



TAC MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2022

The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2022 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 – Commissioner, Craven County
Mr. Bill Joiner – Town of Trent Woods
Mr. Chris Connolly – NCDOT (non-voting)
Ms. Diane Hampton – NCDOT (non-voting)
Mr. Len White – NCDOT (non-voting)

Members Absent: Mr. Jeffrey Odham – Vice-Chairman, City of New Bern
Mr. Ray Parker – Town of Bridgeton
Mr. Thomas Taft – NC Board of Transportation
Ms. Kelly Walker – CARTS (non-voting)
Mr. Bill Marley – Federal Highway Administration (non-voting)

Guests Present: Mr. Andy Shorter – Coastal Carolina Regional Airport

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.
4. **Approval of today’s agenda:**
Motion: Mr. Joiner made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mitchell and passed unanimously.
5. **Public Comment**
No members of the public were present.

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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. Joiner and passed unanimously. Mr. Joiner made a motion to elect Ms. Mitchell as Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kirkland and passed unanimously.

7. Approval of minutes for the November 2021 meeting:

Motion: Ms. Mitchell made a motion to approve the November 2021 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joiner and passed unanimously.

8. FY 2023 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: Ms. Mitchell made a motion to accept the Draft UPWP as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joiner and passed unanimously.

9. 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.

Motion: Mr. Joiner made a motion to approve the 3Cs Self-Certification. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mitchell and passed unanimously.

10. Endorse NCDOT Safety Performance Measures: *Kim Maxey*

The resolution for the Safety Performance Measures states that the MPO agrees to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the State's targets.

Motion: Ms. Mitchell made a motion to approve the NCDOT Safety Performance Measures as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joiner and passed unanimously.

11. P 6.0 Discussion: *Diane Hampton*

Ms. Hampton gave a P6 workgroup update. Their overall goals are to develop a trustworthy and fiscally constrained STIP, produce a FY 24-33 STIP with the current projects list, be able to fund new projects in P7, and ensure the process follows state and federal requirements. Their current accomplishments are forming a schedule and goals, choosing the delivery project scenario (formerly held harmless), and using the P3-P5 approach for committing projects.

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There are three main decision points for developing the 2024-2033 STIP:

Decision Point One: Overall Method

- Consensus recommendations to date: Traditional STIP Development Method
- Reduce projects to match budget – 10-year STIP
- Approved by workgroup and Board

Decision Point Two: Scenario Method for Selecting Delivery Projects

- Delivery Project set determined using Scenario-2 approach
- Anything let in FY 2026 or before, has grants awarded, or ROW underway
- Approved by workgroup and Board

Decision Point Three: Committed Project Evaluation Method

- Agree to use P3-P4-P5 approach
- Approved by workgroup, will go before the Board in February

Based on latest figures, the 2024-2033 STIP is overprogrammed by \$266.9M in Division 2.

12. Updates:

- **NCDOT Transportation Planning Division:** *Chris Connolly*
 - Mr. Connolly presented the TPD newsletter
 - Advised the approval of the Craven County CTP is back on hold due to the recent rise in COVID cases
 - The 2022 NC Transportation Summit sessions are available on YouTube
- **Coastal Carolina Regional Airport:** *Andy Shorter*
 - Mr. Shorter advised American Airlines will be cutting 10K flights through March, EWN has been heavily affected
 - EWN is seeking funds for design and environmental study for the Williams Road realignment
- **CARTS:** *Kelly Walker*
- **NCDOT Division 2:** *Diane Hampton/Len White*
 - Mr. White presented the Construction Report
 - The Havelock Bypass is slightly ahead of schedule, there is new drone footage available on YouTube
 - James City construction is due to ramp up this spring
- **New Bern Area MPO:** *NBAMPO Staff*
 - Ms. McRee advised the MPO is applying for the NCDOT Bicycle Helmet Initiative on behalf of the City of New Bern
 - Ms. Maxey gave an update on Gov. Cooper’s goal to have NCDOT’s fleet partially electric by 2030, and fully electric by 2050
 - The challenge is how to fund infrastructure without using the gas tax?
 - Utah over the next 10 years is transitioning their infrastructure funding to a vehicle miles traveled fee, a road usage fee, instead of the gas tax
 - Ms. Maxey reminded the board to complete their ethics requirements online

13. Discussion:

14. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.