



TAC MEETING MINUTES
August 16, 2023

The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held a special called meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 4:00 pm in the Development Services Conference Room, 303 First Street.

- Members Present:**
- Mr. John Kirkland – Chairman, River Bend
 - Mr. Bob Brinson – City of New Bern
 - Ms. Merrie Jo Alcoke – NC Board of Transportation
 - Mr. Len White – NCDOT (non-voting)
 - Ms. Becca Eversole – Down East RPO (non-voting)

- Members Absent:**
- Ms. E.T. Mitchell – Vice-Chairman, Craven County
 - Mr. Bill Joiner – Town of Trent Woods
 - Mr. Randy Alexander – Town of Bridgeton
 - Mr. Bill Marley – Federal Highway Administration (non-voting)
 - Ms. Kelly Walker – CARTS (non-voting)
 - Mr. Behshad Norowzi – NCDOT (non-voting)
 - Mr. Jeremy Stroud– NCDOT (non-voting)

- Staff Present:**
- Ms. Deanna Trebil – 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. Brinson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Alcoke and passed unanimously.

5. Public Comment:

No members of the public were present.

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6. Adopt Amendment No. 8 to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP): *Deanna Trebil*

Amendment 8 to the MTIP is being requested to allow NCDOT to obligate approximately \$7M in Vulnerable Road User funding before the end of the federal fiscal year. This funding is used to strategically make travel safer for those people who are walking, biking, or using mobility assistance devices. The following projects are being added to obligate funding: HS-2017DIV, HS-2017REG, HS-2017SW and HS-2015DIV, HS-2015REG, and HS-2015SW.

This Amendment also includes modifying two statewide projects by adding project breaks. A project break creates a new project and funding from the larger parent creating transparency. A project break can be easily identified by the letter at the end of the STIP number such as M-0563“D”.

Motion: Mr. Brinson made a motion to approve Amendment No. 8 to the MTIP. The motion was seconded by Ms. Alcock and passed unanimously.

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