



TCC MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2022

The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 1:30 pm in the Development Services Conference Room, 303 First Street, as well as via Zoom.

Members Present:

Mr. Gene Hodges – Vice-Chairman, Craven County
Mr. Don Baumgardner – Craven County
Mr. Andy Shorter – Coastal Carolina Regional Airport
Ms. Diane Hampton – NCDOT
Mr. Len White – NCDOT
Ms. Kelly Walker – CARTS
Ms. Bailey Harden – NCDOT
Mr. Steve Hamilton – NCDOT
Mr. Christopher Connolly – NCDOT
Mr. Bill Marley – Federal Highway Administration (non-voting)

Members Absent:

Mr. Jeff Ruggieri – Chairman, City of New Bern
Mr. Delane Jackson – River Bend
Mr. Kevin Roberts – New Bern Chamber of Commerce
Mr. George Chiles – City of New Bern Engineer
Mr. Behshad Norowzi – NCDOT
Mr. Preston Hunter – NCDOT
Mr. B.J. Eversole – Down-East RPO (non-voting)

Staff Present:

Ms. Kimberly Maxey – New Bern Area MPO
Ms. Felicia McRee – New Bern Area MPO

Guests/Public:

Lauren Wargo

1. Call to Order: Vice-Chair Hodges called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call: Roll Call was taken and a quorum was declared.

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3. Approval of today’s agenda:

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

4. Election of TCC Chairman and Vice-Chairman:

Motion: Mr. Hamilton made a motion to re-elect Mr. Ruggieri as Chairman and Mr. Hodges as Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Daughtry and passed unanimously.

5. Approval of minutes for August 2021 meeting:

Motion: Mr. Baumgardner made a motion to approve the August 2021 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hamilton and passed unanimously.

6. FY 2023 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. Shorter made a motion to accept and recommend TAC approval of the Draft UPWP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baumgardner and passed unanimously.

7. Annual Self-Certification of 3Cs Planning Process: *Kim Maxey*

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 member agencies, NCDOT and FHWA to ensure we are following the guidelines.

Motion: Mr. Shorter made a motion to accept and recommend TAC approval of the 3Cs Self-Certification. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hamilton and passed unanimously.

8. Endorse NCDOT Safety Performance Measures: *Kim Maxey*

The resolution for the Safety Performance Measures state that the MPO agrees to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the State’s targets.

Motion: Mr. Shorter made a motion to accept and recommend TAC approval of the NCDOT Safety Performance Measures as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baumgardner and passed unanimously.

93 **9. P 6.0 Discussion: *Diane Hampton***

94 Ms. Hampton gave a P6 workgroup update. Their overall goals are to to develop a trustworthy
95 and fiscally constrained STIP, produce a FY 24-33 STIP with the current projects list, be able to
96 fund new projects in P7, and ensure the process follows state and federal requirements.
97 Their current accomplishments are forming a schedule and goals, choosing the delivery project
98 scenario (formerly held harmless), and using the P3-P4-P5 approach for committing projects.
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101 There are three main decision points for developing the 2024-2033 STIP:

102 Decision Point One: Overall Method

- 103 - Consensus recommendations to date: Traditional STIP Development Method
- 104 - Reduce projects to match budget – 10-year STIP
- 105 - Approved by workgroup and Board

106 Decision Point Two: Scenario Method for Selecting Delivery Projects

- 107 - Delivery Project set determined using Scenario-2 approach
- 108 - Anything let in FY 2026 or before, has grants awarded, or ROW underway
- 109 - Approved by workgroup and Board

110 Decision Point Three: Committed Project Evaluation Method

- 111 - Agree to use P3-P4-P5 approach
- 112 - Approved by workgroup, will go before the Board in February

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114 Based on latest figures, the 2024-2033 STIP is overprogrammed by \$266.9M in Division 2.
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116 **10. Updates:**

- 117 • **NCDOT Transportation Planning Division: *Chris Connolly***
 - 118 ○ Mr. Connolly presented the TPD newsletter
 - 119 ○ Advised the approval of the Craven County CTP is back on hold due to the recent rise
 - 120 in COVID cases
 - 121 ○ The 2022 NC Transportation Summit is being held January 19-20
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- 123 • **Coastal Carolina Regional Airport: *Andy Shorter***
 - 124 ○ Mr. Shorter advised the airline industry has run into some issues – cancelled flights,
 - 125 staffing issues, pilot shortage, etc.
 - 126 ○ Williams Rd realignment has been getting more traction over the last few months
 - 127 ○ EWN will not be affected by the 5G issues - only two airports to potentially be
 - 128 affected in NC are CLT and RDU
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- 130 • **CARTS: *Kelly Walker***
 - 131 ○ Ms. Walker advised Omnibus launched 12/1/2021
 - 132 ○ Ridership is currently about the same as previous fixed route
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- 134 • **NCDOT Division 2: *Diane Hampton/Len White***
 - 135 ○ Mr. White presented the Construction Report
 - 136 ○ James City construction is due to ramp up this spring
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- 138 • **New Bern Area MPO: *NBAMPO Staff***
 - 139 ○ Ms. McRee advised the MPO is applying for the NCDOT Bicycle Helmet Initiative
 - 140 on behalf of the City of New Bern
 - 141 ○ Ms. Maxey advised NCDOT posted new drone footage of the Havelock Bypass

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11. Discussion:

12. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.