff presented the three options to the WMPO's Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) at their October 14, 2026 meeting, seeking guidance and input. After a discussion of the options, the TCC moved to recommend Option B. TCC members expressed their desire to see the maximum possible amount of funding awarded. Option B's remaining funding balance is the smallest at \$118,604.

Next Steps

WMPO staff will present the recommended Option B to the WMPO Board at the October 28, 2026 Board meeting for the Board's consideration.

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING THE FY2029-2030 LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROJECTS PROGRAM
DIRECT ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDING OPTION B**

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, on July 18, 2012, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) was designated as a Transportation Management Area (TMA); and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law on November 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a short-term resolution extending the IIJA was signed into law on September 2, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the WMPO is the recipient of allocated direct attributable funds and can allocate these funds to projects submitted by eligible entities through a competitive process; and

WHEREAS, the WMPO developed the scoring criteria and competitive process, known as the Locally Administered Projects Program (LAPP), for the distribution of these funds through collaboration with the Board; and

WHEREAS, the WMPO Board adopted the FY2026-2030 LAPP process on June 25, 2025, and approved funding for five of the ten applications on November 19, 2025, with funding allocated from FY2026 through FY2028; and

WHEREAS, since funding was not allocated for fiscal years 2029 and 2030, a Special Call for Projects was issued to solicit applications for funding in those years; and

WHEREAS, the WMPO Board adopted the FY2029-2030 LAPP process on May 27, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2026, the WMPO solicited qualified project applications from member jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2026, seven eligible submittals were received and subsequently scored in accordance with the adopted process; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2026, WMPO staff presented three funding options, referred to as Option A, Option B, and Option C, to the WMPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC); and

WHEREAS, the WMPO TCC recommended funding Option B.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby awards the following direct attributable funds in accordance with the FY2029-2030 LAPP Submittal Guide and competitive process:

Option B				
Project Name	Member Jurisdiction	Requested DA Allocation	Proposed Local Match	Phase/Funding Fiscal Year
S Lake Park Boulevard Sidewalk Grant	Town of Carolina Beach	\$921,600	\$230,400	PE: 2029 ROW: 2030
New Centre Drive Sidewalks and Pedestrian Signals	City of Wilmington	\$1,696,000	\$424,000	PE/ROW: 2029 CON: 2030
Medical Center Drive Sidewalk and Roadway Improvements	City of Wilmington	\$1,843,200	\$460,800	PE/ROW: 2029 CON: 2030
South Navassa Road Multi-Use Path	Town of Leland	\$973,600	\$243,400	PE/ROW: 2029 CON: 2030
*PE = Preliminary Engineering/Design *ROW = Right of Way *CON = Construction				

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on October 28, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary



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MEMORANDUM

To: WMPO Board Members
From: Carolyn Caggia, Associate Transportation Planner
Date: October 22, 2026
Subject: Go Coast Committee – Proposed Dissolvement

The WMPO's Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program, Go Coast, is guided by a short-range TDM plan that outlines program activities over a five-year period. The Go Coast program has also been guided by an advisory committee consisting of representatives from WMPO member jurisdictions, local employers, higher education institutions, and Wave Transit.

The current short-range TDM plan outlines Go Coast activities for 2026-2030 and was included as Appendix L in the WMPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which is updated every 5 years with the most recent update in 2025. Extensive public outreach was conducted for the development of the MTP and its appendices. In addition, two employer workshops were held specifically to inform the TDM priorities, activities, and strategies included in the short-range TDM plan.

Because Go Coast is well guided by a short-range TDM plan developed with employer input, WMPO staff recommends formally dissolving the Go Coast advisory committee. This recommendation would:

- Simplify program direction and administration
- Reduce the time commitment required of committee representatives
- Allow Go Coast to focus more directly on the services and resources it provides to employers rather than seeking ongoing commitments to quarterly meetings
- Accelerate the development and implementation of Go Coast initiatives by eliminating the quarterly committee review process
- Reduce WMPO staff time dedicated to committee administration

If approved, the short-range TDM plan will continue to guide Go Coast activities. When additional employer input is needed, WMPO staff proposes convening employer representatives through targeted focus groups or other engagement opportunities on an as-needed basis. This approach would allow Go Coast to obtain targeted input when appropriate while providing greater flexibility for both employers and WMPO staff.

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

RESOLUTION DISSOLVING THE GO COAST COMMITTEE

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

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Go Coast Committee comprises representatives from area employers, higher education, Wave Transit, and the WMPO member jurisdictions and was formed to advise the implementation of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies through the Go Coast TDM program; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), *Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050*, adopted by the Board in October 2025, contains a strategic work plan for the Go Coast program; and

WHEREAS, the Go Coast program is guided by this strategic work plan, which was developed with extensive public input and employer engagement for the years 2026-2030; and

WHEREAS, the Go Coast program's approach to employer engagement has evolved in response to changes in employer priorities, policies, and practices in the post-COVID environment, with an increased focus on providing services and resources to employers rather than maintaining ongoing quarterly committee meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization desires to simplify the structure of the Go Coast program while maintaining opportunities for employer input through targeted focus groups and other engagement activities on an as-needed basis; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby dissolves the Go Coast Committee.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on October 28, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

Proposed 2027 Compensation Philosophy

Effective: October 2026

Revisions:

Purpose

The Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) is committed to maintaining a compensation program that supports the recruitment, retention, engagement, and development of a highly qualified workforce capable of advancing the organization's mission and strategic priorities.

WMPO's compensation program is designed to be competitive, equitable, transparent, fiscally responsible, and legally compliant. Compensation decisions will balance external market competitiveness, internal equity, employee contributions, workforce sustainability, and responsible stewardship of public resources.

The purpose of this philosophy is to establish the principles that guide compensation decisions and provide a consistent framework for managing pay across the organization.

Compensation Objectives

WMPO's compensation program is intended to:

- Attract and retain highly qualified employees.
- Support organizational performance and service delivery.
- Maintain competitive market positioning.
- Promote equitable and consistent compensation practices.
- Reward employee growth, proficiency, and contribution.
- Ensure responsible stewardship of public funds.
- Provide transparency and accountability in compensation decisions.

Guiding Principles

Market Competitiveness

WMPO recognizes that its ability to fulfill its mission depends upon attracting and retaining talented employees in an increasingly competitive labor market.

Compensation decisions will be informed by reliable labor market data and will consider:

- Geographic labor market conditions.
- Relevant public-sector employers.
- Comparable planning organizations, municipalities, counties, and regional agencies.
- Organization size, complexity, and budget.
- Position responsibilities and scope.
- Required education, experience, certifications, and technical expertise.
- Labor market demand and talent availability.

Because labor market conditions evolve over time, WMPO will annually evaluate compensation practices to ensure continued competitiveness.

Internal Equity

WMPO is committed to maintaining fair and equitable pay relationships among employees performing work of comparable value.

Compensation decisions will consider:

- Job responsibilities and accountability.
- Position complexity and organizational impact.
- Required qualifications and expertise.
- Career progression and professional growth.
- Internal pay relationships.
- Relevant experience and demonstrated proficiency.

While employees performing substantially similar work should receive equitable compensation, legitimate differences in qualifications, performance, expertise, and sustained contribution may result in differences in pay.

Performance and Organizational Contribution

Market data establishes the foundation for compensation decisions; however, employee collaboration and contributions influence how compensation is administered within established salary ranges. Consistent performance and contributions to organizational success, along with professional growth and the development of new skills and competencies, influence range placement.

Employee contributions should also align with **WMPO's core values**:

- **Integrity**- Act with honesty, authenticity, and accountability to oneself and others
- **Community**- Foster belonging through teamwork, collaboration, compassion and service that supports growth
- **Resilience**- Strive to be adaptable and dependable, growing stronger through change, challenge, and experience
- **Innovation**- Pursue progress through creative thinking, bold ideas, and meaningful actions that create lasting impact

Employees who demonstrate higher levels of proficiency, performance, values alignment, and organizational impact may progress further within established salary ranges.

Fiscal Stewardship

As a publicly funded organization, WMPO is committed to balancing market competitiveness with responsible stewardship of public resources.

Compensation decisions will consider:

- Budget capacity and funding availability.
- Economic and labor market conditions.
- Inflationary pressures.
- Organizational priorities.
- Long-term financial sustainability.

The organization will seek to remain a competitive employer while ensuring compensation practices are prudent, sustainable, and accountable to stakeholders.

Market Positioning Strategy

WMPO's compensation structure will generally target the median, or 50th percentile, of the relevant labor market. This approach reflects the organization's desire to maintain market competitiveness while appropriately managing public resources.

WMPO recognizes that employees within the same salary range may possess varying levels of proficiency, expertise, and organizational contribution.

Employee placement within salary ranges will generally reflect:

Salary Range Positioning Framework

Employee Profile	Typical Positioning	Market Reference	Primary Considerations
Entry / Developing	Approximately 90% to 100% of midpoint	Midpoint / 50th percentile	Learning the role, building proficiency, and limited directly related experience.
Fully Proficient	Approximately 100% to 110% of midpoint	Above midpoint / near 60th percentile	Consistently meets expectations, demonstrates full role proficiency, and applies required knowledge independently.
Advanced / Critical Talent	Approximately 110% to 125% of midpoint	Above 60th percentile, where warranted	Sustained high performance, specialized expertise, critical skills, leadership impact, difficult-to-recruit role, or significant institutional knowledge.

These guidelines are intended to support consistent decision-making and are not automatic or formulaic. Individual placement decisions will consider qualifications, experience, performance, certifications, internal equity, labor market conditions, and organizational needs.

Compensation Governance

WMPO will maintain a structured compensation administration process to promote consistency, accountability, and transparency.

Salary structures and compensation practices will be reviewed annually based on:

- Market movement.
- Local economic considerations.
- Compensation survey data.
- Recruitment and retention trends.
- Workforce planning needs.
- Internal equity considerations.
- Budgetary impacts.

