



46 **Motion: Mr. Kirkland made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Mr. Tyson**  
47 **seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**  
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49 **6. P 4.0 Project Prioritization Ranking and Scoring: *Maurizia Chapman***  
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51 Ms. Chapman presented a PowerPoint presentation on the process of project scoring.  
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53 Ms. Chapman relayed staff received information from the State on August 24<sup>th</sup> showing  
54 the proposed regional projects that would be funded through the next cycle of the  
55 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).  
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57 The packet provided to the TAC for review included a spreadsheet showing the funded  
58 regional projects that shows only one project, an Aviation project that is recommended  
59 for funding within the NBAMPO, a spreadsheet with projects that will be scored within  
60 Division 2 with the potential for funding. The projects were ranked by the Quantitative  
61 Score that comes from the NCDOT. The NBAMPO projects are highlighted, with the  
62 first being fairly far down within the project list. It doesn't look promising for the  
63 NBAMPO to get any projects funded. The last handout is the draft NBAMPO Division  
64 Needs scoring based on individual votes sent in by 10 members of the MPO.  
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66 Half of what is allocated to each Division has already been assigned to other projects.  
67 All Divisions get the same amount of funds (\$391M) for the 10-year timeframe. In  
68 Division 2, \$255M has already been allocated to projects, which only leaves \$136M to be  
69 allocated to new projects. Some projects in the current list have not been funded at the  
70 Regional level that already exceed the total amount left to allocate.  
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72 Scoring is 50% Quantitative, set by the NCDOT, and 50% local. The local 50% is split  
73 in half with 25% of the score at the MPO/RPO level and 25% of the score by the Division  
74 2 office (John Rouse/Jeff Cabaniss). Everything must be submitted by the end of  
75 October, thus the compressed time schedule.  
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77 The spreadsheet showing NBAMPO's projects ranking and scores was developed after  
78 the SPOT 4.0 Sub-Committee used the approved methodology to review each project.  
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80 If the TAC is willing to approve the Draft Projects Prioritization and scoring as provided,  
81 staff can open the public input window and adjustments can be made prior to final  
82 approval at the October 27, 2016 special meeting.  
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84 **Motion: Mr. Overholt made a motion to approve the P 4.0 Project Prioritization**  
85 **Ranking and Scoring. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tyson and passed**  
86 **unanimously.**

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88 **7. 2017 Annual NCAMPO Conference: *Kim Maxey***  
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90 Ms. Maxey provided an update on the progress in planning for the April 2017 conference.  
91 The Convention Center has been booked, along with 3 hotels and 2 Bed & Breakfasts.  
92 One reception venue has been determined at the Tryon Palace History Center with a  
93 second location being discussed. Waiting on information from The Flame Catering as  
94 well as The Chelsea Catering.  
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96 We are formulating ideas for mobile workshops which include a trip to the Port, a ferry  
97 ride, a bus tour, and a walking tour. Tom Hewitt, owner of Atomic Cycles has agreed to  
98 assist in putting together a bike ride as one of the mobile tours. City Planner Brad  
99 Sceviour will put together a map of downtown with all the bar/hot spots for the pub  
100 crawl.  
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102 Ms. Maxey relayed she has reached out to Congressman G.K. Butterfield's office in the  
103 hope that he will agree to be the keynote speaking along with current Transportation  
104 Secretary Anthony Foxx. Ms. Chapman advised Butterfield will no longer have New  
105 Bern in his district after the election, but as the conference is state-wide perhaps he would  
106 still consider coming.  
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108 Ms. Chapman relayed that since the conference is local, the MPO may have more funds  
109 available to aid board members in attending, which could provide the opportunity for  
110 more than 3 from each board, which is the norm, to attend.  
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## 112 8. Updates:

### 113 a. **Transportation Planning Branch Update:** *Catherine Bryant, NCDOT TPB*

- 114 • Ms. Bryant updated that they are working on the New Bern model  
115 expansion now and will begin working on the CTP.  
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### 118 b. **CARTS Update:** *Kelly Walker, Transit Director*

119 Ms. Maxey provided the following updates on behalf of Ms. Walker:

- 120 • There are now eight open part-time driver positions available. They have  
121 received a number of applications, but as they begin processing they are  
122 finding that many of the applicants have points on their license and that  
123 nullifies them from being able to be hired. Mr. Flanagan questioned who  
124 establishes the guidelines. Ms. Maxey relayed the Federal Government  
125 sets the rules which includes 5 years driving experience and no points  
126 within the last 3 years.
- 127 • The pay and hours are not very enticing. Mr. Overholt questioned if their  
128 salaries could be increased. Ms. Maxey noted that Craven County would  
129 have to increase the salary as CARTS is within their employment.
- 130 • Mr. Kirkland questioned if other programs around the state are having the  
131 same issues. Ms. Maxey will follow up on that.
- 132 • Mr. Overholt suggested they look into going through Craven County  
133 Community College for students that are looking for a few extra hours.
- 134 • Mr. Tyson feels strongly they will not get responsible people for minimum  
135 wage. He questioned how many drivers they have. Ms. Maxey advised  
136 they have 29 part time positions and 2 full time positions. He

137 recommended the board draft a letter to the County to consider increasing  
138 the salary for these drivers. The Chairman could sign it at the specially  
139 called meeting in October.  
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141 **c. Division 2 Update:** *Jeff Cabaniss, NCDOT Division 2 Planning Engineer*

142 Mr. Jeff Cabaniss provided the following updates:

- 143 • Work has begun on resurfacing of the Hwy 17/Hwy 55 interchange in  
144 Bridgeton. The intermediate level is close to being completed, at which  
145 time they will begin final surface grade.
- 146 • Barnhill Construction will be resurfacing a few roads within the MPO in  
147 October including:
  - 148 ○ Simmons from Neuse Blvd. to National Ave.
  - 149 ○ Glenburnie from Neuse Blvd. to National Ave.
  - 150 ○ Staten Road
- 151 • Onslow Grade and Paving completed resurfacing roads in Trent Woods  
152 and are now working on shoulders.
- 153 • New Bern is getting some wheelchair ramp upgrades at intersections by  
154 Spencer and Queen as well as Austin Street off Airport Road and at the  
155 intersection of Spencer and First Street.

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157 **d. New Bern Area MPO Update:** *Maurizia Chapman, MPO Planner*

- 158 • Staff will call a special meeting on October 27th due to the time  
159 constraints of the P 4.0 scoring.  
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161 **13. Discussion:** There was extensive discussion revolving around absentee members. Mr.  
162 Tyson requested staff draft a letter to the City of New Bern and Town of Bridgeton  
163 requesting a representative that will attend and be active within this group. Ms. Maxey  
164 advised she has already had a discussion with Commissioner Welch from Bridgeton  
165 about his attendance and the concern moving forward with his inability to attend.  
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167 Ms. Chapman advised staff will draft appropriate letters as requested for the TAC  
168 Chairman to sign.  
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170 **14. Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.  
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Steve Tyson, Chairman

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Jeff Ruggieri, Secretary