



## **Town of Beaufort, NC**

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### **Board of Commissioners Work Session Meeting 4:00 PM Monday, June 27, 2022 Train Depot, 614 Broad Street Minutes**

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#### **Call To Order**

Mayor Harker called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Roll Call**

Elizabeth Lewis, Town Clerk, called the roll.

#### **PRESENT:**

Mayor Harker  
Mayor Pro Tem Hagle  
Commissioner Cooper  
Commissioner Oliver  
Commissioner Terwilliger  
Commissioner Hollinshed

#### **Agenda Approval**

Mayor Harker made a change to the agenda, removing the Public Safety Resolution, located under items for discussion and consideration.

Commissioner Hagle made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Public Comment**

Logan Louis, 900 Cedar Street in Beaufort, explained there were several conditions associated with the annexation approved by the board on May 9th. He noted those conditions as follows: this ordinance and the annexation hereunder shall be effective upon (a) the approval of the preliminary plat(s) for the subdivision of the areas described in the Petitions, (b) the acquisition by Beaufort Agrihood, LLC of the real property described in the Petitions and (c) the final approval of the Wastewater Allocation Request filed by Beaufort Agrihood, LLC. The effectiveness of this ordinance shall be conclusively demonstrated

by the recordation of this Ordinance in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Carteret County, North Carolina. He informed the group, as of 2:00 today, no sale of land to Beaufort Agrihood Development LLC has been recorded at the Carteret County Courthouse. He also shared no Town of Beaufort annexation ordinance had been recorded at the Register of Deeds. He said, as of now the land is not annexed and remains outside of the Town limits, therefore the sewer allocation priority level 1 category does not apply because the develop is not located in the Town's cooperate limits. He suggested the current request is at best a priority level 3 category or possibly the priority level 4 category, and it was out of order, explaining the board could deny the request or table it until the conditions attached to the ordinance were met.

## **Presentations**

1. NCDOT- Jeff Cabaniss

Jeff Cabaniss with North Carolina Division of Transportation made a presentation regarding current and future projects. *A copy of the presentation is attached and incorporated as part of the minutes.*

## **Items of Consent**

1. Minutes

Mayor Harker deemed a consensus to move the draft meeting minutes to the Regular Meeting on July 11, 2022, under items of consent.

## **Public Hearing**

1. Proposed FY 2023 Budget

Commissioner Hollinshed made a motion to open the Public Hearing.

The motion carried unanimously.

Todd Clark, Town Manager, gave an overview of the proposed FY 2023 Budget and noted the slight changes that resulted from recent budget workshops.

The proposed budget ordinance was presented as follows:

TOWN OF BEAUFORT

FY 2023 BUDGET ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED

By the Town Board of Commissioners of the Town of Beaufort, North Carolina:

### **SECTION 1: GENERAL FUND**

#### **A. Revenues**

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

#### **GENERAL FUND REVENUES**

Property Taxes: \$5,352,069

Intergovernmental: \$4,230,085

Permits and Fees: \$1,266,956

Sales and Service: \$306,163

Other Revenues: \$4,700

Loan Proceeds: \$0  
Transfers In: \$400,000  
Fund Balance Appropriation: \$60,000  
**TOTAL: \$11,619,973**

**B. Expenditures Authorized by Department**

The following amounts are hereby appropriated to each department in the General Fund for the operation of the Town government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

Governing Body: \$101,756  
Administration: \$645,594  
Finance: \$590,232  
Fire: \$2,617,370  
Planning & Inspections: \$601,872  
Police: \$2,347,129  
PSA & Engineering: \$326,431  
Public Works: \$2,766,212  
Non-Departmental: \$1,623,376  
**TOTAL: \$11,619,973**

**SECTION 2: UTILITY FUND**

**A. Revenues**

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Utility Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

**UTILITY FUND REVENUES**

Property Taxes: \$0  
Intergovernmental: \$0  
Permits and Fees: \$171,000  
Sales and Service: \$4,441,625  
Other Revenues: \$0  
Loan Proceeds: \$0  
Transfers In: \$0  
Fund Balance Appropriation: \$0  
**TOTAL: \$4,612,625**