Individual salary adjustments and salary structure adjustments may occur independently when supported by market conditions, internal equity considerations, or organizational requirements.

Compensation Review and Market Assessment

WMPO will periodically evaluate the effectiveness and competitiveness of its compensation program.

Reviews may include:

- Market pricing of positions.
- Internal equity analyses.
- Salary structure assessments.
- Recruitment and retention metrics.
- Turnover and workforce trends.
- Budget and financial impact analyses.

Whenever practical, compensation decisions will be informed by multiple reputable compensation sources to ensure a balanced and objective assessment of market conditions.



This philosophy serves as the guiding framework for compensation decisions and reinforces WMPO’s commitment to maintaining a workplace where employees are valued, rewarded appropriately for their contributions, and positioned to support the continued success of the communities WMPO serves.

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION’S 2027 COMPENSATION PHILOSOPHY**

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

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has contracted with Catapult which is a Human Resource consulting firm to complete a compensation study for the organization; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has developed a proposed compensation philosophy to establish the principles that guide compensation decisions and provide a consistent framework for managing pay across the organization; and

WHEREAS, the compensation philosophy will serve as the guiding framework for compensation decisions and reinforce the organization’s commitment to maintaining a workplace where employees are valued, rewarded appropriately for their contributions, and positioned to support the continued success of the organization.

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

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Board on October 28, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

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

WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

STIP MODIFICATIONS

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



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

Long-Range Planning Activities:

SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL SAFETY ACTION PLAN

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

Project Status and Next Steps:

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

ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLAN

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

Project Status and Next Steps:

- WMPO staff are currently working through the contract process and identifying a consultant to support plan development.

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 2026 Go Coast Commuter Challenge will be held October 5–18, 2026! This annual event encourages people who live or work within the WMPO planning area to swap drive-alone trips for alternative transportation, including bicycling, walking, carpooling, public transportation, or teleworking. Individuals and teams are encouraged to participate, explore different transportation options, and earn a chance to win prizes from local businesses. Prizes include gift certificates, admission tickets, guided tours, and more! Visit the [Go Coast website](#) for more info, tracking forms, and the marketing toolkit.
- WMPO staff are finalizing updated printed and outreach materials, including a new rack card highlighting the Go Coast program and WMPO’s TDM services. The materials are expected to be printed and available for distribution in fall/winter 2026.

Outreach and Engagement Activities:

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH EVENTS:

- **Special Pedals & WMPO Tune Up and Tunes**
 - The WMPO partnered with Special Pedals to host the second annual Tune Up and Tunes on September 27, 12-2 p.m. at the Special Pedals shop at 320 Red Cross Street. The free community event featured bicycle maintenance support, music, and transportation safety gear. The WMPO interacted with ~40 people, mainly bicyclists.

OCTOBER OUTREACH EVENTS

- **Bike Fest**
 - The WMPO supported 3Wheel Therapy at the inaugural Pleasure Island Bike Fest on October 3, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Good Hops in Carolina Beach. The free event

featured bicycle-related vendors and activities. The WMPO interacted with ~20 bicyclists.

- **NHCSO and WPD National Night Out**

- The New Hanover County Sheriff's Office and Wilmington Police Department are teaming up for National Night Out on October 7, 6-9 p.m. at Long Leaf Park. The WMPO will provide transportation safety information and gear at the family-friendly event, which typically draws a crowd of ~300 kids and parents.

- **City of Wilmington Fall Fest**

- The City of Wilmington will host Fall Fest on October 9 from 5-8 p.m. at Maides Park. The annual family-friendly event features hayrides, bounce houses, games, fall activities, and community partners. The WMPO will share transportation safety information and gear. The event attracts thousands of community members.

- **Monster Dash 5K**

- The WMPO will participate in the Cape Fear Flyer's Monster Dash 5K on October 17 from 9 a.m.- noon at Flytrap Trail in Carolina Beach State Park. A new event for the WMPO, it commemorates Great Trails State Day. The WMPO will provide information about our Cape Fear Trails initiative, as well as transportation safety gear.

- **Leland Fall Fest**

- The WMPO will participate in Leland Fall Fest on October 24, 3-6 p.m. at Founders Park. The free, family-friendly event offers a Halloween-themed celebration for children and families. The WMPO will host a Halloween-decorated table with transportation gear, Halloween goodies, and candy.

- **Carolina Beach National Night Out**

- The Carolina Beach Police Department will host National Night Out on October 30, 4-6 p.m. at the Boardwalk. The WMPO has previously participated in the event and will provide transportation safety gear, Halloween goodies, and candy at a Halloween-decorated table for an anticipated crowd of ~150.

- **Celebrate Downtown**

- The WMPO will participate in Celebrate Downtown on October 30 from 5-6:30 p.m. at Riverfront Park. The inaugural event will kick off the City of Wilmington's implementation of the Greater Downtown Plan. The WMPO will share information about current projects and plans, and hand out transportation safety gear and a few Halloween goodies.

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 (39 formal; 8 informal; 0 concept)

- City of Wilmington Formal Reviews: 16
- City of Wilmington Informal Reviews: 3
- City of Wilmington Concept Reviews: 0
- City of Wilmington Full Releases: 6
- Town of Leland Formal Reviews: 12
- Town of Leland Informal Reviews: 0
- New Hanover County Formal Reviews: 5
- New Hanover County Informal Reviews: 4
- 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
 - Duke Energy to replace temporary power line installed between homes 300 and 304
- Remaining construction funds were authorized in September 2026

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

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

Project Status and Next Steps:

- 90% plan comments from the City were provided to WSP. A comment review meeting was held with WSP for the 90% plans, and WSP is working on addressing City comments.
- The City is working with WSP to get a scope and fee for splitting the plans into three sections due to the large cost of construction

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

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

Project Status and Next Steps:

- 100% final design and signal plans are complete; currently under review by NCDOT
- ROW funding authorized in September 2026

- Finalizing ROW negotiations with property owners
- Preparing for construction authorization and bid; expected in fall of 2026

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

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

Project Status and Next Steps:

- 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; waiting on NCDOT fund authorization
- 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
- Survey completed and path staked out
- Contractor has begun clearing and grubbing

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

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

Project Status and Next Steps:

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

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

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

- Interviews for PE/design firm selection occurred mid-July 2026
- GFT has been selected and approval received from NCDOT; currently working through the contract process
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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
- On September 22, 2026, City Council unanimously passed a Resolution allowing the City Manager to enter into the Agreement with NCDOT. The contract is currently being routed for signature.

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 updated plans from the design engineer regarding NCDOT comments
- After the County finishes reviewing the updated plans, they will be submitted to EBS
- 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:

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

EB-6039 – Carolina Beach – Multimodal Improvements

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

Project Status and Next Steps:

- All necessary Temporary Construction Easements (TCEs) have been acquired
- Categorical Exclusion documents revised, fully executed, and submitted
- 90% plans uploaded to EBS
- Final plans and bid documents are being prepared
- The Town selected GFT to provide CEI services and have received concurrence from NCDOT

- STIP Modification was 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:

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

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

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

Project Status and Next Steps:

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

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

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

Project Status and Next Steps:

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

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

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

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Currently working on completing ROW acquisition, 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:

- FTA Grant #NC-2026-006 executed for shelter and bench project. Wave Board approved a resolution at its February 26, 2026 meeting to authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Tolar Manufacturing for \$236,782.94 for nineteen (19) new bus shelters. Shelters delivered September 11, 2026. Bus stop benches (19) ordered October 2, 2026 with delivery anticipated by the end of October.
- Ardurra was selected as the most responsive firm in response to Wave's professional engineering services RFQ. A contract with this firm is being considered by the CFPTA Board at its meeting on October 7, 2026.

TC-0027 – Wave - Passenger Amenities and Upgrades

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

Project Status and Next Steps:

- The fencing at Padgett was completed in May 2023 (132 linear feet at Padgett for \$3,565.00)
- The Forden Station Customer Service Desk Project has been completed resulting in a fully enclosed and secure area for Wave Customer Service Representatives while maintaining a high level of convenience for passengers.
- Phase I completed the week of August 11, 2025, with bus shelter installations completed at Independence Mall, Greenfield St at 16th St across from New Hanover County Health and Human Services Facility and on Nixon St at 5th Ave next to The Pointe at Taylor Estates. Project also included removal of unused and old shelters in disrepair on N. 2nd St between Princess St & Market St and on Columb Dr.

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

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

Project Status and Next Steps:

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

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

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

Project Status and Next Steps:

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

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

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

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Pre-Construction Meeting held on January 20, 2026
- Construction began in February 2026 and is currently ongoing
- Utility relocation coordination in progress

- Project is being constructed concurrently with the Hooker Road MUP (U-5534G) and the Wrightsville Avenue/Greenville Avenue Intersection Improvements (U-5534C); work primarily focused on Hooker Road thus far
- Anticipated construction completion in February 2027

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

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

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Davenport is currently working on environmental documentation as well as updating plans to NCDOT 2024 specifications; estimated completion mid-October 2026

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:

- 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 for 7 intersection plan updates is approved and in progress; first submittal to NCDOT is expected October 2, 2026
- Contractor will require additional construction time to allow time for plan revisions and installation of the 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

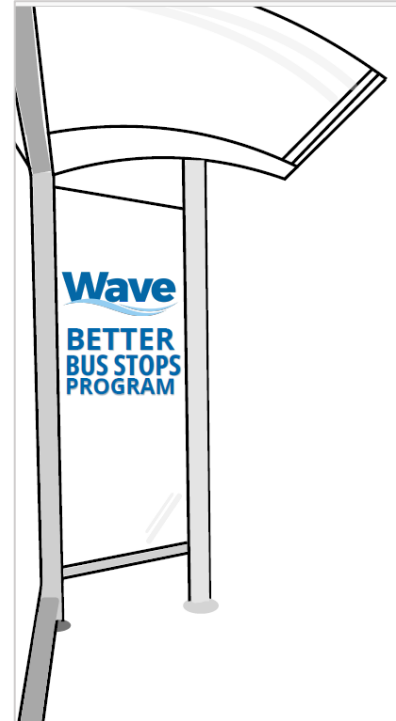
TCC Update October 2026

Wave Board Approves Donate-An-Amenity & Adopt-A-Stop Programs

At its September 24, 2026 meeting, the Wave Transit Board approved Donate-An-Amenity and Adopt-A-Stop Programs. The Donate-An-Amenity Program allows businesses, organizations, and individuals/groups to purchase and donate approved bus stop amenities, fund all or a portion of an approved amenity, or provide products, services, or labor for the installation of amenities. Generally, projects will include the following options, (1) a bench installed on an approved concrete pad or sidewalk, or (2) a shelter with a bench underneath and integrated solar lighting. The proposed program also includes provisions covering the approval process, installation, maintenance and how to address bus stops that may be removed. Specifications for Wave bus shelters and benches are part of the policy to ensure consistency and compliance with application requirements.

