

**French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting**  
Minutes from the Governing Board Meeting on November 17, 2022

**Attendance:**

In-Person and Remote via the Zoom Platform:

Chair Larry Harris (Black Mountain Council)

Tristan Winkler (FBRMPO)

Hannah Bagli (FBRMPO)

Matt Wechtel (Madison Commission)

Kim Roney (Asheville Council)

Anne Coletta (Flat Rock Council)

Bill Lapsley (Henderson Commission)

John Chase (Weaverville Council)

Jane Pies (LOSRC – Minutes)

Daniel Sellers (NCDOT TPD)

Steve Williams (NCDOT Division 14)

George Banta (Laurel Park Council)

Shanon Gonce (Mills River Council)

Bob Davy (Fletcher Council)

Scott Adams (FBRMPO)

Kevin Ensley (Haywood Commission)

Anthony Sutton (Waynesville Council)

Logan DiGiacomo (FBRMPO)

Troy Wilson (NCDOT Division 14)

Brandon Rogers (Urban Transit)

Parker Sloan (Buncombe Commission)

Bill Marley (FHWA)

Hannah Cook (NCDOT Division 13)

Stephen Sparks (NCDOT Division 13)

Janna Bianculli (Apple Country Transit)

Chuck McGrady (NCBOT Division 14)

Kenny Armstrong

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Tristan Winkler noted that Item 6A: *City of Asheville Close the GAP Plan* has been removed from the agenda.

**P 7.0 Update**

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MPO staff will provide an update on the P 7.0 workgroup. The Prioritization Workgroup, now the P 7.0 Workgroup is made up of representatives from NCDOT, MPOs, RPOs, the League of Municipalities, Metro Mayors, NC Rural Center, and others, to make recommendations to the Board of Transportation on the use of weights and measures to determine project scores.

Consensus Points:

**Workgroup Meeting Calendar-** the workgroup is planning to meet twice a month through May, 2023 with one virtual meeting on the fourth Tuesday focusing on informational items and one in- person meeting on the second Tuesday focusing on consensus points.

**P7 Schedule-** see attached. The planning organizations primarily advocated for longer windows for local input points. Two months were initially proposed for each window- that was pushed to three, though that also resulted in shortening the initially proposed submittal window.

**COVID Impacts to Safety Data-** five years of safety data is used in the prioritization process. The workgroup was asked about whether or not the inclusion of data from 2020 was appropriate due to the somewhat anomalous decrease in crashes but increase in fatalities. The workgroup agreed that the 2020 data should be used.

**COVID Impacts to Volume Data-** volume data used in prioritization is generally collected across the state over two years- half the state's count locations are done in odd years, the other half in even years. The volume data available for P7 will be 2018, 2019, and 2021 (2022 data will not be ready in time for P7.) The general options were to utilize 2018 & 2019 (recommended by the traffic survey unit) or 2018 & 2021. Other variations were discussed. This item was discussed over three meetings and the workgroup agreed to use 2018 & 2019 data.