**B. Expenditures Authorized by Department**

The following amounts are hereby appropriated to each department or division in the Utility Fund for the operation of the Town government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

## UTILITY FUND EXPENDITURES

Sewer: \$2,888,680

Water \$865,479

Non-Departmental: \$858,466

**TOTAL: \$4,612,625**

## SECTION 3: AD VALOREM TAX

There is hereby levied a tax as calculated below in the General Fund in Section I of this ordinance.

Valuation of property as listed January 1, 2022: Real & Personal \$1,102,542,284

Motor Vehicles \$59,394,177

Rate \$0.4600 per \$100 value: Real & Personal \$5,071,695

Motor Vehicles \$273,213

Rate of Collection: Real & Personal 98.12%

Motor Vehicles 100.00 %

**Total Revenue: \$5,249,560**

In accordance with NC General Statute 159-13, the estimated rate of collection for property and motor vehicle taxes for the 2023 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 is as shown in the calculation above.

The proceeds from two cents (\$0.02) of the aforementioned tax rate shall be used only for resurfacing streets.

## SECTION 4: AMENDMENTS AND CONTRACTS

Pursuant to NC General Statute 159-15, this budget may be amended by submission of proposed changes to the Town Board of Commissioners.

Notwithstanding the above subsection (a) above, the Town Manager is authorized to transfer funds from one appropriation to another within the same fund without limitation.

Funds may not be transferred between funds without prior approval from the Town Board of Commissioners.

The Town Manager may enter into and execute change orders or amendments to construction contracts in amounts less than \$50,000 when the appropriate annual budget or capital project ordinance contains sufficient appropriated but unencumbered funds.

The Town Manager may execute contracts which are not required to be bid or which G.S. 143-131 allows to be let on informal bids so long as the annual budget or appropriate capital project ordinance contains sufficient appropriated but unencumbered funds for such purposes.

Upon notification of funding increases or decreases to existing grants or revenues, or the award of grants or revenues, the Town Manager may adjust budgets to match, including grants that require a match for which funds are available.

## SECTION 5: DISTRIBUTION

Copies of this ordinance shall be furnished to the Town Manager and the Finance Officer to be kept on file by them for their direction in the disbursement of funds.

Adopted this 27th day of June, 2022

ATTEST:

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Elizabeth Lewis, Town Clerk

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Sharon Harker, Mayor

Mayor Harker asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to speak during the Public Hearing.

There was none.

Commissioner Hagle made a motion to close the Public Hearing.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Oliver made a motion to adopt the revised FY 23 Budget Ordinance subject to the following conditions: (1) That a Sub-Committee of the Board recommend a Utility Fund Cost Reimbursement Policy on or before September 30, 2022, as discussed at the June 6, 2022, BOC Budget Workshop Meeting. (2) That the title in Section 1 "Transfer in" be changed to "Cost Reimbursements" to comply with the intent of GS 159G-37(b) as soon as possible in the Town's Chart of Accounts. (3) That Staff recommend the amount of Capacity Fees expected in FY22/23 in an Amendment to the Budget as soon as possible to be consistent with our Audit.

The motion carried unanimously.

### Items for Discussion and Consideration

1. Public Safety Resolution

This item was removed from the agenda.

2. Mural Project

Rachel Johnson, Events Coordinator, presented the request and explained Arts in Beaufort, a 501 (c) 3 organization is requesting the Town's permission to use the shower house at the end of the boardwalk as a location for a public art mural. They are requesting permission from the Town to use this location prior to opening a call to artists for designs. Arts in Beaufort is the organization who recently completed the Big Red Bus mural project on Middle Lane. The Parks & Rec Board reviewed the request and liked the idea, recommending the BOC grant permission for a mural at the proposed location on public property. Ms. Johnson noted BJ Vincent of Arts in Beaufort was present to address any questions or concerns.

