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WMPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 12, 2025
525 N 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

Members Present, In person

Virginia Norris, Pender County
Carolyn Caggia, WMPO TDM/Go Coast
Denys Vielkanowitz, City of Wilmington
Abby Lorenzo, WMPO
Karlene Ellis Vitalis, New Hanover County
Sam Boswell, Cape Fear Rural Planning
Organization
Eric Ritzel, NCDOT

Members' Present, Remote

Nazia Sarder (Vice Chair), NCDOT TPD
Adrienne Harrington, Town of Belville
Mark Hairr, Cape Fear Public Transportation
Authority
Gloria Abbotts, Town of Carolina Beach
Ben Andrea, Town of Leland
Granseur Dick, ILM
Mandy Sanders, Town of Kure Beach
Helen Bunch, Brunswick County
Robert O'Quinn, Town of Wrightsville
Beach
Stephanie Ayers, NC Port Authority

Others Present, In Person

Caitlin Cerza, WMPO
Krysdan Burden, WMPO
Regina Hopkins, WMPO
Luke Hutson, WMPO
Amanda Halbert, WMPO
Beth King, WMPO
Greer Templer, WMPO
Ronda Hogan, WMPO
Tessa Jones, WMPO

Others Present, Remote

Kim Nguyen, NCDOT
Zach Bugg, Kittelson & Associates
Cheryl Hannah, HDR
Adrienne Cox, NCDOT
Chad Staradumsky, Town of Belville
Doug LaFave, NCDOT
Eric Seidel, CFPUA
Jodi Rich, New Hanover County

1. Call to Order

Abby Lorenzo called the meeting to order at 10:00am and took roll call.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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Virginia Norris made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Adrienne Harrington. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Presentations

- a. Wilmington Urban Area MPO Trail Etiquette Pilot Program- Carolyn Caggia and Tessa Jones, WMPO
Carolyn Caggia gave a summary and overview of the Draft Regional Trail Etiquette and Signage Campaign, highlighting the need for assistance and the materials in development. Ms. Caggia also gave a summary of the public engagement surveys that the WMPO Staff has administered and the results of these surveys, stating the types of information people would like to see, as well as the concerns people have about trail signage. At this point, Tessa Jones reviewed the draft trail rules with the group and explained the campaign toolkit that is in the process of being developed. Ms. Caggia presented the newly developed logo signage, as well as regulatory signs that must be incorporated. She also highlighted possible wayfinding signs that are being reviewed. Ms. Caggia and Ms. Jones concluded their presentation by reviewing the next steps for the WMPO Staff and answering any questions.

Denys Vielkanowitz questioned if a QR code had been thought about. Ms. Jones said yes, they are looking into incorporating a QR code. Mr. Vielkanowitz also suggested that they may think about color coding the Wayfinding Signs, similar to what they do on ski trails, to make the trail easier to follow. The last suggestion Mr. Vielkanowitz suggested was including statutes on the trail rules.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of TCC Meeting Minutes- October 15, 2025
b. Opening of the 30-day public comment period for the 2024-2033 and 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendment #25-7
c. Resolution approving the 2024-2033 and 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modifications #25-9
d. Resolution approving Amendment #1 to the FY 26 Unified Planning Work Program
e. Resolution endorsing 2026 Targets of Safety Performance Measures Established by the North Carolina Department of Transportation
f. Resolution adopting the 2026 WMPO Meeting Schedule

Adrienne Harrington made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Helen Bunch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Regular Agenda

- a. Resolution supporting the award of the FY 26-28 Direct Attributable Program Funds

Krysdyn Burden, WMPO Grants Coordinator, reviewed the 2026-2030 Locally Administered Project Program (LAPP) Recommendations. Ms. Burden gave a quick review of the LAPP timeline, the scoring criteria and the results of the FY2026-2030 Call for Projects. Ms. Burden continued by highlighting the five recommended

projects for funding, and the projects that are not recommended for funding and why. In conclusion, Ms. Burden went over the next steps, the WMPO staff recommendation to hold a special call in the summer of 2026, and opened the floor for questions. There were no questions.

Sam Boswell made a motion to approve the resolution. Virginia Norris seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion

- a. 2024-2033 and 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Program
Administrative Modifications #25-10

Abby Lorenzo stated that this modification is for information only, it will be brought back at the next meeting for approval.

- b. WMPO WCAG 2.1 AA Compliance Accessibility Plan

Tessa Jones, WMPO Public Information Officer, reviewed the memo that was distributed in the monthly packet with the committee, explaining what WCAG 2.1 AA Compliance is and what the WMPO's goals are to meet the federal deadline of April 24, 2026. Ms. Jones reviewed the progress the WMPO has made as well as what the next steps will be. Ms. Jones opened the floor for questions from the committee. There were no questions.

7. Updates

- a. Wilmington Urban Area MPO
Updates are in the packet.
- b. Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority
Updates are in the packet.
- c. NCDOT Division 3
Eric Ritzel gave a quick overview of the Division 3 updates that are in the packet.
- d. NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division
Updates are in the packet.
- e. NCDOT Transportation Planning Division
Updates are in the packet.

8. Announcements

- a. WMPO Go Coast Committee- November 20, 2025
b. WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee- December 9, 2025

9. Next meeting – January 14, 2026

10. Adjournment

Sam Boswell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Virginia Norris seconded the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32am.

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Respectfully submitted,

Abby Lorenzo

Deputy Executive Director

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