



46 **6. Approval of the minutes of the May 28, 2015 meeting:**  
47 As there initially was not a quorum, approval of the minutes of the May 28, 2015 meeting  
48 were postponed to the November meeting date  
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50 **7. Approval of the Prioritization 4.0 Alternate Criteria for Division 2 and Region B:**  
51 *Maurizia Chapman*

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53 Ms. Chapman advised information was provided at the last TAC meeting for this  
54 information. Information was also sent that the Board of Transportation approved. All  
55 criteria were coordinated with staff of MPO's, RPO's, Region B Division (Div. 2 & 3)  
56 and Division 2. There are only a couple of jurisdictions/divisions that have not currently  
57 sent approval of these criteria.

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59 Ms. Chapman advised the CAC and the TCC both approved the document and  
60 recommend TAC approval.

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62 **Motion: Mr. Chuck Tyson made a motion to approve the Prioritization 4.0**  
63 **Alternate Criteria for Division 2 and Region B. Mr. John Chittick seconded.**  
64 **Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

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66 **8. Amendment No. 1 to the NBAMPO FY 2016-2025 Metropolitan Transportation**  
67 **Improvement Program:** *Maurizia Chapman*

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69 Ms. Chapman advised when we processed the State Transportation Improvement  
70 Program and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program errors were found in the  
71 Transit Portion of the final STIP. In order to have the process work smoothly, we needed  
72 to submit the documents with the errors, creating amendments after approval. One error  
73 required a modification (incorrect TIP number, wrong funding number) and the other was  
74 deleted (repetitive project).

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76 This went to the Board of Transportation earlier in the month and was approved. In  
77 November we will coordinate with Public Transportation Division and submit to go  
78 before Federal Transit for final processing.

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80 Ms. Chapman advised the CAC and the TCC both approved the document and  
81 recommend TAC approval.

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83 **Motion: Mr. Chuck Tyson made a motion to approve the Amendment to the**  
84 **NBAMPO FY 2016-2025 MTIP. Mr. John Kirkland seconded. Motion passed**  
85 **unanimously.**

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87 **9. NBAMPO Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan (CPT-**  
88 **HSTP):** *Maurizia Chapman*

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90 Ms. Chapman advised the Coordinated Public Transportation Plan was provided to  
91 members last week for review. This is not a document that was recreated; it was  
92 modified from an existing plan. The update for CARTS region was done by the Down

93 East RPO in 2013 as the MPO was being created. Staff consulted with the Public  
94 Transportation Division in Raleigh and agreed to extract the information that applied to  
95 Craven County and put into this document, bring to the boards for approval so CARTS  
96 will be eligible to apply for Grants that come through the State for the portion of their  
97 service area within the Urbanized Area. If we did not have this plan, CARTS would not  
98 be able to apply.  
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100 Ms. Chapman advised the CAC and the TCC both approved the document and  
101 recommend TAC approval.  
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103 **Motion: Mr. John Chittick made a motion to approve the CPT-HSTP. Mr. Chuck**  
104 **Tyson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**  
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106 **10. Indirect Cumulative Effects analysis as part of the Metropolitan Transportation**  
107 **Plan: Alena Cook, TPB-NCDOT**  
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109 Ms. Alena Cook introduced two members of the VHB consulting firm who will be  
110 heading the ICE project with the NCDOT and NBAMPO.  
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112 Ms. Taruna Tayal provided an explanation of the term ICE, noting it mainly pertains to  
113 Environmental Impacts due to projects. At the project level they also review indirect and  
114 cumulative impacts as a result of projects.  
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116 Traditionally, these impacts are considered towards the end of project planning. This  
117 process would coincide with the development of the project. Benefits would include a  
118 more streamlined process and potentially lower costs from planning for the impacts as  
119 opposed to fixing any issues once a project is underway.  
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121 Ms. Candice Andre advised her goal is to get the project through regulatory processes to  
122 implementation. Typically ICE is done during NEPA, which evaluates natural resource  
123 impacts and cultural impacts. One of the drawbacks of the current system means that the  
124 process to get projects implemented takes much longer as these issues are being  
125 addressed.  
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127 Moving this assessment up to coincide with the planning of a project, also gives an  
128 opportunity to revise a project as it's being developed, addressing issues as they are  
129 presented up front rather than on the back end of a project. Any type of required Federal  
130 Government approvals including funding and permits need coordination with regulatory  
131 agencies. The public and environmental impacts must show they have been addressed  
132 and evaluated and balanced with best alternative for the projects need.  
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134 Ms. Andre advised the process includes reviewing essential elements which are similar to  
135 an MTP. The goal with this ICE study is to have four products that will be provided.