Commissioner Terwilliger was supportive of the project and recommended the art work be done in a portable fashion.

Commissioner Oliver asked if the Board of Commissioners would be presented with a conceptual design before the artwork is done.

Ms. Johnson said the Parks & Recreation board recommended it come back to the Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Commissioner Hagle expressed concerns with storms, suggesting the panels needed to be secure and able to be removed if that design was chosen. He also suggested the Historic Preservation Commission be able to comment on the project.

Mayor Harker suggested it would be nice to have the general public review and comment on the concepts as well.

Commissioner Hagle made a motion to allow Arts in Beaufort to use the public shower house as an area for a public art mural.

The motion carried unanimously.

### 3. Historic Beaufort Road Race

Ms. Johnson explained the request was for Saturday, June 10, 2023 and shared the race would be conducted the same as it has been for the past few years; police and fire have both signed off on the event. She also shared they would be a few road closures and paid parking would be suspended until 10:30 am the morning of the race.

Mayor Harker deemed a consensus to place the request under items of consent at the July 11, 2022 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting.

### 4. Beaufort Development Association

Commissioner Hollinshed explained she was not a member of the Beaufort Development Association (BDA) but did attend the meetings. She shared the BDA had a need to redesign their website and were asking for a \$10,800 contribution from the Town. She noted they BDA conducted parking surveys for the Town. She asked Susan Sanders and David Cartier to speak on the topic.

Susan Sanders explained the money would help the BDA generate a new website that would be open to all businesses in Beaufort, not just those in the downtown area. She suggested the new website would be a gateway for businesses to get information about what was going on around Town, as well as another avenue for visitors to obtain information about Beaufort. She shared the BDA was in desperate need of having updated technology.

David Cartier said he did not serve on the BDA board, but was an active member. He explained challenges with the current website, suggesting not all Beaufort businesses are currently represented. He said events and other news would also be displayed on the website. He shared he was confident in the ability to maintain the new website; they just needed the seed money to get it going.

Mayor Harker asked for a motion to excuse Commissioner Oliver from the discussion, as he had a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Hagle made a motion to excuse Commissioner Oliver.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Terwilliger shared he understood the benefit of improving the website; he shared concerns about future maintenance of the website, as well as other non-profit organizations in the area asking for funding from the Town.

Mr. Cartier suggested the BDA spends a lot of money to market the Beaufort destination, unlike other non-profit organizations in the area.

Commissioner Terwilliger added to was hard to draw subjective lines regarding each non-profit organization, as each serve a purpose.

Commissioner Cooper shared similar concern, noting there were many non-profit organizations in the area and it was a considerable amount of money being requested by the BDA.

Commissioner Hollinshed added the new website would be inclusive, covering all of the 501 (c) 3 organizations that are in Town. She also pointed out the BDA helps contribute to sales tax and parking revenues for the Town.

Commissioner Hagle shared similar concerns and noted the importance of all businesses being represented. He said it was a difficult decision, noting the board has faced these request in the past.

Commissioner Cooper asked what the current website was lacking that the new website will achieve.

Mr. Cartier said it would be more up to date, have all Town events on there, and allow people/businesses to go in and make their own changes.

Commissioner Cooper asked if the decision needed to be made tonight.

Mr. Cartier explained the urgency was there, but if the board needed more time or information, a decision did not have to be reached tonight.

Commissioner Cooper made a motion to table the request until the next Board of Commissioners Work Session on July 25th.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Terwilliger, Commissioner Cooper

Voting Nay: Commissioner Hollinshed, Commissioner Hagle

Mayor Harker's vote was needed to break the tie; her vote was recorded as yea.

The motion passed with a 3-2 vote.