The Wave Adopt-A-Stop Program allows individuals and organizations to apply to Wave to perform basic litter pickup and cleaning at Wave bus stops on a regular basis (e.g., weekly, monthly, etc.). The program includes Wave providing the individuals and/or organization safety vests and trash bags and Wave will pick up any trash bags or other items after the cleanup is finished.

These programs are part of Wave Transit's overall "Better Bus Stops Program" to help accelerate installation of bus stop amenities across the bus system.



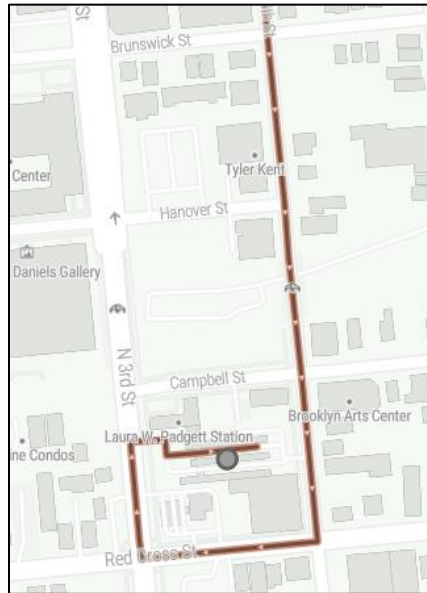
Wave Emergency Generator Project Completed

The critically important emergency generator project at Wave's Operations Center has been completed and there are now two fully functional generators onsite. This project allows Wave to continue to operate its facility and fuel vehicles in the event of a severe storm, or other emergency that causes a loss of power. Funding was provided through Federal Transit Administration Grant #NC-2023-021 and local matching funds were provided by the City of Wilmington & New Hanover County.



Route 101 Downtown Routing Improved

Due to a recent reclassification of the weight restriction on the 4th St Bridge which allows the bridge to accommodate higher vehicle weights, Route 101 has been adjusted slightly. Specifically, Route 101 now travels both directions on 4th St over the bridge instead of using Brunswick and 3rd St to avoid the bridge. This takes the bus off Brunswick St which is a fairly narrow brick street so the route is improved without having to use this street segment. Please see the map below for new routing.

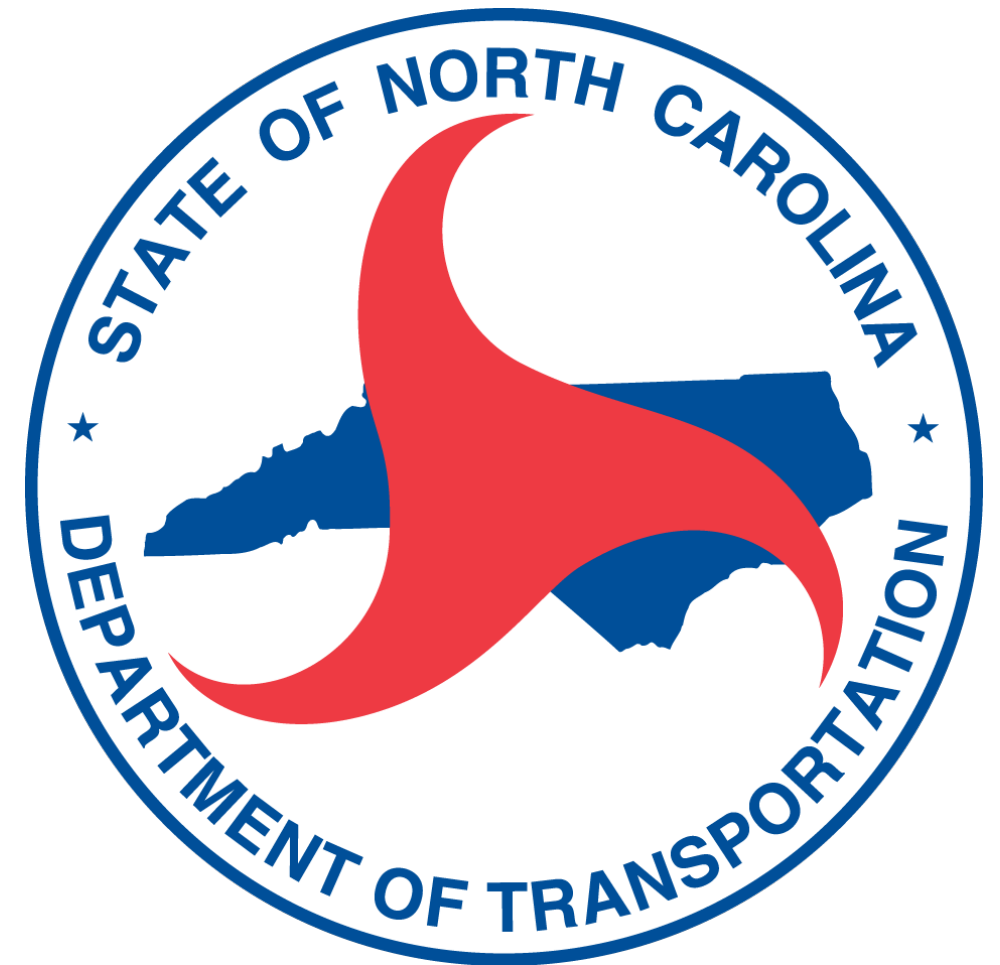


Ridership

For September 2026, preliminary ridership numbers show 4,011 RideMICRO trips, representing a 25% increase over September 2025. Fixed-route service recorded 107,623 trips, including 50,579 trips on Wave's fixed-route buses and 57,044 trips on UNCW shuttles.

Combined ridership for the month represents the highest monthly total since February 2020.

Division 3 Project Update OCTOBER 2026



WILMINGTON URBAN AREA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Note: Projects details are subject to change

