



## JOINT TCC/TAC MEETING MINUTES

**June 10, 2022**

The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held a joint meeting on Friday, June 10, 2022, at 11:00 am in the Development Services Conference Room, 303 First Street, as well as via Zoom.

### **TCC Members Present:**

Mr. Gene Hodges – Chairman, Craven County  
Mr. Delane Jackson – Vice-Chairman, River Bend  
Mr. Chad Strawn – Craven County  
Mr. Andy Shorter – Coastal Carolina Regional Airport  
Mr. George Chiles – City of New Bern Engineer  
Mr. Jeff Cabaniss – NCDOT Division 2 Engineer  
Ms. Diane Hampton – NCDOT  
Mr. Len White – NCDOT  
Ms. Kelly Walker – CARTS  
Mr. Haywood Daughtry – NCDOT  
Mr. Steve Hamilton – NCDOT  
Ms. Kelly Jones – NCDOT PTD  
Mr. Brandon Oliver – Federal Highway Administration (non-voting)  
Ms. B.J. Eversole – Down-East RPO (non-voting)

### **TCC Members Absent:**

Mr. Kevin Roberts – New Bern Chamber of Commerce  
Mr. Behshad Norowzi – NCDOT

### **TAC Members Present:**

Mr. John Kirkland – Chairman, River Bend  
Ms. E.T. Mitchell – Vice-Chairman, Craven County  
Mr. Jeffrey Odham – City of New Bern  
Mr. Bill Joiner – Trent Woods

### **TAC Members Absent:**

Mr. Bill Howell – Bridgeton  
Mr. Thomas Taft – Board of Transportation

### **Staff Present:**

Ms. Kimberly Maxey – New Bern Area MPO

### **Guests/Public:**

Tony Sumter – NCDOT IMD  
Amna Cameron – NCDOT Office of Strategic Initiatives & Program Support  
Marvin Williams – City of New Bern

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1. **Call to Order:** Chair Kirkland called the meeting to order.
  2. **Roll Call TCC:** Roll Call was taken and a quorum was declared.
  3. **Roll Call TAC:** Roll Call was taken and a quorum was declared
  4. **Ethics Reminder to TAC members:** Chair Kirkland reminded members of the ethics requirements.  
**TCC Motion: Chair Hodges made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shorter and passed unanimously.**  
**TAC Motion: Mr. Joiner made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice-chair Mitchell and passed unanimously.**
  6. **Approval of FY 2023 Meeting Schedule:** *Kim Maxey*  
**TCC Motion: Mr. Shorter made a motion to approve the FY 2023 schedule as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice-chair Jackson and passed unanimously.**  
**TAC Motion: Vice-chair Mitchell made a motion to approve the FY 2023 schedule as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joiner and passed unanimously.**
  7. **NCDOT Mileage-Based User Fee Pilot for Elected Officials:** *Amna Cameron, NCDOT*  
Ms. Cameron provided an overview of the Mileage-Based User Fee Pilot program. This program is exploring future options to replace the gas tax for infrastructure improvements in North Carolina. One option is a tax fee based on how much individuals drive.  
  
This is a 450-person pilot program in conjunction with the Eastern Transportation Coalition. Many states along the east coast are participating in the pilot as well. There are multiple options for the program determined by the user in how comfortable they are with the tracking process. The feedback that will be reported will help determine how viable this program may be for the state, in replacing the gas tax.  
  
The program launched on June 6, 2022 and will conclude on October 31, 2022.
  8. **2024-2033 STIP Development Update Presentation & Discussion:** *Kim Maxey*  
Ms. Maxey played a pre-recorded presentation provided by the NCDOT STIP and SPOT offices about the draft 2024-2033 STIP. Discussion ensued regarding projects for the NBAMPO that remain in the draft STIP. Ms. Maxey reported that the most vital project that has been removed is the widening of US 17 from Bridgeton to NC 43. Other portions of US 17 continue to be funded. She has met with numerous NCDOT officials and the President of the Highway 17/64 Highway Association to gain insight and continue the push to find funding for this project.