Commissioner Hagle made a motion to bring Commissioner Oliver back into the meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Sewer Allocation Request- Salt Wynd Preserve Subdivision

Greg Meshaw, Town Engineer, explained staff was requesting action on the Sewer Allocation Request submitted by Beaufort Agrihood Development, LLC. He shared the item had been before the board previously and explained the request referenced 17,760 gallons per day of sewer capacity be allocated to the first phase of the residential subdivision that is to be known as Salt Wynd Preserve. He said the first phase of the subdivision is to extend northward from Pinners Point Road near Mashburn Drive; the capacity being requested is for 47 lots with 40 of those lots being for 3-bedroom houses and the remaining 7 lots being for 4-bedroom houses. He confirmed it was labeled as a Priority Level 1 request, but it could be considered a Priority Level 3, as it is not yet in the Town's cooperate limits but has been volunteered to be annexed.

Commissioner Terwilliger asked the Town Attorney if there was any reason the board should not move forward with consideration of the sewer request, based on the current legal status.

Arey Grady, Town Attorney, said no.

Commissioner Cooper asked for clarification regarding the public comment.

Mr. Grady said to his knowledge, the purchase had not closed, pointing out that was a condition that had to be met before the annexation was recorded.

Mayor Harker asked the applicant, Beth Clifford if she would like to make a statement.

Ms. Clifford explained the intention was for the preliminary plat approval, annexation, and sewer allocation to be completed together before the purchase was recorded; indicating she could move forward after the sewer request was approved.

Commissioner Hagle made a motion to approve the proposed Sewer Allocation Request, as a Priority Level 3.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Grant Funding Assistance Resolution- Cedar Street Pervious Pavement Parking Lane Construction

Mr. Meshaw explained the rehabilitation of the Cedar Street pavement by NCDOT is planned for execution after the construction of a number of stormwater bioretention cells at the intersections from Orange to Marsh Street. Given that Cedar Street is to essentially be reconstructed, staff believes this presents an opportunity to incorporate previous pavement parking lanes between the proposed bioretention cells into the overall street plan, which will help reduce stormwater runoff. Mr. Meshaw explained staff was proposing to move forward with a grant funding application that requires the board adopt a resolution. He explained the cost of constructing pervious parking lanes between the bioretention areas from Orange Street to Marsh Street is estimated at \$391,000. Realizing that this represents a significant expenditure, staff recommends that the Town make application for a Water Resources Development Grant. This type of grant provides a 50 percent matching limit. When considering this limit, it is important to know that the Coastal Federation has committed to matching the Town's contribution up to \$75,000 of the needed grant matching funds thereby reducing the Town's estimated contribution from \$195,500 to \$120,500. He noted it was unclear whether this would delay the overall paving project, it really depended on when the bio cells were constructed.

Commissioner Terwilliger asked if the \$391,000 included the contribution NCDOT would make to the normal paving or if the Town would have to cover that total amount.

Mr. Meshaw confirmed the Town would need to cover the cost, if they went that route; per a meeting with NCDOT, it was inferred it was highly unlikely they would contribute to any of the cost.

Commissioner Terwilliger asked for a comment regarding the duration of the project, as well as future maintenance.

Mr. Meshaw suggested it would decline over time, and the major maintenance piece was required vacuuming, noting the Town has a new sweeper truck. He suggested the pavement should be tested annually.

Commissioner Terwilliger suggested it was not a good idea, from a financial standpoint, to take on something that would require more maintenance in the long run.

Commissioner Oliver asked who was responsible addressing stormwater in general, as it concerns the street.

Mr. Meshaw noted the intentions of NCDOT was to turn the street over to Beaufort, after the improvements are complete; at that point, it would become the Town's responsibility. He added NCDOT was paying for the bioretention areas at the intersections.

Commissioner Oliver asked if the bioretention areas, bump outs and other conceptual designs for Cedar Street followed the 2012 Entry Master Plan.

Mr. Meshaw noted the Entry Master Plan recommended the street for "beautification", and suggested that it will serve as a major local street reflecting the character of Beaufort. He shared he was not sure if there was an exact plan for beautification, but suggested the pervious pavement could provide some contrast, making it more appealing to the eye.

Commissioner Oliver asked if the bump outs were in the plan.

