



**Go Coast Committee
February 2026 Meeting Agenda**

To: Go Coast Committee Members
From: Carolyn Caggia, Associate Transportation Planner / TDM Coordinator
Date: February 12, 2026
Subject: February 19, 2026 Meeting

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area MPO's Go Coast Committee will be held in person at 3:00 PM on Thursday, February 19, at the WMPO office: 525 N 4th St., Wilmington NC 28401.

The following is the agenda for the meeting:

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Public Comment Period
4. Presentations
 - a. Safe Streets For All – Safety Action Plan update
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of minutes from November 20, 2025 meeting
6. Regular Agenda
 - a. Letter of support for WMPO application to NCDOT IMD's 2026 Bicycle Helmet Initiative
7. Discussion
 - a. 36th Annual River to Sea Bike Ride
 - b. May is Bike Month – plans for 2026
 - Moving Bike to Work Day from October to May
 - Special events planning
 - c. Short-range TDM plan initiatives
 - 2026 activities overview
 - Safe carpooling guide & Share The Ride NC
 - Public transit and safety social media campaign
 - d. Bylaw updates
 - Shift operations from Fiscal Year to Calendar Year
8. Updates
 - a. River to Sea Bike Ride is Saturday, May 2, 2026
 - b. Committee member updates
9. Next meeting is virtual on May 21, 2026 from 3-5 PM
10. Adjournment

Attachments:

- November 20, 2025 meeting minutes
- Letter of support for a WMPO application to NCDOT IMD's 2026 Bicycle Helmet Initiative



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**Go Coast Committee
November 20, 2025 Minutes**

Members in Attendance

Carolyn Caggia (WMPO)
Brianna D'Itri (Wave Transit)
Karlene Ellis-Vitalis (New Hanover County)
Rosemary Guendner (Cape Fear Workforce Development Board)
Travis Henley (City of Wilmington)
Deb Porterfield (CastleBranch)
Shawn Spencer (UNCW)
Marcy Waters (Pender County)

Members Absent

Toni Scollins (Novant Health)

Others in Attendance

Brad Cannon (Wave Transit)
Tessa Jones (WMPO)
Greer Templer (WMPO)

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.
2. Approval of the Agenda
Shawn Spencer made a motion to approve the agenda which was seconded by Karlene Ellis-Vitalis. The motion passed.
3. Public Comment Period
There were no public comments.
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of the minutes from August 21, 2025 Meeting
Travis Henley made a motion to approve the consent agenda which was seconded by Rosemary Guendner. The motion passed.
5. Discussion
 - a. 5th Annual Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride was cancelled

Carolyn Caggia notified the committee that the 5th Annual Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride, which had been scheduled for September 27, 2025, had been cancelled due to impacts from inclement weather.

b. Recap Be a Looker 2025 campaign

Carolyn Caggia summarized the 2025 Be a Looker campaign. 125 new pledges were received at the time of the meeting. She shared about how Be a Looker was promoted in 2025. 114 children's bicycle helmets were distributed in 2025.

c. Recap Get There Greener and Bike to Work Day

Carolyn Caggia summarized Bike To Work Day as a part of the annual sustainable transportation challenge, Get There Greener. There were 6 pit stops across Wilmington to support the event, although they did not report high attendance. For Get There Greener, there were many prize donations and miles tracked but a low number of participants for the past few years. As a result, WMPO staff discussed reimagining this commuter challenge to center employer outreach, shortening the challenge, and moving Bike to Work Day to May when there is more early morning light.

d. New short-range TDM plan kicks off 2026

Carolyn Caggia reminded the committee that Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050's appendix L contains the short-range TDM plan to guide Go Coast activities from 2026-2030, and activities taking place during Q3 and Q4 of FY26 would include a safe carpooling guide, developing social media strategies with Wave, and a youth poster contest for bicycle and pedestrian safety.

6. Updates

a. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan Community Engagement Round 2 – December 2025

Carolyn Caggia revised the text in the agenda to notify the committee that SS4A engagement round 2 would take place in January 2026.

b. 36th Annual River to Sea Bike Ride planning begins January 2026

c. Committee member updates

City of Wilmington: Travis Henley notified the committee that the Greater Downtown plan for the City of Wilmington is available on the website, and engagement would continue through the end of December.

Cape Fear Workforce Development Board: Rosemary Guendner stated that she had been in conversations with Amazon who plans to add 1000 new positions in 2026 and discussed a private van for transporting employees.

Wave Transit: Brianna D'Itri mentioned Wave was holding a public comment period for route adjustments. Phase 1 information is on the Wave website, there is no closure date for this comment period.

Pender County: Marcy Waters provided an update about the Country Club multiuse path in Pender County that funding agreements were being finalized,

and that a comp plan has been adopted with multimodal elements.
UNCW: Shawn Spencer said that UNCW did a traffic study with Kittelson which recommended a pedestrian bridge crossing College Rd. at Randall Pkwy. UNCW is also undergoing a study to evaluate the 1-mile radius rule for parking limitations.

7. Next committee meeting in-person, February 19, 2026.

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Brianna D'Itri and seconded by Shawn Spencer. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.



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NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division

Dear Bicycle Helmet Initiative administrators,

On behalf of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Go Coast Committee, I am writing to confirm the committee's support for the WMPO's application for 100 bicycle helmets through the Bicycle Helmet Initiative to be distributed to low-income children along with safety information from the WMPO's Be a Looker campaign. The WMPO Go Coast committee comprises representatives from the WMPO's member jurisdictions, Wave Transit, higher education institutions, and local employers who work to promote and support alternative transportation in the Cape Fear region through the WMPO's Go Coast program.

The WMPO Go Coast Committee supports this application because it aligns with the region's Transportation Demand Management goals outlined in the short-range TDM plan included in the WMPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), *Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050*. This plan includes action items for the Go Coast program for 2026-2030 and aims to include distribution of children's bicycle helmets along with safety information through the Be a Looker campaign as part of annual activities.

The WMPO Go Coast Committee supports efforts such as this application to increase safety for young bicyclists, to encourage bicycling as a method of transportation for youth and families, and to promote a bicycle-friendly culture in our region.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Caggia, Go Coast Committee presiding officer

Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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County of New Hanover • Town of Belville • Town of Leland • Town of Navassa • County of Brunswick
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