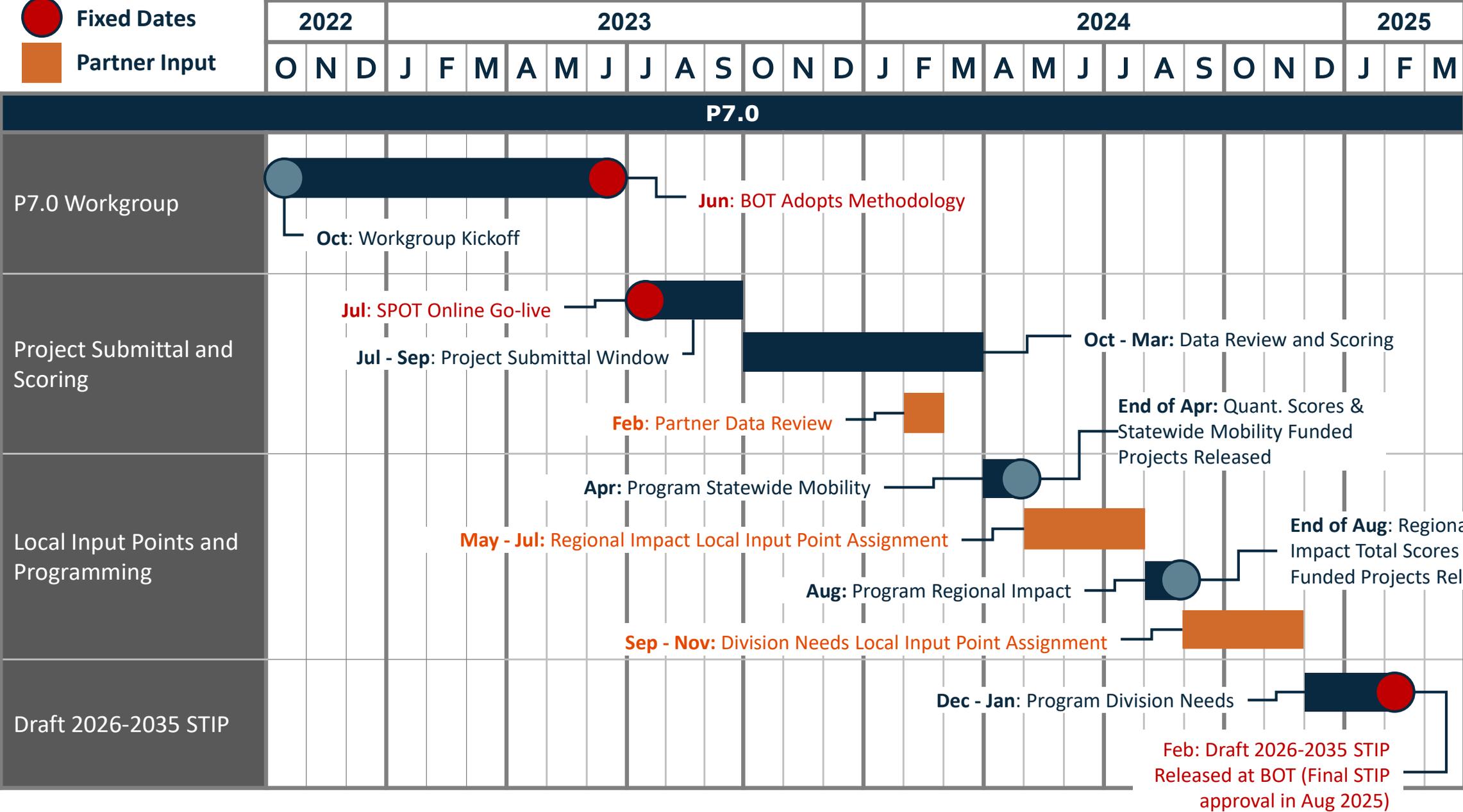
**Rail Modernization SIT-** the Rail Unit requested an additional SIT for Rail Modernization projects to provide the ability to better evaluate projects making operational improvements to rail infrastructure that are not adding capacity. The request to add the SIT was needed to be done sooner rather than later due to SPOT Online! deadlines but more information on potential weights and measures will come back to the workgroup in the near future. The workgroup agreed to add the rail modernization SIT.