Mr. Meshaw confirmed they were, and those were also known as the bioretention cells. He explained the purpose of the bioretention areas and how they would function.

Commissioner Oliver shared his concerns on the cost associated with the pervious parking lanes.

Commissioner Cooper asked if Mr. Meshaw if he was in favor of pervious parking lanes.

Mr. Meshaw suggested it would help lessen stormwater run off, and provide some attractiveness, but said it was ultimately the board's decision.

Commissioner Hollinshed shared concerns about the basins and asked about the beautification plan on Cedar Street.

Mr. Meshaw shared several benefits of the bump outs, explained pedestrian safety would be addressed, and discussed how future paving would be a major step in the beautification process.

Commissioner Hagle suggested the major advantage of pervious pavement was stormwater benefits. He discussed the future beautification opportunities for Cedar Street.

Mayor Harker discussed how stormwater was impacted on paved streets; emphasizing the efforts taking place to improve water quality and runoff throughout Town.

Commissioner Hagle made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented, to allow staff to apply for Grant Funding Assistance to construct Cedar Street Pervious Pavement Parking Lanes.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Hagle, Commissioner Hollinshed, Commissioner Cooper

Voting Nay: Commissioner Oliver, Commissioner Terwilliger

The motion passed with a 3-2 vote.

7. Valuation of the Beaufort Docks and Boardwalk

Mr. Clark shared staff was seeking the Board's consideration of having a fair market appraisal of the Beaufort Docks, Boardwalk and associated properties conducted. He explained how a completed fair market appraisal would enable the Town to accomplish several future goals.

Commissioner Terwilliger shared he believed it was a good idea and suggested eventually having all of the Town assets evaluated.

Commissioner Oliver suggested having the Town Manager obtain appraisal costs and report that information back to the Board for consideration at a later date, noting it would be a critical tool for the Town moving forward.

Commissioner Hollinshed asked if the evaluation would consider the parks, or just the Town docks and boardwalk areas.

Mr. Clark confirmed the intend was for the dock and boardwalk areas to be considered.

Mayor Harker deemed the consensus was to have the Town Manager determine the cost associated with the appraisal, and bring it back for the Board to review.

8. Case # 22-12 AA Storage Site Plan

Kyle Garner, Planning Director, requested the item be placed under Items of Discussion and Consideration at the next Board of Commissioner's meeting.

Mayor Harker deemed a consensus to place Case # 22-12 AA Storage Site Plan on Items of Discussion and Consideration at the July 11, 2022 Regular Meeting.

9. Case #22-16 Special Use Permit for a Mini-Storage facility at 1791 Live Oak Street

Mr. Garner requested an evidentiary hearing be set for July 11, 2022, to consider Case #22-16 Special Use Permit for a Mini-Storage facility at 1791 Live Oak.

Mayor Harker deemed a consensus to set a Quasi Judicial Hearing for Case #22-16 Special Use Permit for a Mini-Storage facility at 1791 Live Oak.

10. Variance Request for Salt Wynd Preserve Cul-de-sac Length

Mr. Garner explained this item required a Quasi Judicial Hearing and requested the Board set the hearing date as July 11, 2022 at their Regular Meeting.

Mayor Harker deemed a consensus to set a Quasi Judicial Hearing for the Variance Request for Salt Wynd Preserve Cul-de-sac Length to be considered at the meeting on July 11, 2022.

11. FY 2022 Budget Amendment 12

Ms. Wood explained FY 2022 Budget Amendment 12 requests the appropriation of fund balance for legal fees in the amount of \$70,000

Commissioner Hagle made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 12.

The motion carried unanimously.

12. Capital Reserve Fund Amendment #12

Ms. Wood described the Capital Reserve Fund Amendment #12 as follows: Receive funds budgeted in FY 22 General Fund Budget Transfer to Capital Reserve \$185,000; Receive funds budgeted in the FY 22 Utility Fund Budget Transfer to Capital Reserve \$350,000; Transfer funds budgeted in the FY 22 Utility Fund Budget from the Capital Reserve Fund \$90,000

Commissioner Hagle made a motion to approve the Capital Reserve Fund Amendment #12.

