



TCC MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2022

The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2022 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. Kevin Roberts – New Bern Chamber of Commerce
- Ms. Diane Hampton – NCDOT
- Mr. Len White – NCDOT
- Ms. Kelly Walker – CARTS
- Mr. Steve Hamilton – NCDOT
- Mr. Behshad Norowzi – NCDOT
- Mr. Brandon Oliver – Federal Highway Administration (non-voting)

Members Absent:

- Mr. Andy Shorter – Coastal Carolina Regional Airport
- Mr. George Chiles – City of New Bern Engineer
- Mr. Preston Hunter – NCDOT
- Ms. Becca Eversole – Down-East RPO (non-voting)

Staff Present:

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

Guests Present:

- Jeremy Stroud – NCDOT
- Dwayne Alligood – Craven County

- 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:**

Motion: Mr. Baumgardner made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Jackson and passed unanimously.

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4. Approval of minutes for June 2022 meeting:

Motion: Mr. Baumgardner made a motion to approve the June 2022 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Jackson and passed unanimously.

5. P 7.0 Update: *Kim Maxey*

Ms. Maxey presented the 2024-2033 Draft STIP comparison, showing that the amount of funding available for programming, reserved for inflation and available for programming projects has all increased. With this, the US-17 project in Bridgeton was previously not funded has been added back into the STIP with the new updates. The Draft STIP revised schedule has pushed back all milestones, most notably the swap deadline was moved to March 17, 2023 and the final STIP goes before the BOT in May 2023.

6. Updates:

- **NCDOT Transportation Planning Division: *Behshad Norowzi***
 - Mr. Norowzi presented the TPD newsletter
 - Advised the CTP is being presented to the Craven County Board of Commissioners later in the month
- **Integrated Mobility Division (IMD): *Tony Sumter***
- **CARTS: *Kelly Walker***
 - Ms. Walker advised Craven County has installed a second bus shelter stop at the Department of Social Services stop
 - Peggy Gillen is the new Assistant Transportation Director
- **Coastal Carolina Regional Airport: *Andy Shorter***
 - Ms. Maxey advised that the airport received funding to get Williams Rd realigned
- **NCDOT Division 2: *Diane Hampton/Len White***
 - Mr. White presented the Construction Report
 - James City construction is about 30% complete, beginning to work on service roads
 - September 26-30 will be the Draft STIP drop in period at the Global Trans Park
- **New Bern Area MPO: *NBAMPO Staff***
 - Ms. McRee presented the new NBAMPO newsletter and survey
 - NC Ports was awarded a federal grant to update the North Gate at port of MHC
 - New population estimate of the City of New Bern was about 31,000, increasing by 1,000 people

7. Discussion:

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