***Information only. No action required.***

# P7 Schedule

Updated October 11, 2022

- Fixed Dates
- Partner Input



## REGULAR UPDATES

Division 13 Updates: [https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Nov\\_Div13.pdf](https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Nov_Div13.pdf)

Division 14 Updates: [https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/102022\\_Div14\\_FBRMPO-Const\\_Update-combined.pdf](https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/102022_Div14_FBRMPO-Const_Update-combined.pdf)

TPD Updates were provided

FHWA/FTA Updates were provided

Committee & Workgroup Updates:

**Prioritization Subcommittee**— met November 2<sup>nd</sup>; next meeting January 4<sup>th</sup>

**Transit Operators' Workgroup**— next meeting being scheduled

**5307 Subrecipient Workgroup**- last meeting October 18<sup>th</sup>; next meeting TBD

**Hellbender Trail Stakeholder Group**- last meeting October 6<sup>th</sup>; putting together a workgroup to develop a Regional Greenway Forum in the Spring

## WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & ROLL CALL

Larry Harris called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM and welcomed everyone. He read the Ethics Statement and inquired if there were any conflicts of interest to note for today's meeting. No conflicts were noted with the business before the body.

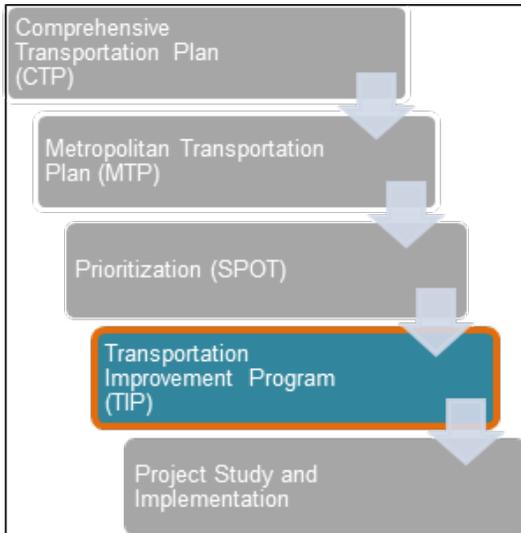
Quorum was announced to conduct the business of the Board.

## CONSENT AGENDA

***Matt Wechtel moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the October 2022 meeting minutes and the TAC agenda. Anthony Sutton seconded the motion which carried unanimously upon a roll call vote.***

## BUSINESS

### Amendments to the 2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)



#### *What is the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)?*

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is our region's document that reflects planned transportation investments over a ten-year period. The TIP describes each project, a schedule for implementation, funding sources, and estimated costs. Current items are for modification of existing projects. No new projects or amendments are included for August, 2022.

#### *Modifications Summary*

The modifications to the TIP largely include updating costs and schedules for LAPP projects that require TIP amendments in order to move forward. EB-5547A/B is moving forward with a modified scope to include more on-street facilities and less multi-use path. EB-5830 (Lexington Avenue) is being removed from the TIP in order to provide additional funding to the City of Asheville's EB-5831 (Coxe Avenue); additional funding is also being moved to EB-5822 (North RAD Greenway.) Other amendments include modifications at the request of NCDOT.

A full table of the proposed modifications to the 2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program is below.



# FBRMPO November Amendments/Modifications

TIP/STIP No.	Jurisdiction/Project Name/Limits	Category	Amendment Description	Funding Type	Current Phase	Funding Amt	FY
B-5953	SR 1002 (OLD LEICESTER HWY) - Replace Birgde over French Broad & Southern Railroad	Bridge Project	PROJECT TO BE FUNDED UNDER STATE BRIDGE PROGRAM.	HFB	Right-of-Way	\$250,000	2023
				HFB	Right-of-Way	\$500,000	2024
				HFB	Construction	\$2,719,000	2024
				HFB	Right-of-Way	\$250,000	2025
				HFB	Construction	\$8,109,000	2025
				HFB	Construction	\$6,380,000	2026
B-5982	US 74 - Replace bridge over Southern railroad	Bridge Project	PROJECT TO BE FUNDED UNDER STATE BRIDGE PROGRAM.	HFB	Construction	\$1,940,000	2024
				HFB	Construction	\$5,548,000	2025
				HFB	Construction	\$3,212,000	2026
EB-5547A	BLACK MOUNTAIN RIVERWALK GREENWAY (Black Mountain Ave - Sutton Ave)		Increase PE by \$96,000; Reduce ROW by \$43,000; Increase Construction by \$479,000; Schedule Needs Revision	BGDA	Engineering	\$231,851	2023
				Local Match	Engineering	\$57,962	2023
				BGDA	Right-of-Way	\$32,000	2023
				Local Match	Right-of-Way	\$8,000	2023
				BGDA	Construction	\$1,151,200	2024
	Local Match	Construction	\$287,800	2024			