The motion carried unanimously.

13. FY 2022 Budget Amendment 13

Ms. Wood explained FY 2022 Budget Amendment 13 requests appropriation of fund balance for any unforeseen expenditures that may occur prior to the end of the current fiscal year (June 20, 2022), in the amount of \$85,000.

Commissioner Hagle made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 13.

The motion carried unanimously.

14. FY 2022 Budget Amendment #14 & Capital Reserve Fund Amendment #13

Mr. Clark explained this request was to fund the construction and sewer line improvements to serve Pruitt Healthcare, a facility currently under construction at 2415 Highway 70. He suggested this was a prior commitment the Town made in 2018, as an economic incentive. He went on to explain the Town staff solicited bids for construction of water and sewer lines to the property with the bulk of the sewer line work requiring a road bored under Highway 70; staff recommends awarding the bid to Atlantic On-Site Development, LLC in the amount of \$59,337, with the Budget Amendment request of \$60,000.

Commissioner Oliver questioned what evidence the Town had regarding the economic incentive agreement offered in 2018.

Mr. Clark explained there was a letter from the former Town Manager to Pruitt Health Care suggesting the Town would be responsible for the cost. He also shared he spoke with the former Town Manager who confirmed that was the agreement.

Mr. Grady suggested staff research past meeting minutes and other documents that indicates the Town is responsible for the utility work. He noted if the Town has represented they would provide this service to Pruitt, they would essentially be required to do so.

Mr. Meshaw explained the parameters of the quote from Atlantic On-Site Development, LLC, noting if it was tabled he would have to ask the contractor for an extension on the bid price. He shared Town staff designed and bided the work.

Commissioner Oliver made a motion to table the item to allow the Town Attorney to investigate any legal obligations the Town is responsible for in terms of economic incentives as well as funding.

The motion passed unanimously.

15. Capital Project USSI Stormwater and Streets Improvements Budget Amendment #1

Ms. Wood explained the Budget Amendment was to receive funds budgeted in the FY 2022 General Fund Budget (Transfer to Capital Projects) for the Front Street Culvert Repair in the amount of \$100,000.

Commissioner Hagle made a motion to approve Capital Project USSI Stormwater and Streets Improvements Budget Amendment #1.

The motion carried unanimously.

16. Financial Notes

Ms. Wood discussed the financial report for May 2022, noting sales and use tax distribution for June as \$217,794.

### **Mayor/Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Terwilliger praised the Public Works Department for fixing a sidewalk obstruction at the 700 block of Ann Street. He requested that Ms. Wood try to incorporate a line item that addresses utility late fees as part of the monthly report. He suggested the Board have a discussion about the Godette property at a future meeting. He closed by expressing concerns about speeding and other safety issue on Live Oak Street, specifically at the corner of Live Oak and Ann Street; he suggested looking into options that would slow traffic down, such as a four-way stop.

Commissioner Oliver requested the Town proceed with a notice of demolition and a lien on the house at 104 Chestnut Drive.

Mr. Grady shared many options had been exhausted to remedy the situation, and if the Board wanted to proceed, he would work with the Planning and Inspections staff to make that happen.

Commissioner Oliver made a motion to proceed with a notice of demolition and enforcement of a lien by the Town for those cost, in accordance with the Town's legal guidance.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Oliver asked Mr. Meshaw to review the maintenance of Orange Street, specifically on the north side.

Commissioner Cooper requested a monthly report regarding abandoned properties throughout Town. He commended Public Works staff on their excellent work and wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Commissioner Hollinshed noted the area around Cedar and Orange Street, near the future Compass Hotel, still needs to be cleaned up. She said the palm trees had been taken care of but there were several maintenance items that need to be addressed, such as debris down the fence line and tall grass in the area. She gave praise to staff for getting the Town looking nice in preparation for the Olde Homes Tour.