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

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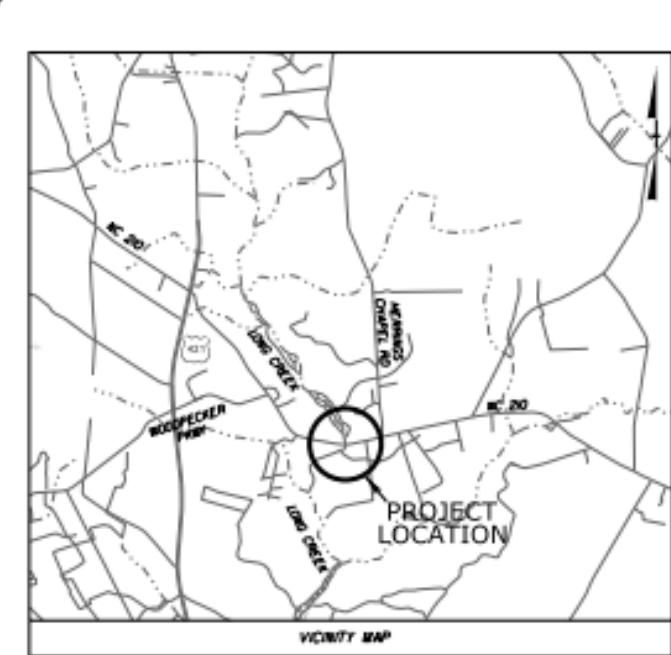
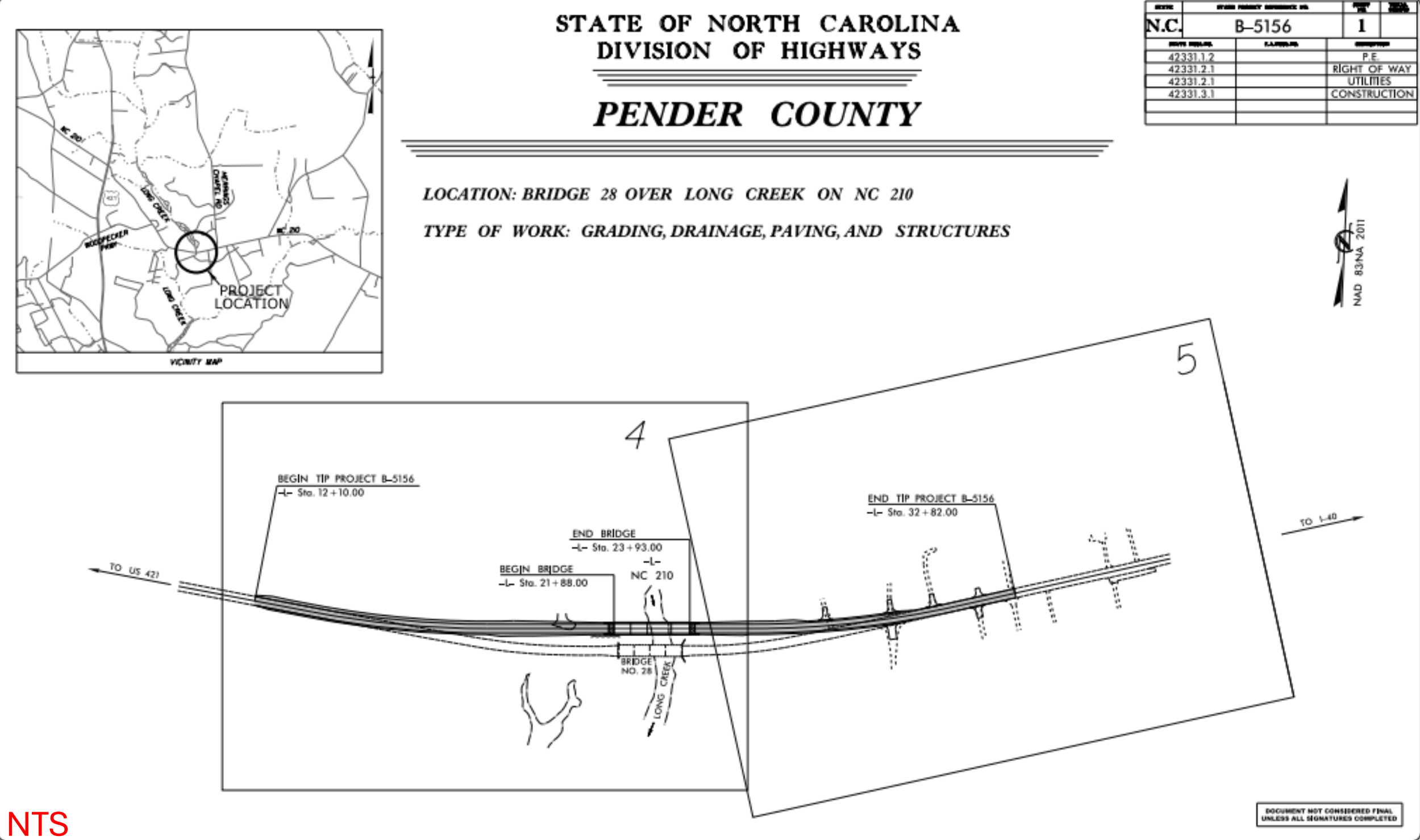
WMPO OCTOBER PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT					
Project Manager	Contract Type	TIP	Description	County	*SAP Let Date (year.month.date)
Nate Tew	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	I-6037	I-140 NEW HANOVER COUNTY FROM US 421 TO 1.45 MILES EAST I-40. PAVEMENT AND BRIDGE REHABILITATION.	NEW HANOVER	2028.02.15
David 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
Brian Harding	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-5734	US 421 (SOUTH FRONT STREET) FROM US 17 BUSINESS / US 76 / US 421 (CAPE FEAR MEMORIAL BRIDGE) TO US 421 (BURNETT BOULEVARD) WIDEN TO MULTI-LANES.	NEW HANOVER	2029.06.19
Zach Howard	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-4902C	US 17 BUSINESS (MARKET STREET) FROM NORTH OF US 117 / NC 132 (COLLEGE ROAD) TO STATION ROAD. CONVERT AT-GRADE INTERSECTION TO INTERCHANGE.	NEW HANOVER	2032.08.17
Brian Harding	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-5702A	NC 132 (COLLEGE ROAD) FROM SR 1272 (NEW CENTRE DRIVE) TO US 117 (SHIPYARD BOULEVARD).	NEW HANOVER	2033.02.15
Brian Harding	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-5792	US 74 (MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARKWAY) AT US 117 / NC 132 (COLLEGE ROAD). CONVERT AT-GRADE INTERSECTION TO INTERCHANGE.	NEW HANOVER	2029.06.19
David Leonard	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-6199	VARIOUS, WILMINGTON CITYWIDE SIGNAL SYSTEM.	NEW HANOVER	2030.01.15
Eric Murray	Division POC Let (DPOC)	B-5653	REPLACE BRIDGE 14 OVER TURKEY CREEK ON NC 133.	PENDER	2030.01.17
Derek Pielech	Division POC Let (DPOC)	BP3-R012	BRIDGE 208 OVER STURGEON CREEK ON SR 1472 (VILLAGE ROAD).	BRUNSWICK	2030.04.18
Alex Stewart	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-3338C	SR 1175 (KERR AVENUE) INTERCHANGE AT US 74 (MARTIN LUTHER KING JR PARKWAY).	NEW HANOVER	2030.06.18
Brian Harding	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-5731	US 74 AT US 17/US 421, CONSTRUCT A FLY-OVER AND FREE FLOW RAMP AT INTERCHANGE.	NEW HANOVER	2030.06.18
Colver Krietemeyer	Division POC Let (DPOC)	U-6128	US 76 (OLEANDER DRIVE) NEW HANOVER COUNTY AT GREENVILLE LOOP ROAD AND GREENVILLE AVENUE. UPGRADE INTERSECTION.	NEW HANOVER	2030.06.20
Brian Harding	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-5732	US 17 FROM SR 1582 (WASHINGTON ACRES ROAD) TO VISTA LANE. ACCESS MANAGEMENT.	PENDER	2032.01.20
Derek Pielech	Division POC Let (DPOC)	BP3-R004A	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS @ LANVALE AND VILLAGE.	BRUNSWICK	2035.04.20

WMPO OCTOBER 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	73.73%
C204942	Joshua Pratt	U-6202	NEW HANOVER	SR 2048 (GORDON ROAD) FROM US 17 (MARKET STREET) TO I-40. WIDEN ROADWAY.	2029.12.18	28.09%
C205072	Brad Haste	R-3300A	PENDER	US 17 HAMPSTEAD BYPASS FROM US 17 BYPASS SOUTH OF HAMPSTEAD TO NC 210	2030.03.30	26.07%
DC00505	Joshua Pratt	W-5703C	NEW HANOVER	US 117 / NC 132 (COLLEGE ROAD) TO 200 FEET NORTH OF WILLOUGHBY PARK. INSTALL CURB AND GUTTER, MULTI-USE PATH, SIDEWALK, PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS, CROSSWALKS, AND LIGHTING.	2028.04.15	11.90%
DC00504	Nate Tew	N/A	PENDER	REDUCED CONFLICT INTERSECTION ALONG US 17 FROM SCOTTS HILL ROAD TO SIDBURY ROAD.	2027.12.18	0.00%
TBD	Joshuah Pratt	HB-0040	NEW HANOVER	REPLACE BRIDGE 21 OVER BANKS CHANNEL ON US 76 (CAUSWAY DRIVE); REPLACE BRIDGE 22 OVER LEES CUT ON US 74 (W SALISBURY STREET); AND REPLACE BRIDGE 24 OVER BANKS CHANNEL ON US 74 (W SALISBURY STREET) IN WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH.	TBD	TBD

05/18/24

TIP PROJECT: B-5156

CONTRACT: C204724



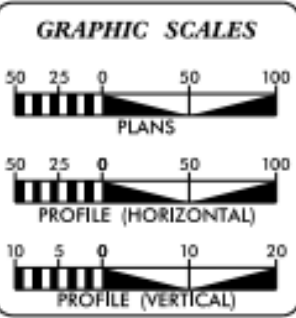
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
PENDER COUNTY

LOCATION: BRIDGE 28 OVER LONG CREEK ON NC 210
TYPE OF WORK: GRADING, DRAINAGE, PAVING, AND STRUCTURES

DATE	BY	REVISION
N.C.	B-5156	1
42331.1.2		P.E.
42331.2.1		RIGHT OF WAY
42331.2.1		UTILITIES
42331.3.1		CONSTRUCTION



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

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

PLANS PREPARED FOR THE NCDOT BY:
2024 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS
RIGHT OF WAY DATE: AUGUST 28, 2019
LETTING DATE: APRIL 16, 2024

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 Horne 8/7/2024
Signature: [Signature]
ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER
Developed by: Jeffrey D. Moore 8/7/2024
Signature: [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

