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March 23, 2023

The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 23, 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
Ms. Merrie Jo Alcock – NC Board of Transportation
Mr. Brandon Oliver – Federal Highway Administration (non-voting)
Ms. Kelly Walker – CARTS (non-voting)
Mr. Behshad Norowzi – NCDOT (non-voting)
Mr. Len White – NCDOT (non-voting)
Mr. Jeremy Stroud – NCDOT (non-voting)
Ms. Becca Eversole – Down East RPO (non-voting)

Members Absent:

Mr. Bill Joiner – Town of Trent Woods
Mr. Randy Alexander – Town of Bridgeton

Guests Present:

Mr. Jeff Cabaniss – NCDOT
Mr. Chris Greene – CARTS
Mr. Andy Shorter – Coastal Carolina Regional Airport
Ms. Heather Lane – NCDOT
Mr. Sangwoo Sung – 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:

Ms. Maxey proposed rearranging the agenda so items requiring approval would go first, to accommodate voting member’s schedules. Items 7-9 will go next, then jump back to 5-6 and onto items 10-16.

Motion: Mr. Brinson made a motion to approve the modified agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mitchell and passed unanimously.

5. Public Comment:

No members of the public were present.

6. Approval of minutes for the January 26, 2023 Meeting

The approval of the minutes have been pushed to the May meeting.

7. FY 2024 Final 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. There were no changes to allocation amounts since the draft was approved in January.

Motion: Ms. Mitchell made a motion to approve the Final UPWP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brinson and passed unanimously.

8. Adopt Resolution No. 6 to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP): *Kim Maxey*

Ms. Maxey advised any time modifications are made to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) we are required to modify the MTIP. These modifications are to add construction and funding in FY23 that was not previously programmed.

Motion: Ms. Mitchell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 6 to the MTIP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brinson and passed unanimously.

9. Endorse NCDOT Established Performance Measure Targets: *Kim Maxey*

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

Motion: Ms. Alcoke made a motion to approve the NCDOT Established Performance Measure Targets. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brinson and passed unanimously.

10. P 7.0 Discussion: *Kim Maxey*

Ms. Maxey presented the updated P7.0 timeline. We are currently in the P7.0 Workgroup period where they meet monthly to finalize their processes. NCDOT SPOT office advised that two projects from P6.0 may be designated as carryovers in P7.0.

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11. Updates:

- **NCDOT Transportation Planning Division:** *Behshad Norowzi*
 - Mr. Norowzi presented the TPD newsletter and advised the Craven County CTP was adopted by all municipalities and will go before the Board of Transportation in April

- **Integrated Mobility Division (IMD):** *Tony Sumter*

- **Coastal Carolina Regional Airport:** *Andy Shorter*
 - Mr. Shorter advised FAA has agreed to the scope of the NEPA process on the Williams Rd re-alignment project - 12-month estimation
 - Small groundbreaking for the terminal project took place earlier this month with an end of summer/fall completion date
 - Won a \$5 million BIL grant to add to the project – 1 of 3 airports in NC to receive the grant
 - American Airlines currently at 3 flights/day – will increase to 5 flights/day in April
 - Still in discussions with low-cost airlines

- **CARTS:** *Kelly Walker*

- **NCDOT Division 2:** *Len White*
 - Mr. White presented the Construction Report and advised resurfacing is underway
 - Right-of-way/utility relocation are underway for the “C Section” of US 70 between the James City and Havelock Bypass projects
 - The James City project is working on service roads and utilities

- **New Bern Area MPO:** *NBAMPO Staff*

12. Discussion:

Mr. Brinson will be proposing a bicycle/pedestrian subcommittee at the next Board of Aldermen meeting to discuss moving forward with projects from the City of New Bern Bike/Ped plan.

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