



TAC MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2023

The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 11:00 am in the Development Services Conference Room, 303 First Street, as well as via Zoom.

Members Present:

- Mr. John Kirkland – Chairman, River Bend
- Ms. E.T. Mitchell – Vice-Chairman, Craven County
- Mr. Bob Brinson – City of New Bern
- Mr. Bill Joiner – Town of Trent Woods
- Mr. Randy Alexander – Town of Bridgeton
- Mr. Brandon Oliver– Federal Highway Administration (non-voting)
- Ms. Kelly Walker – CARTS (non-voting)
- Mr. Behshad Norowzi – NCDOT (non-voting)
- Ms. Diane Hampton – NCDOT (non-voting)
- Mr. Len White – NCDOT (non-voting)
- Mr. Jeff Cabaniss – NCDOT (non-voting)

Members Absent:

- Ms. Merrie Jo Alcock – NC Board of Transportation

Guests Present:

- Mr. Chris Greene – CARTS
- Mr. Andy Shorter – Coastal Carolina Regional Airport
- Mr. Rick Prill – City of New Bern
- Ms. Heather Hildebrandt – NCDOT
- Ms. Hemal Shah – NCDOT
- Mr. Mark Eatman – NCDOT

Staff Present:

- Ms. Kimberly Maxey – New Bern Area MPO
- Ms. Felicia McRee – New Bern Area MPO

- 1. Call to Order:** Chair Kirkland called the meeting to order.
- 2. Roll Call:** Roll Call was taken, and a quorum was declared.
- 3. Ethics Reminder:** Chair Kirkland reminded members of the ethics requirements.

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4. **Approval of today’s agenda:**
Motion: Ms. Mitchell made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brinson and passed unanimously.
 5. **Public Comment:**
No members of the public were present.
 6. **Election of TAC Chairman and Vice-Chairman:**
Motion: Ms. Mitchell made a motion to re-elect Mr. Kirkland as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brinson and passed unanimously.
Motion: Mr. Brinson made a motion to re-elect Ms. Mitchell as Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kirkland and passed unanimously.
 7. **Adopt Craven County Comprehensive Transportation Plan: *Hemal Shah***
Ms. Shah gave an overview of the Craven County CTP, the region’s long-range planning document. This has previously been approved in draft form and is now going before each municipality for adoption.
Motion: Ms. Mitchell made a motion to adopt the Craven County CTP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brinson and passed unanimously.
 8. **Carbon Reduction Program (CRP): *Heather Hildebrandt***
Ms. Hildebrandt advised the Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act established the Carbon Reduction Program to support transportation projects that reduce emissions. The NBAMPO has been allocated \$228,484 for FY22 and FY23.
 9. **FY 2024 Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): *Kim Maxey***
The UPWP is a document updated annually, providing proposed budget allocations for the upcoming fiscal year, outlining accomplishments from the previous year, and establishing goals for the upcoming year.
This document is being presented in draft format and is due to the State by the end of January. The final document will be presented during the March meeting. There is no anticipation of changes to allocation amounts.
Motion: Mr. Brinson made a motion to accept the Draft UPWP as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joiner and passed unanimously.
 10. **Annual Self-Certification of 3Cs Planning Process: *Kim Maxey***
The self-certification of the 3Cs planning process is to certify that we are following a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process. We are in constant collaboration with our member agencies, NCDOT and FHWA to ensure we are following the guidelines.

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95 **Motion: Ms. Mitchell made a motion to approve the 3Cs Self-Certification. The motion**
96 **was seconded by Mr. Brinson and passed unanimously.**
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98 **11. Adopt Resolution No. 5 to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program**
99 **(MTIP): *Kim Maxey***

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101 Ms. Maxey advised any time modifications are made to the State Transportation Improvement
102 Program (STIP) we have to modify the MTIP. The highway modification is to add a project
103 break at the request of the Transportation Mobility and Safety division. The transit modification
104 is to extend the funding amounts for FY 24 - FY 26. All dollar amounts are the same except for
105 vehicle replacement and ADA/Paratransit.
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107 **Motion: Mr. Brinson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 5 to the MTIP. The**
108 **motion was seconded by Ms. Mitchell and passed unanimously.**
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110 **12. Endorse NCDOT Safety Performance Measures: *Kim Maxey***

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112 The resolution for the Safety Performance Measures states that the MPO agrees to plan and
113 program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the State's targets.
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115 **Motion: Ms. Mitchell made a motion to approve the NCDOT Safety Performance**
116 **Measures. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brinson and passed unanimously.**
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118 **13. P 7.0 Discussion: *Kim Maxey***

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120 Ms. Maxey presented the updated P7.0 timeline. We are currently in the P7.0 Workgroup period
121 where they are meeting monthly to finalize their processes.
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123 **14. Updates:**

- 124 • **NCDOT Transportation Planning Division: *Behshad Norowzi***
 - 125 ○ Mr. Norowzi presented the TPD newsletter and advised the state's gas tax was
 - 126 increased by 2 cents from 38.5 cents to 40.5 cents
 - 127 ○ According to the 2020 Census, the New Bern urban area has population has fallen
 - 128 below the 50k threshold, but will not affect MPO funding
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- 130 • **Coastal Carolina Regional Airport: *Andy Shorter***
 - 131 ○ Mr. Shorter advised EWN received \$8M for the Williams Rd re-alignment, the
 - 132 environmental studies are underway
 - 133 ○ The terminal expansion project is also underway
 - 134 ○ Presented the economic impact EWN has had on the region, data taken from the State
 - 135 of Aviation report recently released
 - 136 ○ American Airlines will be renewing the DCA-EWN route June-August
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- 138 • **CARTS: *Kelly Walker***
 - 139 ○ Ms. Walker introduced Chris Green, the new Assistant Transportation Director
 - 140 ○ Looking for public events to increase outreach
 - 141 ○ Part-time drivers and office positions are posted on Craven County website
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- **NCDOT Division 2:** *Diane Hampton/Len White*
 - Mr. White presented the Construction Report
 - US 70 in between the Havelock Bypass and James City projects has been awarded to Balfour Beatty, the same contractor working on the other projects
 - NCDOT studied the intersection at Country Club Rd and US 70 if a dedicated left turn would be warranted and it was not due to traffic counts
 - The project it would be an estimated \$30k if self-funded by City or County
 - **New Bern Area MPO:** *NBAMPO Staff*

154 **15. Discussion:**

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156 **16. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.