Commissioner Hagle noted there was an abandoned house on Fulford Street that is getting worse each day, he echoed the request Commissioner Cooper made regarding a monthly report on these types of properties. He noted the busy streets throughout Town and urged others to be more aware. He suggested having the Town's Golf Cart Ordinance reviewed in terms of which streets golf carts were not allowed on, as traffic has increased.

Mayor Harker echoed the Public Work's staff compliments. She thanked Paula Gillikin for taking the Board of Commissioners on an educational tour of Rachel Carson Reserve. She also thanked the Police Department for being present during the Juneteenth event and other staff members who helped prepare the budget.

**Closed Session**

1. Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3)

Commissioner Hagle made a motion to enter closed session, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3).

The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn**

Commissioner Hagle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Sharon Harker, Mayor

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Elizabeth Lewis, Town Clerk

# **US 70 Projects Update**

**June 2022**



**NCDOT**

**DIVISION 2**

**Corridor Upgrades  
Feasibility Studies  
Resurfacing**

# TIP: I-6034

## US 70 La Grange, Lenoir County



### **I-6034**

#### **US 70 Resurfacing Bear Creek Bridge to SR 1690 (Willie Measley RD)**

**Project Description:**

Widening/Strengthening/Resurfacing Roadway to Interstate Standards

**Funding Status:**

- Funded at the Statewide Tier in the 2020-2029 STIP

**Schedule:**

- Division Design
- Division Let – FY 2026

Project Manager: Jeremy Stroud, P.E., (252) 775-6100, [jdstroud@ncdot.gov](mailto:jdstroud@ncdot.gov)

# TIP: R-5813

## US 70 Little Baltimore, Lenoir County



### **R-5813 Little Baltimore**

### **US 70 Intersection Improvements at SR 1690 (Willie Measley RD)**

#### **Project Description:**

Upgrade Existing Intersection to Interchange with Full Control of Access.

#### **Funding Status:**

- Funded at the Regional Tier in the 2020-2029 STIP
- Right of Way – FY 2026
- Construction – FY2028

#### **Schedule:**

- Environmental Document Completed – October 31, 2018
- Preferred alternate has been selected.

