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5. Approval of the minutes of the July 9, 2015 meeting: Reading of the minutes was waived. Chair Ruggieri advised of small changes that have been previously noted.

Motion: Mr. Tom Braaten made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Don Baumgardner and passed unanimously.

6. Approval of the Prioritization 4.0 Alternate Criteria for Division 2 and Region B:
Maurizia Chapman

Ms. Chapman advised information was provided at the last TCC meeting for this information. Information was also sent that the Board of Transportation approved. All criteria were coordinated with staff of MPO's, RPO's, Region B Division (Div. 2 & 3) and Division 2. There are only a couple of jurisdictions/divisions that have not currently sent approval of these criteria.

Mr. Baumgardner questioned who would be following up with the other areas. Ms. Chapman noted the SPOT office will follow up.

Motion: Mr. Steve Hamilton made a motion to approve the Prioritization 4.0 Alternate Criteria and recommend TAC approval. Mr. Don Baumgardner seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. Amendment No. 1 to the NBAMPO FY 2016-2025 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program: *Maurizia Chapman*

Ms. Chapman advised when we processed the State Transportation Improvement Program and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program errors were found in the Transit Portion of the final STIP. In order to have the process work smoothly, we needed to submit the documents with the errors, creating amendments after approval. One error required a modification (incorrect TIP number, wrong funding number) and the other was deleted (repetitive project).

This went to the Board of Transportation last week and was approved. In November we will coordinate with Public Transportation Division and submit to go before Federal Transit for final processing.

Motion: Mr. Don Baumgardner made a motion to approve the Amendment No. 1 to the NBAMPO FY 2016-2016 MTIP and recommend TAC approval. Mr. Tom Braaten seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. NBAMPO Human Services Coordinated Public Transportation Plan (Local Coordinated Plan): *Maurizia Chapman*

Ms. Chapman advised the Coordinated Public Transportation Plan was provided to members last week for review. This is not a document that was recreated; it was modified from an existing plan. The update for CARTS region was done by the Down

94 East RPO in 2013 as the MPO was being created. Staff consulted with the Public
95 Transportation Division in Raleigh and agreed to extract the information that applied to
96 Craven County and put into this document, bring to the boards for approval so CARTS
97 will be eligible to apply for Grants that come through the State for the portion of their
98 service area within the Urbanized Area. If we did not have this plan, CARTS would not
99 be able to apply.

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101 Mr. Flanagan questioned if all future plans would require a separate document. Ms.
102 Chapman relayed that there would be cooperation, with the RPO developing the rural
103 portion and the MPO developing the urban portion. The needs for each plan are
104 different, but they may be able to be incorporated into one plan.

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106 Mr. Ruggieri questioned the type of grants this will provide eligibility for. Ms. Chapman
107 advised 5310 provides Federal funding through the state for the Elderly and Disabled
108 program.

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110 **Motion: Mr. Don Baumgardner made a motion to approve the NBAMPO Human**
111 **Services CPTP and recommend TAC approval. Ms. Amanda Boone seconded.**
112 **Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

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114 **9. Indirect Cumulative Effects analysis as part of the Metropolitan Transportation**
115 **Plan: VHB**

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117 Ms. Alena Cook introduced two members of the VHB consulting firm who will be
118 heading the ICE project with the NCDOT and NBAMPO.

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120 Mr. Don Bryson provided an explanation of the term ICE, noting it mainly pertains to
121 Environmental Impacts due to projects. At the project level they also review indirect and
122 cumulative impacts as a result of projects.

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124 Traditionally, these impacts are considered towards the end of project planning. This
125 process would coincide with the development of the project. Benefits would include a
126 more streamlined process and potentially lower costs from planning for the impacts as
127 opposed to fixing any issues once a project is underway.

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129 Ms. Candice Andre advised her goal is to get the project through regulatory processes to
130 implementation. Typically ICE is done during NEPA, which evaluates natural resource
131 impacts and cultural impacts. One of the drawbacks of the current system means that the
132 process to get projects implemented takes much longer as these issues are being
133 addressed.

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135 Moving this assessment up to coincide with the planning of a project, also gives an
136 opportunity to revise a project as it's being developed, addressing issues as they are
137 presented up front rather than on the back end of a project. Any type of required Federal
138 Government approvals including funding and permits need coordination with regulatory
139 agencies. The public and environmental impacts must show they have been addressed
140 and evaluated and balanced with best alternative for the projects need.