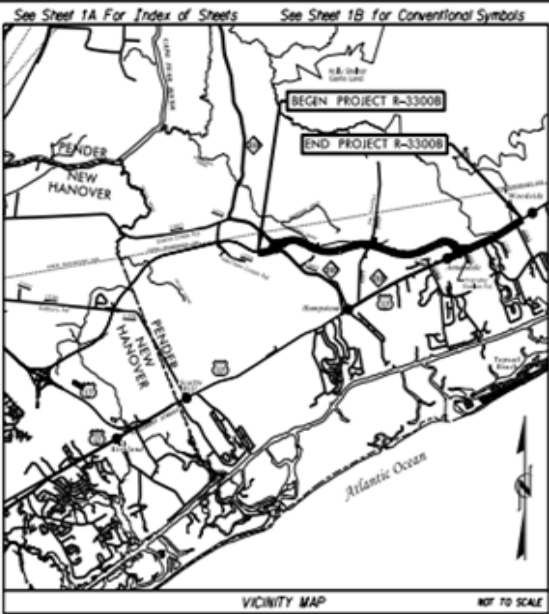
Facility opened

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

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

91%

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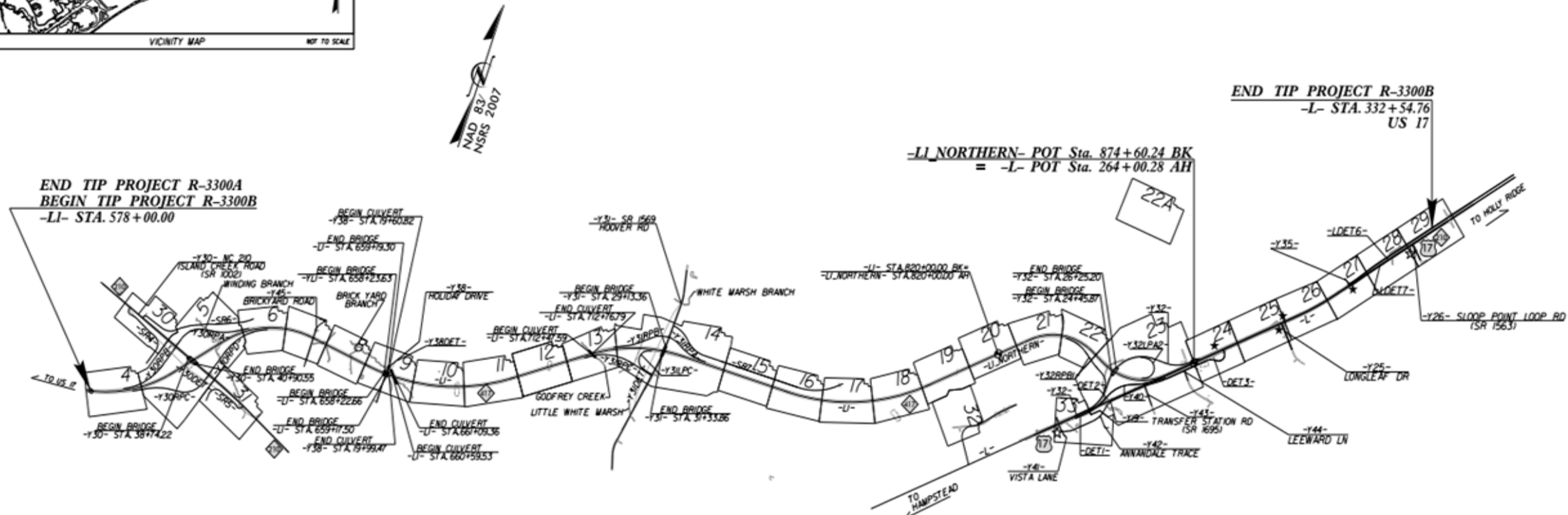
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

PENDER COUNTY

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

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

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



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

Dewberry
2410 WILLOW ROAD
RALEIGH, NC 27603
TEL: (919) 771-8800
FAX: (919) 771-8801
NC COA NO. F-2029

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

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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

PREPARED IN THE OFFICE OF:
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STANTEC CONSULTING
801 JONES FRANKLIN ROAD | Suite 100 | Raleigh, NC 27609
Tel: (919) 831-4886 | Fax: (919) 831-7624 | www.stantec.com
License No. F-8872

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: Trace Howell, 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

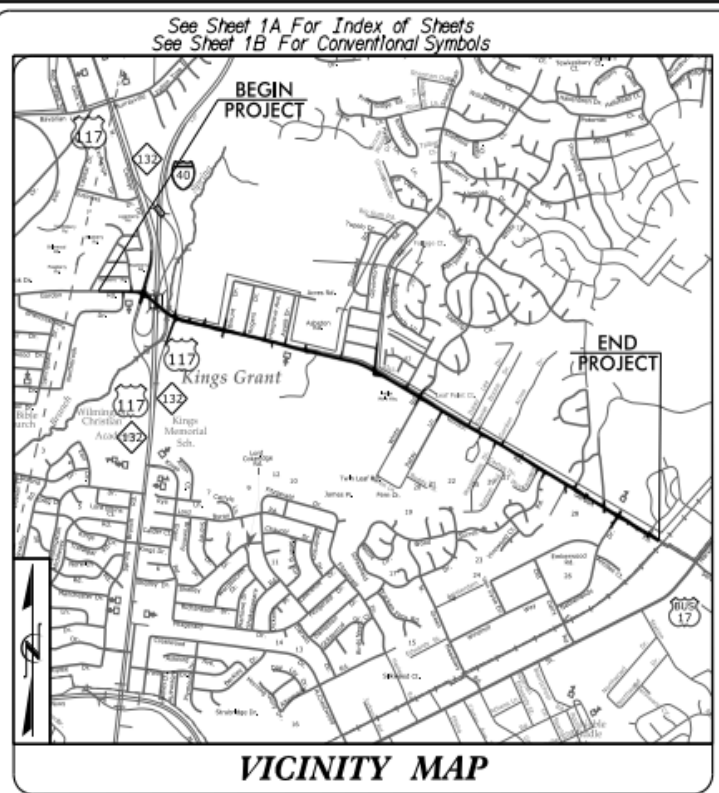
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TIP PROJECT: U-6202

CONTRACT: C204942



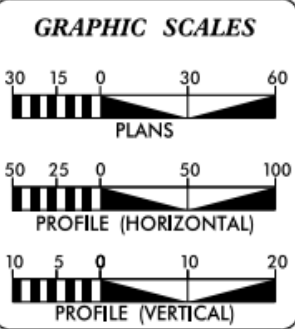
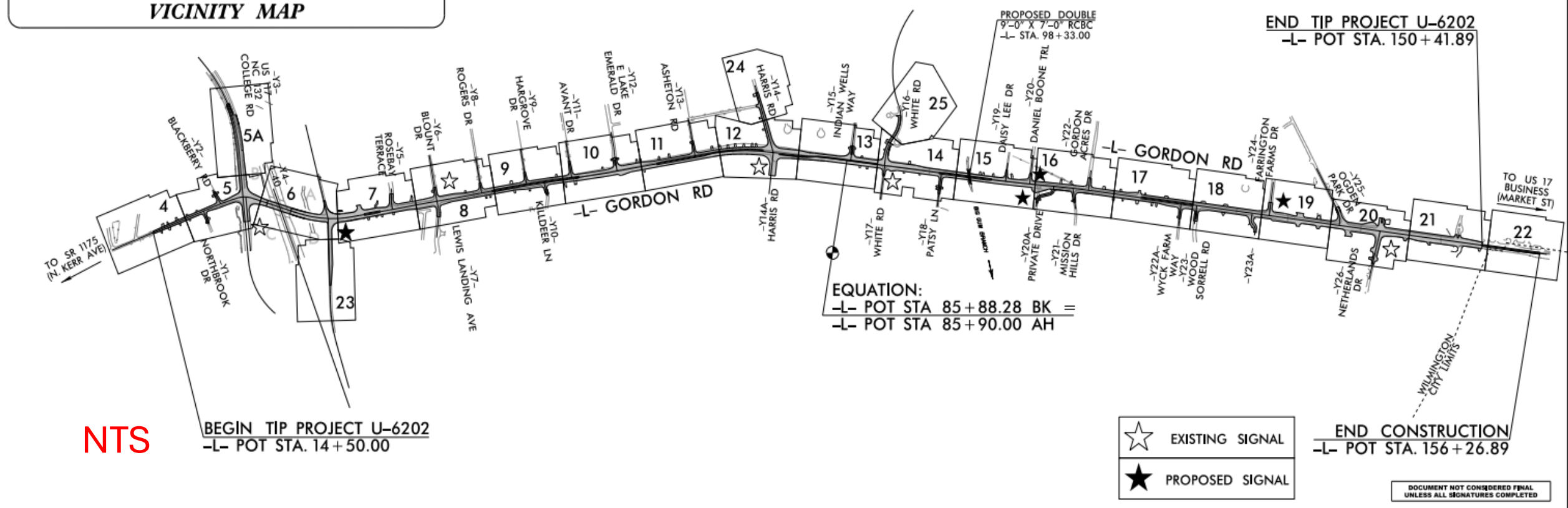
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

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

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

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



DESIGN DATA

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

PROJECT LENGTH

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

PREPARED IN THE OFFICE OF:
HNTB
HNTB NORTH CAROLINA, P.C.
343 E. Six Forks Road, Suite 200
Raleigh, North Carolina 27609
NC License No: C-1554
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
SIGNATURE:
ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER

8/23/2024
SIGNATURE:
P.E.



Project Details:

Work Begin: 03/2025

Est. Completion: 12/2029

Contractor: ST WOOTEN

NCDOT Contact: Josh Pratt

Contract: \$50,843,005

Project Comments:

U-6202

GORDON ROAD
WIDENING

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

**CONSTRUCTION
PROGRESS**

28%

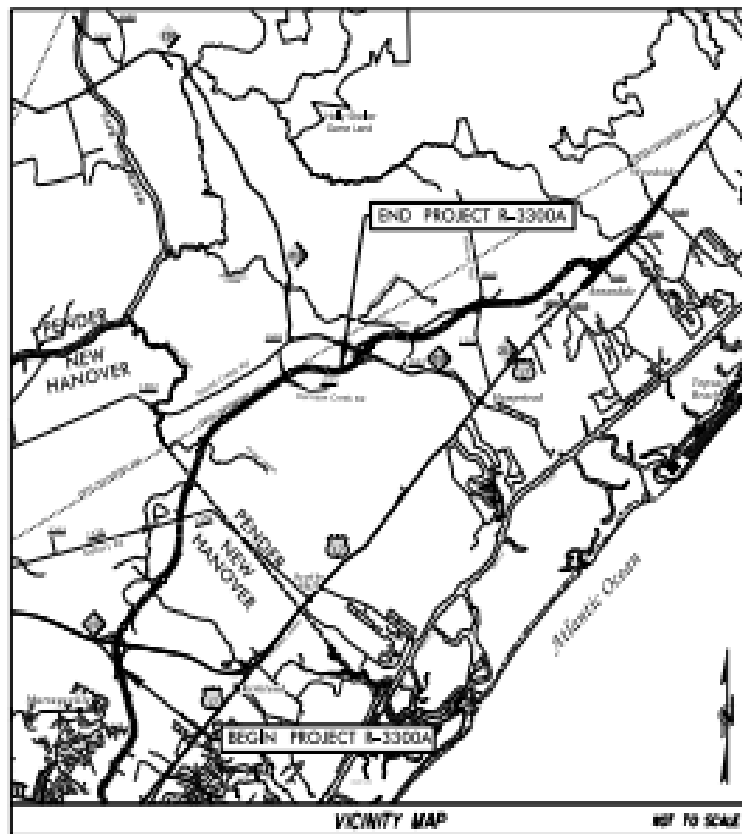
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TIP PROJECT: R-3300A

