



36th Annual River to Sea Bike Ride logo.

## **RIVER TO SEA BIKE RIDE**

*May 2, 2026*

The 36th Annual River to Sea Bike Ride takes place Saturday, May 2, 2026. This is a 20-mile, casual paced group ride from downtown Wilmington to Wrightsville Beach and back, which attracts over 400 participants annually. Planning for the ride begins in December.

This year, the WMPO is working with 10 generous sponsors who are supporting the event. The River to Sea Bike Ride Expo takes place on Friday, May 1, from 3-7pm at Empie Park, where ride participants can purchase ride merch, learn about the ride and bicycle safety, get a free bike check, and interact with the ride partners and sponsors.



SS4A information was presented to the New Hanover County Latino Alliance on January 20.

## **SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) OUTREACH**

*January - February 2026*

The WMPO received a federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant to develop a comprehensive safety action plan, focused on preventing roadway fatalities and serious injuries. This quarter the WMPO led public engagement round 2 for the safety action plan to inform the plan's development. Round 2 saw 719 survey responses, 258 map comments, and 180 in-person conversations across the outreach effort.



Regular in-person meetings are held in the WMPO office at 525 N 4th St. in downtown Wilmington.

## **GO COAST COMMITTEE MEETING**

*February 19, 2026*

The Go Coast committee, which meets quarterly, held its regular meeting in-person on February 19. The committee discussed plans for spring outreach including the River to Sea Bike Ride, Bike Month, and short-range TDM plan initiatives. The next committee meeting will be held virtually on May 21, 2026.



WMPO staff speaks with attendees at the career fair.

## OUTREACH: CAREER FAIR

*March 12, 2026*

In March, WMPO staff attended the Construction Industry and Apprenticeship Career Fair at Cape Fear Community College to chat with students and employers about commuting options. It's a great opportunity for networking and interacting with local students and young professionals.



Best Workplaces for Commuters logo.

## BEST WORKPLACES FOR COMMUTERS FORUM

*February 5, 2026*

Go Coast coordinator Carolyn Caggia attended the 2026 Best Workplaces for Commuters virtual forum to learn from employers encouraging alternative transportation commutes and the organizations that support them. Best Workplaces for Commuters is a nationwide employer recognition program. This half-day forum was useful for informing our own Commuter Friendly Employer program!