



## TCC MEETING MINUTES

**March 9, 2023**

The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 1:30 pm in the Development Services Conference Room, 303 First Street, as well as via Zoom.

### **Members Present:**

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  
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)

### **Members Absent:**

Mr. George Chiles – City of New Bern

### **Staff Present:**

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

### **Guests Present:**

Mr. Chris Green – CARTS  
Mr. Dwayne Alligood – Craven County  
Ms. Terry Arellano – NCDOT  
Mr. Sangwoo Sung – NCDOT

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

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

**3. Approval of today's agenda:**

42 **Motion: Mr. Baumgardner made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The**  
43 **motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and passed unanimously.**  
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45 **4. Approval of minutes for January 2023 meeting:**

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47 **Motion: Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the January 2023 minutes as presented.**  
48 **The motion was seconded by Mr. Shorter and passed unanimously.**  
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50 **5. FY 2024 Final Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): *Kim Maxey***

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52 The UPWP is a document updated annually, providing proposed budget allocations for the  
53 upcoming fiscal year, outlining accomplishments from the previous year, and establishing goals  
54 for the upcoming year. There were no changes to allocation amounts since the draft was  
55 approved in January.  
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57 **Motion: Ms. Rhue made a motion to approve the Final UPWP as presented and**  
58 **recommend TAC approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shorter and passed**  
59 **unanimously.**  
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61 **6. Adopt Resolution No. 6 to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program**  
62 **(MTIP): *Kim Maxey***

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64 Ms. Maxey advised any time modifications are made to the State Transportation Improvement  
65 Program (STIP) we have to modify the MTIP. These modifications are to add construction and  
66 funding in FY23 that was not previously programmed.  
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68 **Motion: Mr. Shorter made a motion to approve Resolution No. 6 to the MTIP and**  
69 **recommend TAC approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and passed**  
70 **unanimously.**  
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72 **7. Endorse NCDOT Established Performance Measure Targets: *Kim Maxey***

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74 The resolution for the Targets for Performance Measures states that the MPO agrees to plan and  
75 program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the State's targets.  
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77 **Motion: Mr. Shorter made a motion to approve the NCDOT Performance Measure**  
78 **Targets as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and passed unanimously.**  
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80 **8. P 7.0 Update: *Kim Maxey***

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82 Ms. Maxey presented the updated P7.0 timeline. We are currently in the P7.0 Workgroup period  
83 where they are meeting monthly to finalize their processes. NCDOT SPOT office advised that  
84 two projects from P6.0 may be designated as carryovers in P7.0.  
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86 **9. Updates:**

- 87 • **NCDOT Transportation Planning Division: *Behshad Norowzi***
  - 88 ○ Mr. Norowzi presented the TPD newsletter and advised the Craven County CTP was
  - 89 adopted by all municipalities and will go before the Board of Transportation in April
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- 91 • **Integrated Mobility Division (IMD): *Tony Sumter***

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- **CARTS:** *Kelly Walker*
  - Ms. Walker advised ridership is up 5,000 more trips from July 22 - January 23 than the previous year
  
- **Coastal Carolina Regional Airport:** *Andy Shorter*
  - Mr. Shorter presented the economic impact EWN has had on the region, data taken from the State of Aviation report recently released
  - Working through environmental studies for the Williams Rd re-alignment
  - American Airlines will be renewing the DCA-EWN route June-August
  
- **NCDOT Division 2:** *Len White*
  - Mr. White presented the Construction Report
  - Resurfacing will begin again soon this month
  - Right-of-way/utilities are underway for the “C Section” of US 70 between the James City and Havelock Bypass projects
  
- **New Bern Area MPO:** *NBAMPO Staff*
  - Wendi Johnson and Cadmus Capehart will attend the May meetings to provide updates on the James City and Havelock Bypass projects

**10. Discussion:**

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