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	DATE REVISION APPROVED BY	REVISION
N.C.	R-3300A	1
40237.1.3	N/A	PE
40237.2.4	N/A	R/W
40237.2.6	N/A	UTILITIES
40237.3.3	N/A	CONST

Project Details:

Work Begin: 07/2025

Est. Completion: 10/2029

Rev. Completion: 03/2030

Contractor: S.T. Wooten

NCDOT Contact: Brad Haste

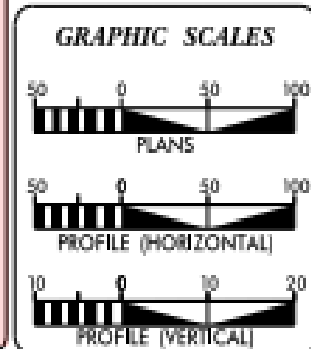
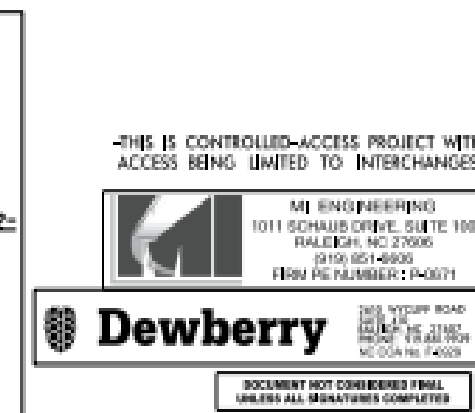
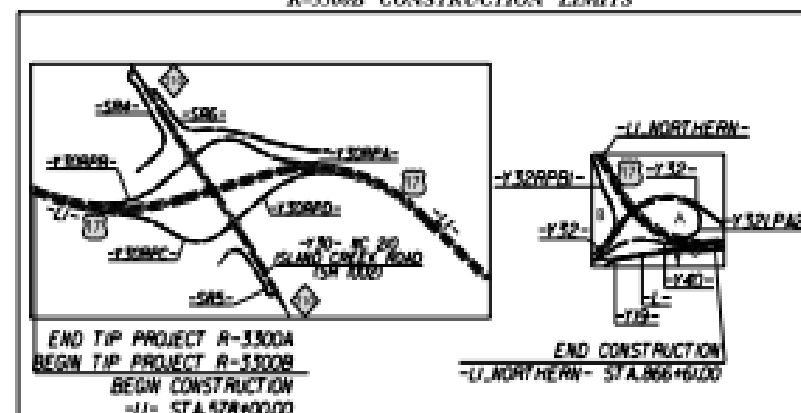
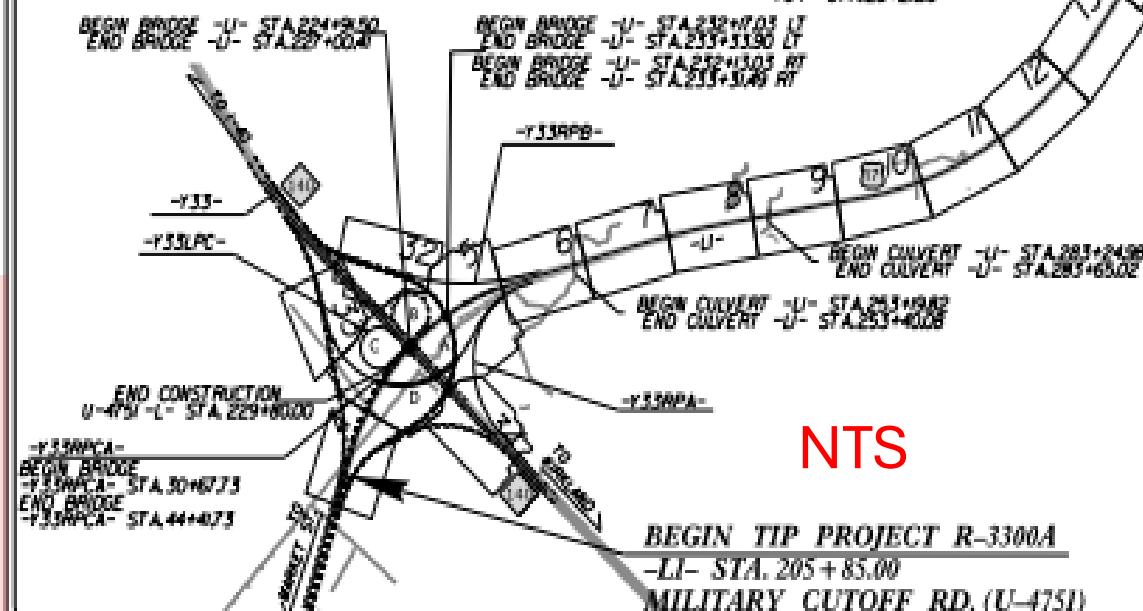
Contract: \$182,389,503

Project Comments:

R-3300A

(HAMPSTEAD BYPASS)

MORE BUILD-UP



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

APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF STANDARD CONSULTING FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	
RIGHT OF WAY DATE: APRIL 1, 2019	KATRINA N. HAZEL, P.E. PROJECT DESIGN ENGINEER
LETTING DATE: JULY 15, 2025	TRACE HOWELL, P.E. SCOTT ARCHER, J. CONTRACT

HYDRAULICS ENGINEERS	
ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER	TRACE HOWELL, P.E.



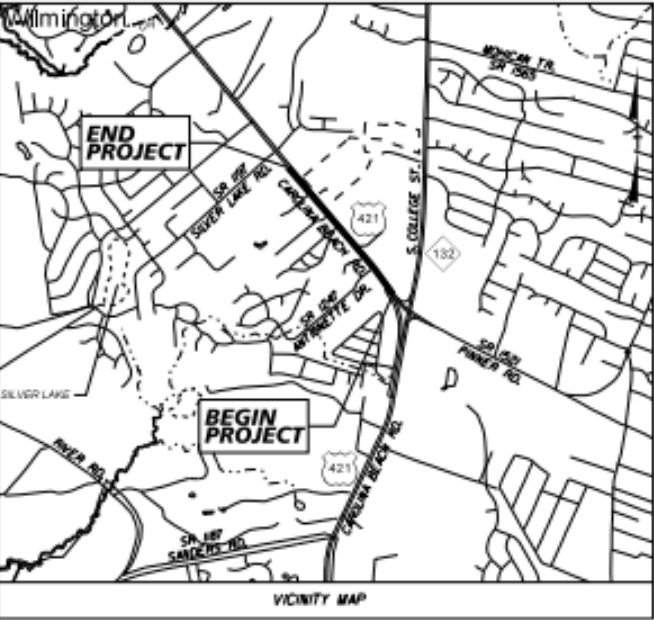
CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

26%

TIP PROJECT: W-5703C

CONTRACT: DC00505

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
NEW HANOVER COUNTY

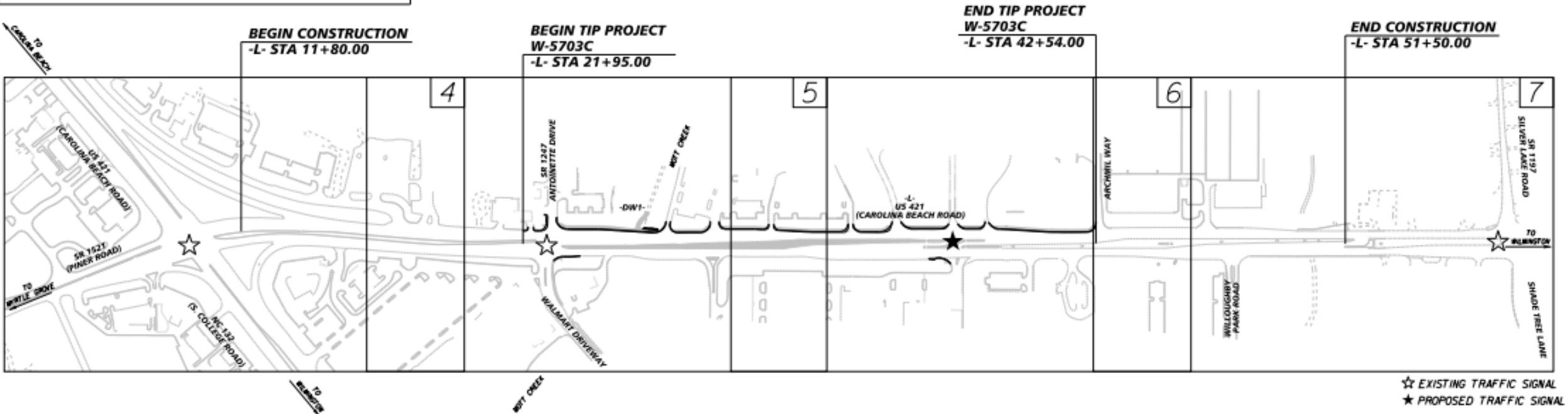
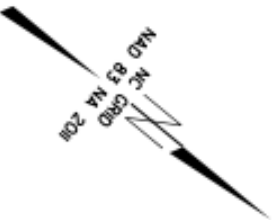
LOCATION: US 421 (CAROLINA BEACH ROAD) FROM S. COLLEGE ROAD TO
APPROXIMATELY 200' NORTH OF WILLOUGHBY PARK ROAD

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

DATE	STATE PROJECT NUMBER	SHEET	TOTAL SHEETS
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	

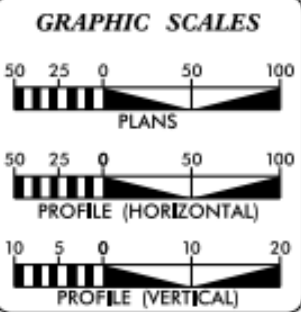
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100% PLANS