- 136 1. Existing Conditions: gives a baseline on all natural, cultural resources that  
137 need to be considered during project planning.
- 138 2. Future Growth Potential: economic growth, population projections from plan  
139 level

140 3. ICE Screening: includes plan level, proposed projects, horizon years: 2020,  
141 2030, 2040

142 4. Best Management Practices Recommendations

143 All four products will be combined into an assessment with summary that will be  
144 incorporated into the NBAMPO MTP.

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146 One major reason for doing this is to link long range planning individuals with those that  
147 will build the project.

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149 **11. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Schedule:** *Kim Maxey*

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151 Ms. Maxey provided an update on the progress of the MTP. She noted that as mentioned  
152 in the ICE presentation, much of that information will be incorporated into the MTP, and  
153 as this is not complete at this time, portions of the MTP cannot be written. The MTP also  
154 requires information from the model forecast, which is not completed either. The final  
155 approval date is March 27, 2016.

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157 **13. Updates:**

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

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

- 161 • The New Bern Bypass alignment that connects US 70 and the NC 43  
162 Connector will be amended in the travel demand model.
- 163 • There were some concerns raised regarding the attributes of the base  
164 network. All attributes will be verified.
- 165 • The FY 2016 PWP has been approved. The MPO will be receiving a  
166 letter.

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168 b. **CARTS Update:** *Kelly Walker, Transit Director*

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- 170 • The half-fare price policy and procedures application approved by the  
171 Board of Commission, showing who gets it and how it will be  
172 implemented.
- 173 • Several calls for projects from the State. The Rural Operating Assistance  
174 program application for current year was just released and due back to the  
175 State October 19. Each county writes their own, so this will be for Craven  
176 County. It includes the Rural General Public money, Employment money  
177 and Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance money.
- 178 • Call for projects for 5311 has been released, which is the Community  
179 Transportation Program. This provides assistance with administration  
180 costs (office rent, salaries). This is due back to the state by November 6,  
181 2015.
- 182 • 5310 is a federal grant that comes through the state for Elderly and  
183 Disabled and can be used in the rural or urban area. They are strongly  
184 considering using these funds towards the urbanized area, as this is the  
185 demographic most affected by the price changes. This is due back to the  
186 state by November 6, 2015.

187                   • There will be upcoming public hearings for these two grants as well as  
188 public outreach meetings. Staff members attended a festival in Jones  
189 County over the weekend which was very successful.

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191           c. **Division 2 Update:** *Jeff Cabaniss, NCDOT Division 2 Planning Engineer*

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

- 195           • The 43 Connector project is 88% complete and is 30% ahead of schedule.
- 196           • The two-bike and ped projects have been awarded to the low bid  
197 contractors. In the process of completing paperwork. Projects will begin  
198 the end of September 2015 and completed in March 2016.
- 199           • Intersection in Ernul along Highway 17 is 20% complete. Turn lanes and  
200 lights are being installed.

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202           d. **New Bern Area MPO Update:** *Maurizia Chapman, AICP, NBAMPO*  
203 *Administrator, Kimberly Maxey, MPO Planner*

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205           Ms. Maxey provided updates on:

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

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211           **13. Discussion:** Ms. Chapman requested the board consider moving the date of the  
212 November meeting from Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> as scheduled due to the Thanksgiving  
213 holiday, to Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the deadline to approve projects  
214 which is due on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

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216           **Motion:** **Mr. Chuck Tyson made a motion to approve the request to reschedule the**  
217 **November meeting to Thursday the 19th. Mr. John Kirkland seconded. Motion**  
218 **passed unanimously.**

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220           **14. Adjourn:** There being no further business, Mr. Chuck Tyson made a motion to adjourn.  
221 Mr. John Kirkland seconded the motion.

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          Steve Tyson, Chairman

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          Jeff Ruggieri, Secretary