



Bike Month graphic featured on WMPO and Go Coast social media channels.

MAY IS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH

May 2026

May, as designated by the League of American Bicyclists since 1956, is National Bike Month! The WMPO celebrated locally with a huge push on social media with weekly themes: children's bicycling, bicycling for transportation, getting to know your bicycle facilities, and bicycle safety. Bike to Work Day on May 15 was observed with two local pit stops: Bijou Park and UNCW.



WMPO table at the inaugural River to Sea Bike Ride Expo on May 1, 2026.

RIVER TO SEA BIKE RIDE & EXPO

May 1-2, 2026

The 36th Annual River to Sea Bike Ride scheduled for May 2, 2026 was cancelled due to inclement weather, but the Expo on May 1 was a great success! Occurring the day before the ride, the River to Sea Bike Ride Expo brought together local cyclists, ride sponsors, and organizations that support bicycling in our region. 100 people attended the Expo to show their support for the River to Sea Bike Ride and bicycling for both recreation and transportation in the Wilmington urban area.



SS4A information presented at a booth at the Poplar Grove Farmers Market on May 20, 2026.

SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

May - June 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 3 for the safety action plan to inform the plan's development. Round 3 saw 52 safety pledges or comments on the draft plan, and 150 meaningful conversations surrounding the plan and its recommendations.



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

GO COAST COMMITTEE MEETING

May 21, 2026

The Go Coast committee, which meets quarterly, held its regular meeting virtually on May 21. The committee reviewed Go Coast activities in FY26 and discussed the 2026 Commuter Challenge plans. The next committee meeting will be held in-person on August 20, 2026.

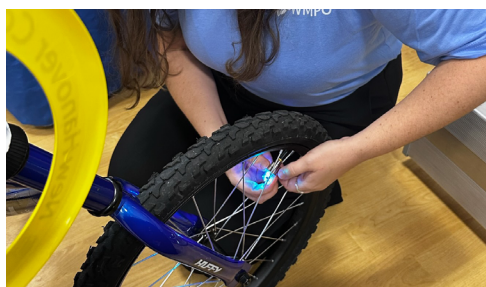


A bicyclist writes a reason she loves trails at the WMPO's outreach table on the Cross-City Trail.

OUTREACH: CELEBRATE TRAILS DAY

April 25, 2026

The WMPO observed Celebrate Trails Day during the week leading up to April 25, with pop-up tables at trails around the WMPO region to hand out safety gear and support trail users.



WMPO staff installs a light on a child's bike tire.

OUTREACH: 5TH ANNUAL FIRES

June 30, 2026

WMPO staff spoke to 175 kids about safe bicycling and walking and handed out safety gear such as lights at the 5th Annual FIRES (Fire Igniting Readiness, Emergency Preparedness, and Safety) event at Maides Park in Wilmington.