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6. **Approval of the minutes of the July 23 and September 24, 2015 meetings:** Reading of both sets of minutes was waived.

**Motion: Mr. Chuck Tyson made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented. Mr. Overholt seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

7. **Approval of Strategies for the 2040 MTP and endorsement of the Highway-Bike-Ped Maps Projects:** *Maurizia Chapman*

Ms. Chapman relayed the Vision and Goals had been included in the packet, and the strategies based on the Vision and Goals were created from input from committee members and public input.

A packet of maps were included, all of which have previously been presented to the board. Each map was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Overholt questioned what plans have been determined for future growth, naming 4 specific areas slated for future developments. Ms. Chapman advised the MPO corresponds with departments within the City for future growth input and planning. The 2040 model projections include the future growth of these areas.

Mr. Overholt inquired as to future plans for traffic issues on Business 17/MLK Jr. Blvd. as well as James City. Ms. Chapman relayed that a superstreet design for MLK from the Hwy 70 interchange to the future NC 43 connector has been included in the SPOT 4.0 project process. The James City project model shows four-lanes isn't sufficient, so the consultants advised they are considering incorporating six-lanes into that project.

Ms. Chapman advised the CAC and the TCC both approved the strategies and maps and recommend TAC approval.

**Motion: Mr. Chuck Tyson made a motion to approve the Strategies for the 2040 MTP and endorsement of the Highway-Bike-Ped Maps Projects. Mr. Overholt seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

8. **Modifications to the NBAMPO FY 2016-2025 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP):** *Maurizia Chapman*

Ms. Chapman advised the modification is to delay construction of the Cherry Branch Visitor Center. Due to the way the TIP is setup, we don't require approval, as anything moved within three years doesn't require TAC approval. This project is being moved from 2015 to 2016 and is for informational purposes only.

9. **River Bend Resolution of Support for Bike/Ped Planning Grant:** *Maurizia Chapman*

Ms. Chapman relayed that River Bend applied for this Planning Grant last year, but were not granted it. They are re-applying this year for the same grant. Mayor Kirkland has

93 written a letter of support and the resolution is being presented today for acceptance and  
94 approval. The deadline is tomorrow, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

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96 Ms. Chapman advised the CAC and the TCC both approved the resolution and  
97 recommend TAC approval.  
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99 **Motion: Mr. Chuck Tyson made a motion to approve the River Bend Resolution of**  
100 **Support for Bike/Ped Planning Grant. Mr. Overholt seconded. Motion passed**  
101 **unanimously.**

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103 **10. Approval of SPOT 4 Projects Submission:** *Maurizia Chapman*

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105 Ms. Chapman advised the project submissions have been included in member packets.  
106 Project list include all of last years' projects; 8 aviation 2 of which were included last  
107 year, not adding any new bike/ped projects, just what was submitted last year, highway  
108 interchange/intersection improvements south of the James City project were included.  
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110 New projects included projects on Old Airport Road modernization, roundabouts at  
111 Neuse & MLK, roundabouts at Broad & Queen Streets and Pollock & Queen Streets,  
112 First Street Road Diet from Broad Street across the interchange towards County Club  
113 Road, 3 additional transit projects for regional impact, to get state match into expansion  
114 vehicles that are required for the urban area, rail project provided by NCDOT Rail  
115 Division includes relocation of rail corridor around New Bern at a cost of \$350 million.  
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117 **Motion: Mr. Chuck Tyson made a motion to approve the SPOT 4 Projects**  
118 **Submission. Mr. Kirkland seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**  
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121 **11. Updates:**

122 **a. Transportation Planning Branch Update:** *Farhan Javed, NCDOT TPB*

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124 In the absence of Mr. Javed, Ms. Chapman provided an update on:

- 125 • Completed and documented the changes made to the socioeconomic  
126 forecast for the New Bern travel demand model. In working on  
127 documentation of the model development and calibration process for the  
128 MTP report. Once the process is completed, we will look to extend the  
129 model to cover all of Craven County for the development of a  
130 Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP).  
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132 **b. Division 2 Update:** *Jeff Cabaniss, NCDOT Division 2 Planning Engineer*

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134 In the absence of Mr. Jeff Cabaniss, Ms. Maxey updated the board on current  
135 projects:

- 136 • The 43 Connector project is 100% complete.
- 137 • Sidewalk along Neuse is going well
- 138 • The multi-use path along Glenburnie started last week.

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- Intersection improvements at NC 43 and Hwy 17 in Ernul are complete minus the thermoplast markings.
  - Interchange resurfacing at Hwy 70 and 55 will be in spring 2016, completed end of June 2016.
  - The Governor's bond was two parts; one for transportation which did not get passed along. The General Assembly instead have stopped transfer of money for highway to the General Fund which will free up \$200 million a year, which will not be put into the STIP and divided between the three statewide tiers, and then through the divisions.

149 c. **New Bern Area MPO Update:** *Maurizia Chapman, AICP, NBAMPO*  
150 *Administrator, Kimberly Maxey, MPO Planner*

151 Ms. Maxey provided updates on:

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- The MPO is offering two members of each MPO board to attend the Active Routes to School Conference in Chapel Hill in November. The MPO will cover some costs, city and county will cover additional costs for their employees. CAC members will be covered 100%.

158 **12. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Indirect Cumulative Effects analysis update and**  
159 **work session:** *Candice Andre, VHB*  
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161 Ms. Andre provided a brief overview of the ICE process. Everything is currently in draft  
162 format. The first product, Existing Conditions, will have a matrix relating what indirect  
163 effects could be possible for specific projects. Mapping pulled from community data is  
164 incorporated into the matrix and includes demographic, employment, environmental and  
165 infrastructure data. This establishes a baseline.

166 Product two, Future Growth Potential, removes product one, and uses just socioeconomic  
167 data, determining short term and long term growth patterns. Within these areas, they  
168 consider if land use can accommodate high rates of growth.

169 Product three, Indirect and Cumulative Effect Screening, is the biggest product. Evaluate  
170 indirect effects first then cumulative effects. The highway projects in the draft MTP are  
171 considered. This product includes another matrix, using existing conditions along with  
172 scope of plan for the project. Project level indirect screening was done on 4 projects; US  
173 70 Improvements, NC 43, S. Glenburnie Road, and the Brice's Creek Road Connector  
174 with 4 different alternatives. Once indirect screening matrices are completed, they look  
175 at the overall plan level at cumulative effects for these projects.  
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178 Product four, Best Practices for Local Governments, will begin upon completion of  
179 product three.  
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181 The ICE process is a piece of the NCDOT's integration process with guidelines they will  
182 follow, working closely with NCDOT and the NBAMPO.  
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184 Ms. Andre explained that each matrix has a narrative along with it, and all references  
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188 **13. Discussion:**

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190 **14. Adjourn:** There being no further business, Mr. Chuck Tyson made a motion to adjourn.  
191 Mr. John Chittick seconded the motion.  
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Steve Tyson, Chairman

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Jeff Ruggieri, Secretary