91 Despite having swap options in the new formula for the STIP, the project cost prohibits an equal  
92 swap within the New Bern MPO projects. BJ Eversole with the Down East RPO noted that they  
93 have a project they could swap that meets the financial criteria, but because of the excessive cost,  
94 it is unlikely Carteret County will agree to giving up that funding.  
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## 96 9. Updates:

- 97 • **NCDOT Transportation Planning Division:** *Kelly Jones*
  - 98 ○ Ms. Jones presented the TPD newsletter
  - 99 ○ Project engineers have resumed CTP efforts. Next steps are to finalize projects and all  
100 issues are resolved. The project engineers presented earlier this week to the town of  
101 Dover.
  - 102 ○ The 2022 Powell Bill program allocates Street Aid to municipalities to establish  
103 eligibility and to qualify. The program begins on July 1, 2022 and closes on July 21,  
104 2022.
  - 105 ○ TPD will approve FY 2023 UPWP budget and indirect cost allocation plan by June  
106 29, 2022.
  
- 107 • **Integrated Mobility Division:** *Tony Sumter*
  - 108 ○ Coastal Plains regional planner for IMD at NCDOT
  - 109 ○ Assisting TPD with bike/ped information for the Craven and Carteret County CTP's
  - 110 ○ Three planning grant initiatives he's working on
  - 111 ○ Wrapping up with new Director training – presented 4<sup>th</sup> session in planning  
112 department from the regional side of planning  
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- 115 • **Coastal Carolina Regional Airport:** *Andy Shorter*
  - 116 ○ Williams Rd realignment moving forward with an environmental study.
  - 117 ○ Andy recently coordinated six different meetings within our area to share information  
118 on the status of air travel across our country and how it impacts our local travel.
    - 119 ○ EWN averaging 4 flights per day at 95% load capacity.
    - 120 ○ He continues meeting with other low-cost carriers about the potential for  
121 expanding into our market, a destination area.
  - 122 ○ The pilot shortage continues, which impacts all carriers and travel across the nation.
  - 123 ○ Opening a new hanger with ribbon cutting on July 22. First airport development  
124 commercial hanger for the group that runs the commercial flight school. They have  
125 added 65 jobs since taking over.
  - 126 ○ Inaugural DC flight last weekend
    - 127 ○ Load capacity is over 2/3's full
    - 128 ○ Hoping that trend continues to solidify continued flights after the initial 3  
129 months  
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- 131 • **CARTS:** *Kelly Walker*
  - 132 ○ Beginning June 23, 2022, Medicaid funded transportation will resume to Greenville,  
133 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Previously resources didn't allow for these trips.
  - 134 ○ Beginning first Tuesday or Thursday in July, they will add to that EDTAP funded  
135 trips. This includes a \$5 fare each way for riders.  
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- 137 • **NCDOT Division 2:** *Diane Hampton/Len White*
  - 138 ○ Mr. White presented the Construction Report

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- Maps, photos and drone footage available of the Havelock Bypass on the NCDOT project website
  - Project to bring fiber along I-42 from I-40 to Morehead City. Contractors expect to be in Craven County in the fall (currently in Lenoir County).
  - **New Bern Area MPO:** *NBAMPO Staff*
    - Ms. Maxey advised New Bern will be hosting the NCAMPO statewide MPO conference in 2024. The conference draws 500 participants, many of whom bring family with them. So, it's a great revenue generator for the downtown and Craven County.
    - The MPO paid for the update to the City of New Bern's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The plan has been completed in draft form, with good participation from citizens during the public involvement meeting. Staff anticipates receiving the final document to present to the Board of Alderman for adoption in the upcoming 30 days.
- 10. Discussion:** Delane Jackson shared information on being awarded a Golden Leaf Foundation grant for stormwater improvements within Riverbend.
- 11. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.