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3 4 5	September 25, 2014 The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 11:00 AM in the Dunn Building, Development Services Conference Room, 3rd floor, 248 Craven Street.				
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10 11 12 13 14 15	Memb	ers Present:	Mr. Steve Tyson – Chairman Mr. Johnnie Ray Kinsey – Vice Chairman Mr. John Chittick – Commissioner, Bridgeton Mr. John Kirkland – Mayor, River Bend Mr. Chuck Tyson – Mayor, Trent Woods		
16 17 18 19 20	Memb	ers Excused:	Mr. Jeff Ruggieri – TCC Chairman – TAC Secretary Mr. John Chittick – Commissioner, Bridgeton Ms. Loretta Barren – FHWA Mr. Hugh Overholt – NC Board of Transportation		
21 22	Non-Voting Members:		Ms. Rosann Christian – Director, CARTS		
23 24	Memb	ers Absent:			
25 26 27	Guests	s Present:	Mr. Jeff Cabaniss – NCDOT Mr. Patrick Flanagan – Down East RPO Mr. Gene Hodges – Craven County		
28 29 30 31	Staff I	Present:	Ms. Maurizia Chapman – New Bern MPO Administrator Ms. Kimberly Maxey – New Bern MPO Planner		
32 33 34	1.	Call to Order: Chair Tyson	called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.		
35 36	2.	Roll call was taken. A quoru	ım was declared.		
37 38	3.	Ethics Reminder: Chair Tys interest issues for this meetin	on read the Ethics Reminder. There were no conflicts of g.		
39 40	4.		: Mayor Tyson made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed by unanimous vote.		
41 42 43 44	5.	waived. Ms. Chapman noted	the August 7, 2014 meeting: Reading of the minutes was revision of the minutes would be made to correctly remove ed twice; once as absent, once as present. With this change,		

45 46 47	Chair Tyson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
	Public Comments: <i>Mr. Gene Hodges</i> introduced Ms. Roseann Christian, new director of CARTS.
51 52 53	<i>Chair Tyson</i> requested Ms. Christian provide an update on the urban transition that will entail additional routes.
54 55 56 57 58 59	Ms. Christian advised CARTS has been working mostly in rural areas. The urban transition has not been fully defined, but the existing route will remain. She anticipates additional information being available in a few months. They have been working to get recognition from the FTA as an approved recipient of grant funds, which takes time, usually between four and six months.
	Public Hearing: FY 2012 – 2018 Metropolitan Transportation Improvements Program (MTIP): Maurizia Chapman, AICP, NBAMPO Administrator
63 64 65 66 67 68 69	Ms. Chapman noted that included in the TAC packet provided to members was the resolution to approve the current MTIP. Each MPO is required to approve the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), which is recognized by the federal government. The reason it's being done now is that during the SPOT 2 process, legislators came up with a new strategic transportation investment formula which took us straight into SPOT 3.
70 71 72 73 74	All projects within the RPO were extracted and brought into the MPO, with the exception of transit projects. CARTS is still operating under a rural program for right now, but amendments will be made when CARTS has the list that will address needs under the urban program.
75 76 77	Amendments require a resolution and public hearing time allowing citizen's time to review and ask questions.
78 79 80	The TCC approved the MTIP for fiscal 2012-2018 and recommends TAC approval as submitted.
81 82 83	Motion for Public Hearing: Mayor Tyson made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Mayor Kirkland seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
84 85	There were no citizens present for comment.
86 87 88	Mayor Tyson made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Vice-chair Kinsey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
89 90	<u>Motion:</u> Mayor Kirland made a motion to approve the MTIP by resolution as presented and as recommended by the TCC. Vice-chair Kinsey seconded. Motion

91		passed unanimously.	