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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:

2024 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

RIGHT OF WAY DATE: JANUARY 2025

LETTING DATE: APRIL 16, 2026

Kimley Horn

SEAN KANE, P.E.
PROJECT ENGINEER

BEN CRAWFORD, P.E.
PROJECT DESIGN ENGINEER

HYDRAULICS ENGINEER

3/6/2026

3/6/2026



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

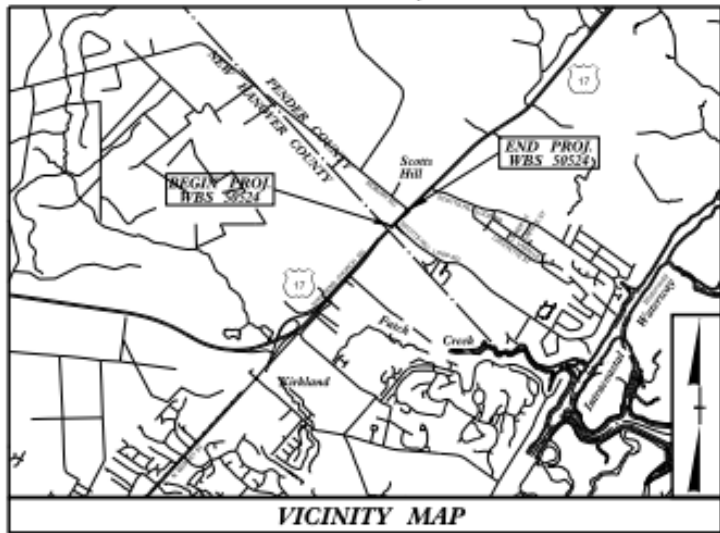
CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

11%

10/2026

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VICINITY MAP

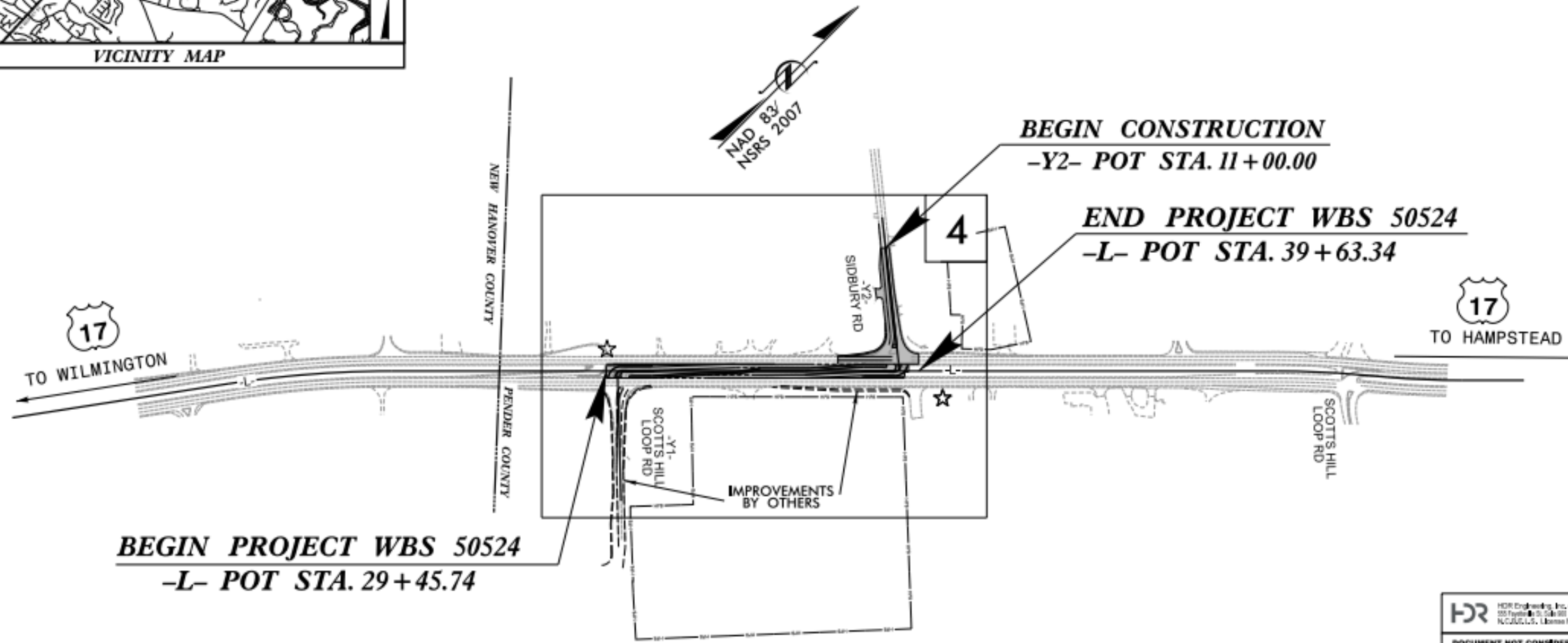
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

PENDER COUNTY

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

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

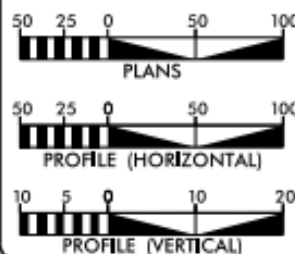
STATE	STATE PROJECT REFERENCE NO.	POST MILE	TOTAL MILES
N.C.	WBS 50524	1	
STATE FUNDING	F.A.F.FUNDING	REVENUE	
WBS 48864	N/A	PEROW/CONSTR.	
WBS 50524	N/A	PEROW/CONSTR.	



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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:
HIGHWAY DIVISION 3

5501 Barbados Blvd., Castle Hayne NC, 28429

2014 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

RIGHT OF WAY DATE:
N/A

LETTING DATE:
MAY 21, 2026

CASEY HARRIS, P.E.
PROJECT ENGINEER

HUNTER FREDERICK
PROJECT DESIGN ENGINEER

BRIAN HARDING, P.E.
NCDOT CONTACT

HYDRAULICS
ENGINEER

4/13/2026

ROADWAY DESIGN
ENGINEER

4/13/2026



Project Details:

Work Begin: 5/2026

Start Date: 10/2026

Completion: 12/2027

Contractor: King Asphalt, Inc

NCDOT Contact: Nate Tew

Contract: DC00504

Project
Comments:

N/A

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

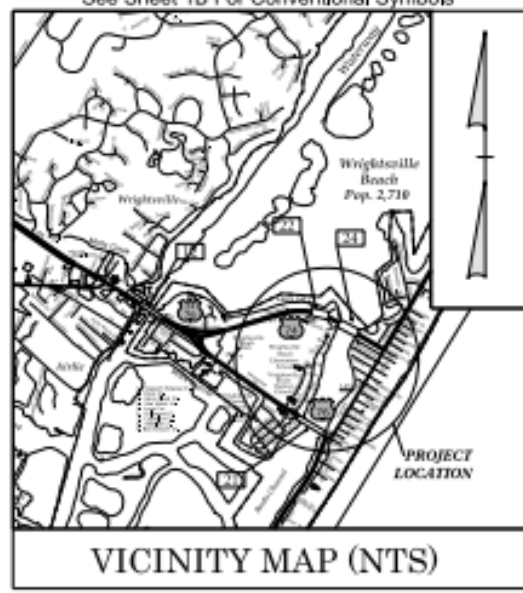
CONSTRUCTION
PROGRESS

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TIP PROJECT: HB-0040

CONTRACT:

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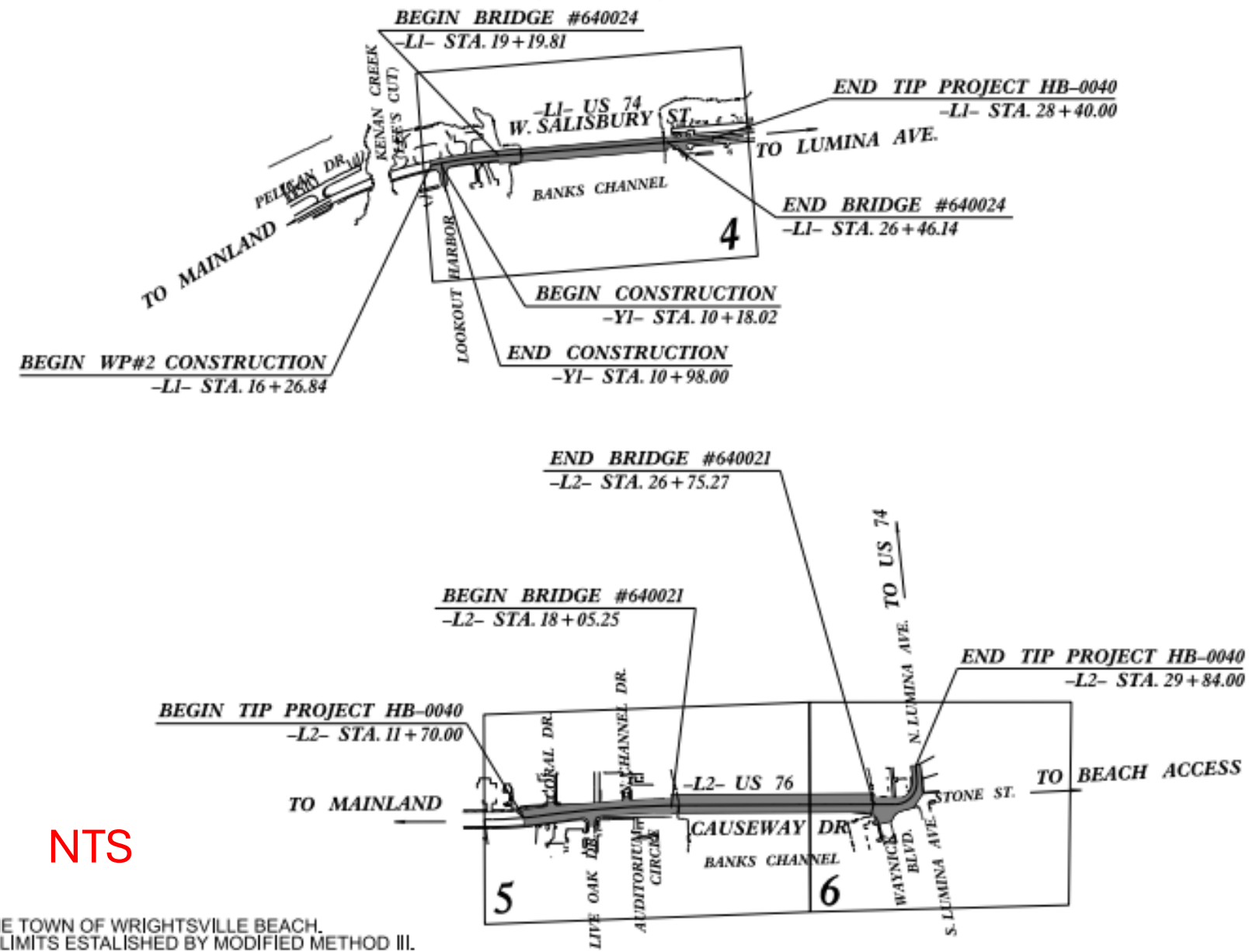
VICINITY MAP (NTS)

