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Meeting Minutes
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
April 9, 2024

Members Present:

Sam Burgess, Cape Fear Cyclists
Carolyn Caggia, WMPO
Brad Cannon, Wave Transit
Nick Cannon, NC Board of Transportation
Adrienne Cox, NCDOT Division 3
Karlene Ellis-Vitalis, New Hanover County
Adrienne Harrington, Town of Belville
Mo Linqvist, Town of Kure Beach
Duncan McCabe, City of Wilmington
Karin Mills, City of Wilmington
Jessica Moberly, Town of Leland
Katie Ryan, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Carol Stein (Chair), Pender County
Steve Whitney, Brunswick County
Steve Zinder, UNCW

Members Absent:

Rodney Kidd, Town of Carolina Beach

Staff and Guests Present

Brianna D'Itri, Wave Transit
Tara Duckworth, New Hanover County
Landin Holland, Town of Navassa
Chris Ingham
Beth King, WMPO
Vanessa Lacer, WMPO
Alayna Moore
Kim Nguyen, NCDOT
Greer Shivers, WMPO

1. **Call to Order**
 - Carol Stein called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - Motion to approve was made by Sam Burgess. Motion was seconded by Duncan McCabe. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Public Comment Period**
 - There were no public comments.
4. **Approval of minutes from December 2023 Meeting**
 - Motion to approve was made by Duncan McCabe. Motion was seconded by Mo Linquist. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Presentations**
 - There were no presentations.
6. **New Business**
 - **River to Sea / Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride Updates and Subcommittees** – Carolyn Caggia provided an update about the dates of the two rides and requested volunteers for a joint subcommittee to assist with planning of the rides. River to Sea will take place on Saturday, September 7, and Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride will take place on Saturday, September 28. A first meeting of this subcommittee will be held virtually in late May. Volunteers for the subcommittee included Jessica Moberly, Carol Stein, Steve Zinder, Mo Linquist, Karin Mills, Sam Burgess, Adrienne Harrington, and Katie Ryan.
 - **May is National Bike Month** - Carolyn Caggia overviewed how Go Coast and the WMPO are observing Bike Month in May 2024, including Go Coast’s annual bicycle mileage tracking challenge, requesting proclamations, press releases and social media, and the local effort for Bike to School day on May 17 led by the Terry Benjey Bicycling Foundation. Mo Linquist added that there will be a traffic garden held at Carolina Beach Elementary School on May 17th.
 - **Bicycle Friendly Community Update** – Carolyn Caggia shared that the City of Wilmington is working to renew their status as a bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community. The application is due June 24, 2024, and the WMPO is providing assistance to any jurisdiction that is interested in applying.
7. **Old Business**
 - **CFMB Westbound lane closure update** – Greer Shivers showed NCDOT’s resources for navigating the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge preservation project’s lane closures.
 - **Congestion management efforts by Wave and WMPO** – Carolyn Caggia spoke about ongoing marketing efforts between Wave and the WMPO to promote TDM strategies, including bicycling and walking, during the CFMB lane closures. The effort is possible through additional funding from NCDOT. This effort also funded additional RideMICRO service in Zone 1 which serves northeastern Brunswick County to connect to downtown Wilmington.
 - **WMPO MTP Development** – Vanessa Lacer thanked the BPAC for feedback and help with developing bicycle and pedestrian objectives, and she shared an update about the status of the MPO’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The next steering committee meeting in April would be to adopt objectives for the MTP, then a scoring matrix and modal policy would be developed.
8. **Updates**
 - Brianna D’Itri shared that public participation for Reimagine Wave Transit is ongoing and encouraged members to check the Wave website and promote the survey.
 - Karlene Ellis-Vitalis shared that New Hanover Count is updating its Comprehensive Plan’s Bike/Ped element which is open for public comment on the New Hanover County website.
9. **Next Meeting**
 - Tuesday, June 11, 2pm – Location update to 929 N Front St., Wilmington NC
10. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Zinder. Motion was seconded by Sam Burgess. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.