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Members Present:

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Staff Present:

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TCC MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2023

The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 1:30 pm in the Development Services Conference Room, 303 First Street, as well as via Zoom.

> Mr. Gene Hodges – Chairman, Craven County Mr. Delane Jackson – Vice-Chairman, River Bend

Mr. Don Baumgardner – Craven County

Mr. Andy Shorter – Coastal Carolina Regional Airport

Ms. Jessica Rhue – City of New Bern

Mr. Kevin Roberts – New Bern Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Diane Hampton – NCDOT Mr. Len White – NCDOT Mr. Steve Hamilton – NCDOT Ms. Bailey Harden – NCDOT

Mr. Jeremy Stroud – NCDOT Mr. Behshad Norowzi - NCDOT Ms. Kelly Walker – CARTS

Mr. Brandon Oliver – Federal Highway Administration (non-voting)

Ms. Becca Eversole – Down-East RPO (non-voting)

Mr. George Chiles – City of New Bern

Ms. Kimberly Maxey – New Bern Area MPO

Ms. Felicia McRee – New Bern Area MPO

Mr. Chris Green – CARTS

Mr. Dwayne Alligood – Craven County Ms. Heather Hildebrandt – NCDOT

Ms. Hemal Shah – NCDOT Mr. Mark Eatman – NCDOT Ms. Emily Stupka – NCDOT

- 1. Call to Order: Chair Hodges called the meeting to order.
- 2. Roll Call: Roll Call was taken and a quorum was declared.

3. Approval of today's agenda: 44 45 Motion: Mr. Roberts made:

Motion: Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shorter and passed unanimously.

4. Election of TCC Chairman and Vice-Chairman:

Motion: Mr. Baumgardner made a motion to re-elect Mr. Hodges as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and passed unanimously.

Motion: Mr. Baumgardner made a motion to re-elect Mr. Jackson as Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and passed unanimously.

5. Approval of minutes for September 2022 meeting:

Motion: Mr. Shorter made a motion to approve the September 2022 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baumgardner and passed unanimously.

6. Adopt Craven County Comprehensive Transportation Plan: Hemal Shah

Ms. Shah gave an overview of the Craven County CTP, the region's long-range planning document. This document had previously been approved in draft form and now goes before each municipality for adoption.

Motion: Mr. Shorter made a motion to approve the Craven County CTP and recommend TAC approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baumgardner and passed unanimously.

7. Carbon Reduction Program (CRP): Heather Hildebrandt

 Ms. Hildebrandt advised the Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act established the Carbon Reduction Program to support transportation projects that reduce emissions. This is a grant opportunity based on reimbursement, requires a 20% local match and a non-refundable 10% contingency fee. Funding is provided every year for the next three years, and each entity has 3 years to spend down the funds. The NBAMPO has been allocated \$228,484 for FY22 and FY23.

8. FY 2024 Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): Kim Maxey

The UPWP is a document updated annually, providing proposed budget allocations for the upcoming fiscal year, outlining accomplishments from the previous year, and establishing goals for the upcoming year.

This document is being presented in draft format and is due to the State by the end of January. The final document will be presented during the March meeting. There is no anticipation of changes to allocation amounts.

Motion: Mr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the Draft UPWP as presented and recommend TAC approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and passed unanimously.

93 9. Annual Self-Certification of 3Cs Planning Process: Kim Maxey 94 95 The self-certification of the 3Cs planning process is to certify that we are following a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process. We are in constant collaboration with our 96 97 member agencies, NCDOT and FHWA to ensure we are following the guidelines. 98 99 Motion: Mr. Shorter made a motion to approve the 3Cs Self-Certification. The motion 100 was seconded by Mr. Baumgardner and passed unanimously. 101 102 10. Adopt Resolution No. 5 to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program 103 (MTIP): Kim Maxey 104 105 Ms. Maxey advised any time modifications are made to the State Transportation Improvement 106 Program (STIP) the MPO must modify the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program 107 (MTIP). The modification is to add a project break at the request of the Transportation Mobility 108 and Safety division. 109 110 Motion: Mr. Shorter made a motion to approve Resolution No. 5 to the MTIP and 111 recommend TAC approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baumgardner and passed unanimously. 112 113 114 11. Endorse NCDOT Established Safety Performance Measures: Kim Maxey 115 116 The resolution for the Safety Performance Measures states that the MPO agrees to plan and 117 program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the State's targets. 118 119 Motion: Mr. Baumgardner made a motion to approve the NCDOT Safety Performance 120 Measures as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and passed 121 unanimously. 122 123 12. P 7.0 Update: Kim Maxey 124 125 Ms. Maxey presented the updated P7.0 timeline. We are currently in the P7.0 Workgroup period 126 where they are meeting monthly to finalize their processes. 127 128 13. Updates: 129 NCDOT Transportation Planning Division: Behshad Norowzi o Mr. Norowzi presented the TPD newsletter and advised the state's gas tax was 130 131 increased by 2 cents from 38.5 cents to 40.5 cents 132 According to the 2020 Census, the New Bern urban area population has fallen below 133 the 50k threshold, but will not affect MPO funding 134 **Integrated Mobility Division (IMD):** Tony Sumter 135 136 137 **CARTS:** Kelly Walker o Ms. Walker introduced Chris Green, the new Assistant Transportation Director 138 o Looking for public events to increase outreach 139 140

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142	Coastal Carolina Regional Airport: Andy Shorter
143	o Mr. Shorter presented the economic impact EWN has had on the region, data taken
144	from the State of Aviation report recently released
145	 Working through environmental studies for the Williams Rd re-alignment
146	 American Airlines will be renewing the DCA-EWN route June-August
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148	• NCDOT Division 2: Diane Hampton/Len White
149	 Mr. White presented the Construction Report
150	 Resurfacing will begin again in March
151	 The speed limit was reduced on Glenburnie Rd
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153	• New Bern Area MPO: NBAMPO Staff
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155	14. Discussion:
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157	15. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.