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EB-5547B	BLACK MOUNTAIN RIVERWALK GREENWAY (Black Mountain Ave - Into the Oak Trail)	Non-Highway (Bike & Ped)	Reduce PE by \$13,000; Reduce ROW by \$104,000; Reduce construction by \$857,000 & move to fy 24	BGDA	Engineering	\$147,200	2023
				Local Match	Engineering	\$36,800	2023
				BGDA	Right-of-Way	\$16,000	2023
				Local Match	Right-of-Way	\$4,000	2023
				BGDA	Construction	\$1,412,800	2024
				Local Match	Construction	\$353,200	2024
EB-5822	North RAD Greenway (Hill St - US 19/23/70 at Broadway)	Non-Highway (Bike & Ped)	Add preliminary engineering funding	Local Match	Engineering	\$120,000	2023
				TAANY	Engineering	\$480,000	2023
				Local Match	Right-of-Way	\$26,000	2023
				TAANY	Right-of-Way	\$103,000	2023
				BGDA	Construction	\$1,000,000	2025
				Local Match	Construction	\$800,000	2025
				TAANY	Construction	\$2,200,000	2025
EB-5830	Buncombe County Lexington Ave - Improve bicycle & pedestrian infrastructure (Patton Ave - Southside Ave)	Non-Highway (Bike & Ped)	Remove from TIP; Move funding to EB-5831	BGDA	Engineering	\$0	2022
				Local Match	Engineering	\$0	2022



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TIP/STIP No.	Jurisdiction/Project Name/Limits	Category	Amendment Description	Funding Type	Current Phase	Funding Amt	FY
EB-5831	Coxe Ave - Improve bicycle & pedestrian infrastructure (Patton Ave - Short Coxe Ave)	Non-Highway (Bike & Ped)	Increase funding for preliminary engineering; Funds added from EB-5830 (to be removed from TIP)	BGDA	Engineering	\$720,000	2023
				Local Match	Engineering	\$180,000	2023
				BGDA	Right-of-Way	\$240,000	2024
				Local Match	Right-of-Way	\$60,000	2024
				BGDA	Construction	\$624,000	2025
				BGDANY	Construction	\$3,776,000	2025
				Local Match	Construction	\$944,000	2025
				Local Match	Construction	\$156,000	2025
				BGDA	Construction	\$624,000	2026
				BGDANY	Construction	\$3,776,000	2026
				Local Match	Construction	\$156,000	2026
Local Match	Construction	\$944,000	2026				
EB-5926	US 19 (SOCO ROAD) - Construct bicycle & pedestrian improvements (US 276 - Fie Top Rd)	Non-Highway (Bike & Ped)	Increase federal construction funding by \$80,000	BGANY	Right-of-Way	\$14,000	2022
				Local Match	Right-of-Way	\$4,000	2022
				BGANY	Construction	\$1,506,000	2023
				Local Match	Construction	\$376,000	2023
HB-0024	SR 1876 (MAX THOMPSON ROAD) - Replace bridge over East Fork Pigeon River	Bridge Project	ADD PROJECT AT THE REQUEST OF STRUCTURES MANAGEMENT UNIT.	BGOFF	Right-of-Way	\$80,000	2024
				BGOFF	Utilities	\$80,000	2024
				BGOFF	Construction	\$1,600,000	2025