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Ms. Andre advised the process includes reviewing essential elements which are similar to an MTP. The goal with this ICE study is to have four products that will be provided.

1. Existing Conditions: gives a baseline on all natural, cultural resources that need to be considered during project planning.
2. Future Growth Potential: economic growth, population projections from plan level
3. ICE Screening: includes plan level, proposed projects, horizon years: 2020, 2030, 2040
4. Best Management Practices Recommendations

All four products will be combined into an assessment with summary that will be incorporated into the NBAMPO MTP.

One major reason for doing this is to link long range planning individuals with those that will build the project.

Mr. Flanagan voiced concern that due to the current funding system in place, perhaps the ICE pre-planning process could be done in vain; utilizing resources for a project that may or may not be funded. Would it be better to wait until the project are in the STIP before starting the ICE process? Mr. Dan Thomas advised it is his view that ICE’s biggest benefits comes from the longer ranger planning. If there is a project important to a local area and there are things to do locally to reduce the cumulative impacts for this project and these can be started in advance of the project, this would benefit the project development.

10. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update: *Kim Maxey*

Ms. Maxey provided an update on the progress of the MTP. She noted that as mentioned in the ICE presentation, much of that information will be incorporated into the MTP, and as this is not complete at this time, portions of the MTP cannot be written. Currently staff estimates the MTP is about one fourth written. Additionally, there have been some concerns with the model that require satisfying prior to that information being included in the plan as well.

Ms. Maxey relayed that current efforts are available for review, and if anyone is interested to contact her.

Ms. Chapman advised final approve is March 27, 2016. Consultants require recommendations within a few weeks. A subcommittee will be formed to incorporate all three MPO boards to discuss deficiencies.

11. Updates:

a. Transportation Planning Branch Update: *Farhan Javed, NCDOT TPB*

Mr. Javed provided an update on:

- In the process of verifying socioeconomic data as deficiencies were noted in specific zones

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b. CARTS Update: *Kelly Walker, Transit Director*

- Ms. Walker introduced the Assistant Transportation Director, Jason Schulte.
- The half-fare price policy and procedures application approved by the Board of Commission, showing who gets it and how it will be implemented.
- Several calls for projects from the State. The Rural Operating Assistance program application for current year was just released and due back to the State October 19. Each county writes their own, so this will be for Craven County. It includes the Rural General Public money, Employment money and Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance money.
- Call for projects for 5311 has been released, which is the Community Transportation Program. This provides assistance with administration costs (office rent, salaries). This is due back to the state by November 6, 2015.
- 5310 is a federal grant that comes through the state for Elderly and Disabled and can be used in the rural or urban area. They are strongly considering using these funds towards the urbanized area, as this is the demographic most affected by the price changes. This is due back to the state by November 6, 2015.
- There will be upcoming public hearings for these two grants as well as public outreach meetings.

c. Division 2 Update: *Jeff Cabaniss, NCDOT Division 2 Planning Engineer*

Mr. Jeff Cabaniss updated the board on current projects:

- The 43 Connector project is 88% complete and are 30% ahead of schedule.
- The two-bike and ped projects have been awarded to the low bid contractors. In the process of completing paperwork. Projects will begin the end of September and completed in March 2016.
- Intersection in Ernul along Highway 17 is 29% complete. Turn lanes and lights installed.

d. New Bern Area MPO Update: *Maurizia Chapman, AICP, NBAMPO Administrator, Kimberly Maxey, MPO Planner*

Ms. Maxey provided updates on:

- Staff held first MPO Spot 4.0 subcommittee meeting.
- Staff attended the regional Active Routes to School meeting in Greenville and are working with Stefanie Keen and Jeff Cabaniss on the Walk to School program in October.
- The MPO is offering two members of each MPO board to attend the Active Routes to School Conference in Chapel Hill in November. The MPO will cover some costs, city and county will cover additional costs for their

- 234 employees. CAC members will be covered 100%.
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236 • Began working on the FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program
237 • Staff participated in a webinar kickoff of the Surgeon General's
238 Walkability/Roll ability initiative.
239 • Next week staff will participate in Focus Group meetings for the James City
240 Project. There are three meetings per day in various locations beginning
241 Monday thru Thursday. Information is posted on the NBAMPO website as
242 well as Facebook page.
243 • Staff attended the Havelock Bypass public meeting. There was good
244 participation and overall positive consensus in moving forward with the
project.

245 **12. Discussion:**

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247 **13. Adjourn**

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249 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Jeff Ruggieri, Chairman

Maurizia Chapman, MPO Administrator