

Resolution



City Council
City of Wilmington
North Carolina

Introduced By: Rebecca L. Hawke, City Manager

Date: 4/7/2026

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Apply to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for a 2026 Multimodal Network Planning Grant

LEGISLATIVE INTENT/PURPOSE:

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (“NCDOT”) Integrated Mobility Division (“IMD”) announced that it is accepting applications from communities for 2026 Multimodal Planning Grants; and,

WHEREAS, the City previously received two grants through this program, which were used to create the 2009 and 2023 iterations of the Walk Wilmington comprehensive pedestrian plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City adopted the Wilmington-New Hanover Council Comprehensive Greenway Plan in 2013, which provides a framework for the establishment of a comprehensive network of greenways in the City and New Hanover County, including recommendations for multi-use paths, on-street bicycle routes, and bicycle/pedestrian crossing improvements at key intersections; and,

WHEREAS, the City adopted a Vision Zero Policy and Resolution on September 23, 2025, establishing a goal of eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2036; and,

WHEREAS, the City has fixed-route bus service provided through the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (“WAVE Transit”); and,

WHEREAS, a multimodal network plan that integrates pedestrian, bicycle, and transit improvements would facilitate connections between modes and improve user experience; and,

WHEREAS, community input received through the development of the Greater Downtown Plan placed a high priority on improving mobility options; and,

WHEREAS, funding was appropriated in the 2026 budget for the development of a transportation and mobility plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, the City Manager is authorized to execute all necessary paperwork to apply to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for a 2026 Multimodal Network Planning Grant, and commits to funding 50% of the project as required by the grant program.

Adopted at a _____ meeting

On _____ 2026

Bill Saffo, Mayor

Attest:

Penelope Spicer-Sidbury, City Clerk