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HL-0012	US 70 - Construct Pedestion improvements + right turn lane on I-240 Eastbound oof-ramp	Highway & Intersection	TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING, DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 22 TO FY 23.	BGDA S(M)	Construction Construction	\$668,000 \$1,012,000	2023 2023
HS-2014Q	UPGRADE SIGNAL SYSTEM AT 33 INTERSECTIONS ALONG US 64 AND US 25 BUSINESS.	Highway & Intersection	ADD PROJECT BREAK AT THE REQUEST OF THE TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY AND SAFETY DIVISION.	HSIP	Construction	\$225,000	2023
HS-2014R	INSTALL LONG LIFE PAVEMENT MARKINGS ALONG VARIOUS PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ROUTES.	Highway & Intersection	ADD PROJECT BREAK AT THE REQUEST OF THE TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY AND SAFETY DIVISION.	HSIP	Construction	\$1,225,000	2023



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I-5889B	I-40 - Rehabilitate Pavement & Preserve Bridges (Mile Marker 45.25 - Mile Marker 50)		TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR PRELIMINARY	NHPIM	Construction	\$204,000	2023
			ENGINEERING, DELAY	NHPIM	Construction	\$11,220,000	2024
			CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 22	NHPIM	Construction	\$7,600,000	2025
			TO FY 23.	NHPIM	Construction	\$1,385,000	2026
R-5793	Various. Division 13 program to upgrade intersections to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) using Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds.	Highway & Intersection	ADD FUNDING IN FY 23 NOT PREVIOUSLY PROGRAMMED.	S	Construction	\$200,000	2022
				TA	Construction	\$800,000	2022
				S	Construction	\$200,000	2023
				TA	Construction	\$800,000	2023
R-5794	Various. Division 14 program to upgrade intersections to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) using Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds.	Highway & Intersection	ADD FUNDING IN FY 23 NOT PREVIOUSLY PROGRAMMED.	S	Construction	\$200,000	2022
				TA	Construction	\$800,000	2022
				S	Construction	\$200,000	2023
				TA	Construction	\$800,000	2023

***Matt Wechtel moved to approve Amendments to the 2020-2029 TIP. Anthony Sutton seconded the motion which passed unanimously upon a roll call vote.***

### **2023 Meeting Schedule**

The 2023 meeting schedule is on the following page. The TCC meetings are scheduled the same as previous years- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays at 11:00 AM. The exceptions are:

- No meetings in July
- No meetings in December
- Joint meeting in November on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

One change being proposed is for Board meetings. Those meetings are currently held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 1:00 PM. It is being proposed to move those to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1:00 PM.

# Public Meetings Schedule

*Agendas, Materials, & Minutes are located on the FBRMPO website  
[frenchbroadrivermpo.org](http://frenchbroadrivermpo.org)*

Prioritization Subcommittee	TCC Subcommittee	Board (TAC)
January 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 9:00 am	January 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 11:00 am	January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 1:00 pm
February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023 9:00 am	February 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 11:00 am	February 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 1:00 pm
March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023 9:00 am	March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 11:00 am	March 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 1:00 pm
April 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 9:00 am	April 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 11:00 am	April 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 1:00 pm
May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2022 9:00 am	May 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 11:00 am	May 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 1:00 pm
June 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 9:00 am	June 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 11:00 am	June 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2023 1:00 pm
July 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 9:00 am	NO MEETING	-----
August 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2022 9:00 am	August 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 11:00 am	August 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 1:00 pm
September 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 9:00 am	September 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 11:00 am	September 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2023 1:00 pm
October 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 9:00 am	October 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 11:00 am	October 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 1:00 pm
November 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2022 9:00 am	November 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 1:00 pm **Joint w/ Board Meeting	
December 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 9:00 am	NO MEETING	NO MEETING

***Anthony Sutton moved to approve the 2023 Meeting schedule. Matt Wechtel seconded the motion which passed unanimously upon a roll call vote.***

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Larry Harris opened the floor for public comment. No comments were received.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Larry Harris adjourned the meeting at 1:50PM as there was no further business.

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