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TO: Wilmington Urban Area MPO Alternative Funding Subcommittee members
FROM: Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director
DATE: November 19th
SUBJECT: Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Alternative Funding Subcommittee Special Meeting

The Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Alternative Funding Subcommittee will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2026, at 11 am. The meeting will be held in the WMPO Board Room located at 525 North 4th Street in downtown Wilmington, North Carolina. 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: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89431240781

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Meeting ID: 894 3124 0781

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The following is the agenda for the meeting:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Election of Subcommittee Chair
4. Approval of Alternative Funding Subcommittee Minutes- September 24, 2025
5. Legislative Update on Transportation Funding- David Ferrell, Maynard Nexsen
6. Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050 Alternative Funding Options- Abby Lorenzo, WMPO
7. Discussion of Alternative Funding Options
8. Discussion of Regular Meeting Schedule
9. Adjourn

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Alternative Funding Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday September 24, 2025
525 N 4th Street
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Members Present, In person
Luke Waddell, City of Wilmington
Frank Williams, Brunswick County
Dane Scalise, New Hanover County Commissioner
Landon Zimmer, NC Board of Transportation
Hank Miller, Ex-officio, Town of Wrightsville Beach

Members Absent
Brad George, Pender County Commissioner

Others Present, In Person
Mike Kozlosky, WMPO
Chase Horton, Maynard Nexsen
Abby Lorenzo, WMPO
Ronda Hogan, WMPO
Jerod Patterson, BASE
Natalie English, Wilmington Chamber
Trevor Carroll, NCDOT

Others Present, Remote
David Ferrell, Maynard Nexsen
Sam Boswell, Cape Fear Council of Governments
Nikolai Mather, WHQR
Allen Serkin, Cape Fear Council of Governments

1. **Call to Order**
   Chairman Frank Williams called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

2. **Roll Call**
   Mike Kozlosky, WMPO Executive Director, called the roll.

   Present: Dane Scalise, Luke Waddell, Frank Williams, Landon Zimmer and Hank Miller (Ex-officio)

3. **Approval of Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – August 27, 2025**
   Luke Waddell made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2025, meeting. Dane Scalise seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Update/Feedback from County Representatives on Commissioner's Discussions**
   Frank Williams asked Mike Kozlosky if Brad George had offered any feedback from his county that Mr. Kozlosky could share at the meeting. Mr. Kozlosky shared the majority of the Board in Pender County did support moving forward and continuing to explore a local option sales tax, however, they did express some concerns such as they believe the monies raised in Pender County should stay in Pender County for projects. Dane Scalise shared, he believes, it is accurate for him to report that everyone is supportive of further exploration of a local option sales tax but wants to reiterate that continuous public feedback is important during this process. Frank Williams stated that Brunswick County is also okay with moving forward and exploring options, however, Brunswick County would like to see more than just supporting the bridge project. Mr. Williams also noted that Brunswick County has a potential large school bond already on the same ballot agenda. Dane Scalise stated, he thought, moving forward someone would have to speak to the Counties as opposed to him just updating and having informal discussions.

5. **Consideration of a Committee recommendation to continue to explore a Local Option Sales Tax**
   Landon Zimmer made a motion to recommend to the WMPO Board further exploration of a local option sales tax, Luke Waddell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Feedback on Draft White Paper**
   Mike Kozlosky stated that the Draft White Paper is in response to questions brought forward by Commissioners of the different counties and he is looking for feedback from any of the committee members on the Draft White Paper.

   Frank Williams questioned how much of the monies that come from each county would come from tourists. Mr. Williams believes that would be a marketing angle if the tourists are paying. Chase Horton believed that in Mecklenburg they predicted 40% was paid by tourism.

   Chase Horton and David Ferrell from Maynard Nexsen, reviewed the Draft White Paper with the sub-committee and welcomed suggestions on improvements to the draft. While reviewing the paper, Frank Williams suggested to add some language pointing out the differences between Mecklenburg County and what is being worked on, so that people are aware that it is not just about transit.

   It was decided that Chase Horton would fine tune the draft white paper and report back.

7. **Adjourn**
   Landon Zimmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dane Scalise seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE FOR THE WMPO ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SUBCOMMITTEE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Alternative Funding Subcommittee of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, November 24,2026, at 11:00 am. in the WMPO Board Room located at, 525 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, for the following purposes:

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Posted: November 16, 2026

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