WORK PACKAGE #2

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS NEW HANOVER COUNTY

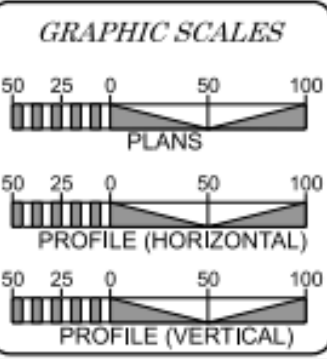
LOCATION: *BRIDGE NO. 640024 ON US 74 (W. SALISBURY ST.) OVER BANKS CHANNEL*
BRIDGE NO. 640021 ON US 76 (CAUSEWAY DR.) OVER BANKS CHANNEL

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



NEW CONTRACT as of 10.01.26 NTS

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



DESIGN DATA	
ADT 2028 =	28,300
ADT 2050 =	40,600
T =	6 %
V =	40 MPH
FUNC CLASS =	
MINOR ARTERIAL	

PROJECT LENGTH	
LENGTH ROADWAY TIP PROJECT HB-0040	= 0.271 MILES
LENGTH STRUCTURE TIP PROJECT HB-0040	= 0.302 MILES
TOTAL LENGTH TIP PROJECT HB-0040	= 0.573 MILES
-L1- AND -L2- USED TO CALCULATE LENGTH.	

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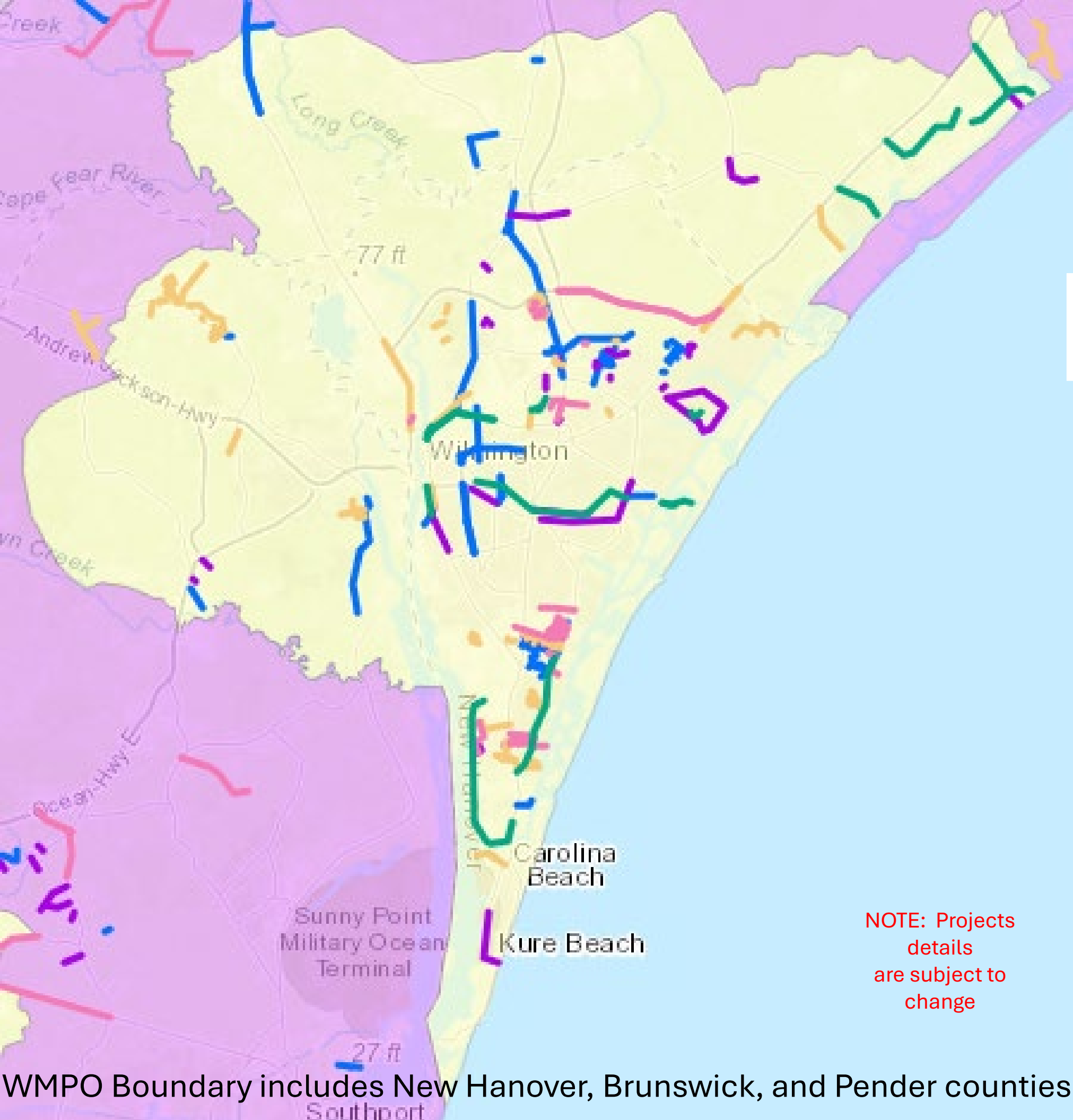
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WMPO OCTOBER RESURFACING/PRESERVATION PROJECTS					
Contract Number	Contract Year	County	Routes	*Estimated Completion (year.month.date)	Percent Complete
DC00492	2024	NEW HANOVER	RESURFACING AND PRESERVATION ALONG VARIOUS ROUTES	2027.07.16	64.17%
C205212	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%



Legend

NCDOT HMIP 2026-2030

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



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OCTOBER NCDOT Resource Feature

Per State Law, political signs are allowed in the state highway right-of-way starting 30 days before early voting begins and must be removed 10 days after an election.

Early in-person voting for North Carolina's begins October 15 to October 31

The election date is Nov. 3



It is a Class 3 misdemeanor for a person to steal, deface, vandalize, or unlawfully remove a political sign that is lawfully placed under this section.

NCDOT has the authority to remove any signs that violate the general statute, create safety hazards for travelers or interfere with maintenance operations. NCDOT employees may remove signs that are illegally placed within the state right-of-way, as time permits. The signs are typically taken to local maintenance offices where they will be stored until claimed.

IMD PLANNING UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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September 2026

IMD NEWS

MEENC PROJECT AWARD

The MEENC project (Mobility for Everyone, Everywhere in NC initiative) spearheaded by IMD received a regional award at the 2026 Southern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) conference where it won the regional America's Transportation Award in the Quality of Life/Community Development category. We are honored to have been selected for this award and continue to support communities across the state.

STATEWIDE PLANNING

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN

This Summer IMD kicked off its first Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Strategic Plan in coordination with the National Safe Routes to School Partnership. The plan is currently at the halfway mark. The strategic plan will help to guide future program development, partnerships, engagement, and infrastructure, and non-infrastructure investments across North Carolina.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The plan recently kicked off and is anticipated to be completed in summer 2027. The survey below is currently open for community input:

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

E-BIKE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

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

on safe operation. These resources will be designed for use by communities, agencies, and partners statewide.

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](#)

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.

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.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING GRANTS

The next call for Safe Routes to School Non-Infrastructure Grants will open in the first week of October with an application deadline in early November. This is a cost-reimbursement program for non-infrastructure programs and activities to local governments, regional planning organizations, schools, and other local or regional entities. A Webinar will be hosted and recorded on Wednesday Oct 7th at 3pm. Weekly office hours will also be held during the application period for questions. This information will be posted on the connect website:

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/BikePed/Pages/saferoutestoschool.aspx>

PAVED TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDIES

The Call for Projects will open on October 1 and close November 6th. These feasibility studies aim to build upon higher-level planning efforts and take a comprehensive approach to identify possible route alternatives of multimodal corridors. The purpose of this type of study is to evaluate technical feasibility of a project from a design, permitting, and constructability perspective. Project types eligible for these studies include paved trails, greenways, shared-use paths, sidepaths, and sidewalks. Any municipality, county, MPO, or RPO within North Carolina is eligible to apply. To learn more information, IMD will be hosting and recording a webinar on Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 1pm EST. [Register for the webinar](#)

[Paved Trail Feasibility Studies Website](#)

MICROTRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDIES

More information is coming soon!

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October 2026 TPO Updates – Wilmington MPO

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

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

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

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

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

One page county-specific summaries will be released soon.

Click on links below to learn more:

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