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93	8.	Response to Southern Environmental Law Center letter regarding SPOT Projects	
94		Prioritization: Maurizia Chapman	
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96		Ms. Chapman reported that upon discussion with Mr. Patrick Flanagan and NCDOT, and	
97		review of requirements, the decision was made not to respond to this letter. The MPC	
98		methodology requires comments be presented to the TAC, but does not require a	
99		response to the public nor to the SELC. It was determined that no response was the	
100		correct response in this case, but it was up to this board to make the final determination.	
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102		Mayor Tyson questioned if it would be courteous to offer a reply, at the very least	
103		thanking them for their comments. Ms. Chapman replied that she did respond	
104		immediately upon receiving the letter, extending gratitude for the submitted comments.	
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106		Chair Tyson noted this instance seems to be a situation for attorneys to handle, rather	
107		than the TAC.	
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109	9.	Updates:	
110		a. Transportation Planning Branch Update: Priya Nimbole, P.E., NCDOT	
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113		In Ms. Nimbole's absence, Ms. Chapman relayed that NCDOT staff is working	
114		on calibrating the model, and discussions are continuing regarding Cherry Point,	
115		as the data previously presented did not accurately represent the numbers at	
116		Cherry Point.	
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118		Ms. Chapman continued that if a resolution cannot be met, she will request a	
119		meeting be held here for all parties to discuss, as the correct numbers need to be	
120 121		in place to accurately calibrate the model.	
121		NCDOT staff feels the model will be completed by the end of October.	
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123		Mayor Tyson questioned if Cherry Point was cooperating. Ms. Chapman replied	
125		that they are. Somehow the data is not being accurately reviewed by the NCDOT	
126		staff in determining final numbers.	
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128		b. New Bern Area MPO Update: Maurizia Chapman, AICP, NBAMPO	
129		Administrator, Ms. Kim Maxey, NBAMPO Planner	
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131		Ms. Maxey reported on the following:	
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133		 Work on the website continues, and expected launch date is Wednesday, 	
134		October 1 st . A preview of the website was presented to the board.	
135		 The creation of a Citizen Advisory Committee is becoming priority, as public 	
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136	input is required and needed for approval of upcoming plans. The article and
137	link to the application for this committee was shown on the website as well.
138	In addition staff is requesting assistance from board members for those
139	individuals in their jurisdictions that might be recommended as a member of
140	this group. Ms. Chapman advised the intent was not to recruit members, but
141	solicit only for those who represent underserved individuals; elderly and
142	disabled, and freight community. If we don't get volunteers for certain
143	groups, then we will have to recruit members. Applications will be brought
144	before the board and CAC members will be appointed by the TAC.
145	 The newly formed Facebook page for the NBAMPO was shown and
146	discussed.
147	• A copy of the brochure was provided to members for review. The intent will
148	be to hand out at community events, as well as have available for the public
149	through the jurisdiction offices, City Hall, Parks & Rec and the NBAMPO
150	office.
151	• It was requested of the members that their jurisdictions have a link to the new
152	NBAMPO website.
153	10. Discussion: Chair Tyson mentioned the upcoming 2014 NC Bike Summit in October.
154	Ms. Chapman advised the TAC chair was invited as a guest to attend. Chair Tyson is
155	unable to attend but Vice-chair Kinsey would like additional details and will check his
156	availability in attending. Registration is complimentary, and the MPO would be able to
157	assist with hotel accommodations.
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159	Chair Tyson questioned if anyone attended the Kinston Bypass public meeting held in
160	Kinston a few weeks prior, and if so which route was decided upon. Mr. Flanagan
161	responded that the northern routes are off the table. It will be a southern route. Mr. Jeff
162	Cabaniss advised progress on this is 10 years out.
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164	Ms. Chapman showed two videos depicting the NCDOT 25-year vision; one for the
165	entire state and one for the NBAMPO region.
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167	Ms. Chapman would like to add a section for CARTS under updates for each meeting,
168	giving Ms. Christian an opportunity to provide updates and members to ask questions.
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170	11. Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.
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176	Steve Tyson, Chairman Jeff Ruggieri, Secretary