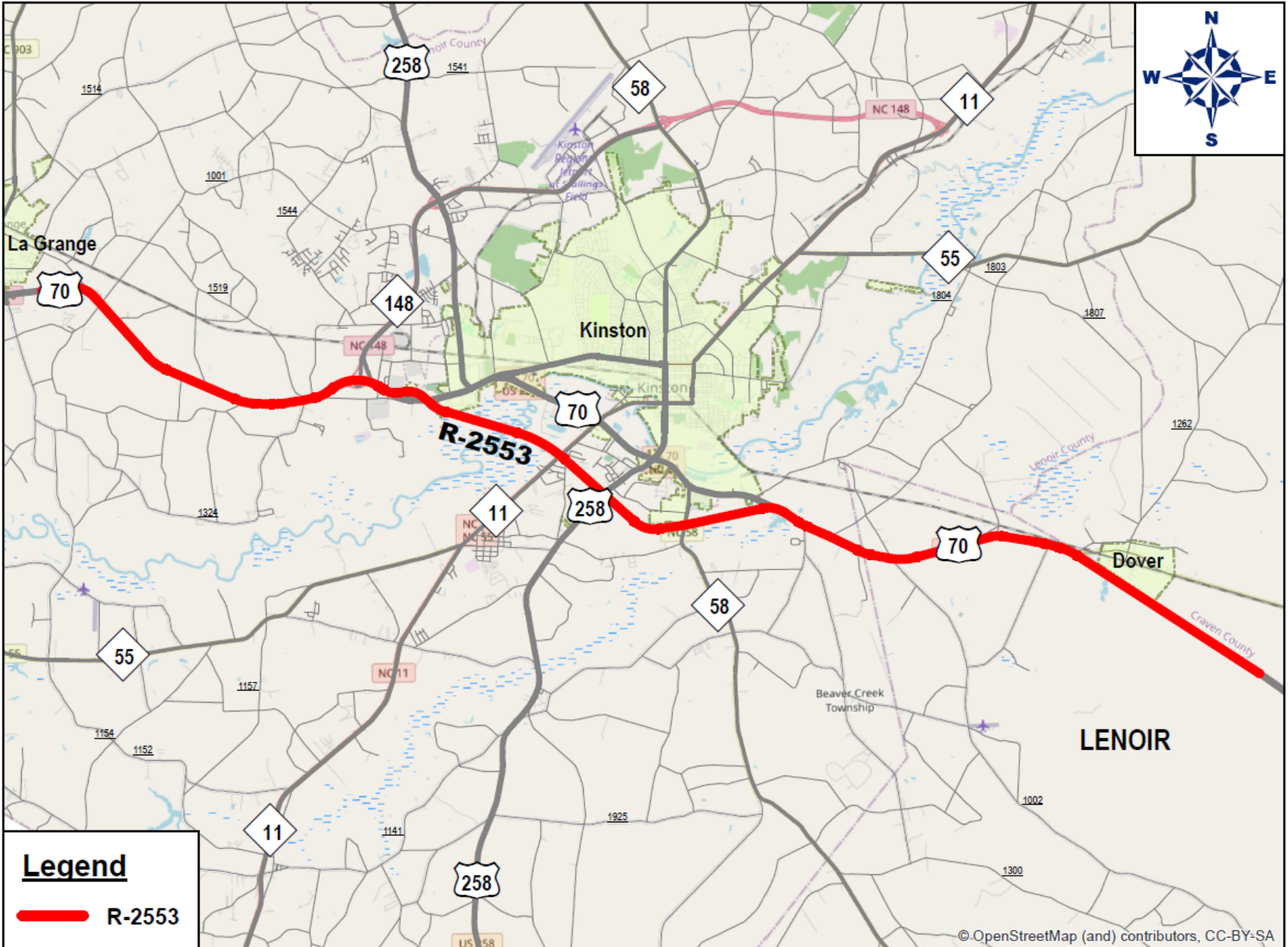
#### **Activities Underway**

- Project in Preliminary Engineering Phase

Project Manager: Cathy Meyer, (252) 439-2806, [cahossackmeyer@ncdot.gov](mailto:cahossackmeyer@ncdot.gov)

# TIP: R-2553

## US 70 Kinston Bypass, Lenoir County



## **R-2553**

### **US 70 Kinston Bypass**

#### **Project Description:**

Upgrade US 70 to Interstate standards.

#### **Funding Status:**

R-2553A – From existing Freeway near La Grange to SR 1522 (Albert Sugg Road)

- Unfunded for Right of way and Construction

R-2553B – From SR 1522 (Albert Sugg Road) to NC 148 (Harvey Parkway)

- Funded at the Regional Tier in the 2020-2029 STIP
- Right of Way – FY 2029
- Construction – Post Years

R-2553C – From NC 148 (Harvey Parkway) to US 70 east of NC 58

- Funded at the Statewide Tier in the 2020-2029 STIP
- Right of Way – FY 2026
- Construction – Post Years

R-2553D – From East of NC 58 to East of SR 1002 (Wyse Fork)

- Unfunded for Right of way and Construction R 2553E- from east of SR 1002 (Wyse Fork) to existing Freeway near Dover
- Unfunded for Right of way and Construction

#### **Schedule:**

- Preferred Alternative Selected (1SB) – February 2020
- Final EIS – Anticipated 2022
- Record of Decision Signed – Anticipated 2023

#### **Activities Underway**

- Wetland Predicted Model was verified
- Update to Technical Studies underway
- Community Outreach is underway
- MOU is underway
- Burial Protocol approved by USACE legal team

#### **\*\*NOTE\*\* R-2553A**

- A large portion of this work will be covered under projects I-6034 and R-5813

Project Manager: Heather Lane, P.E., (252) 439-2847, [hclane@ncdot.gov](mailto:hclane@ncdot.gov)

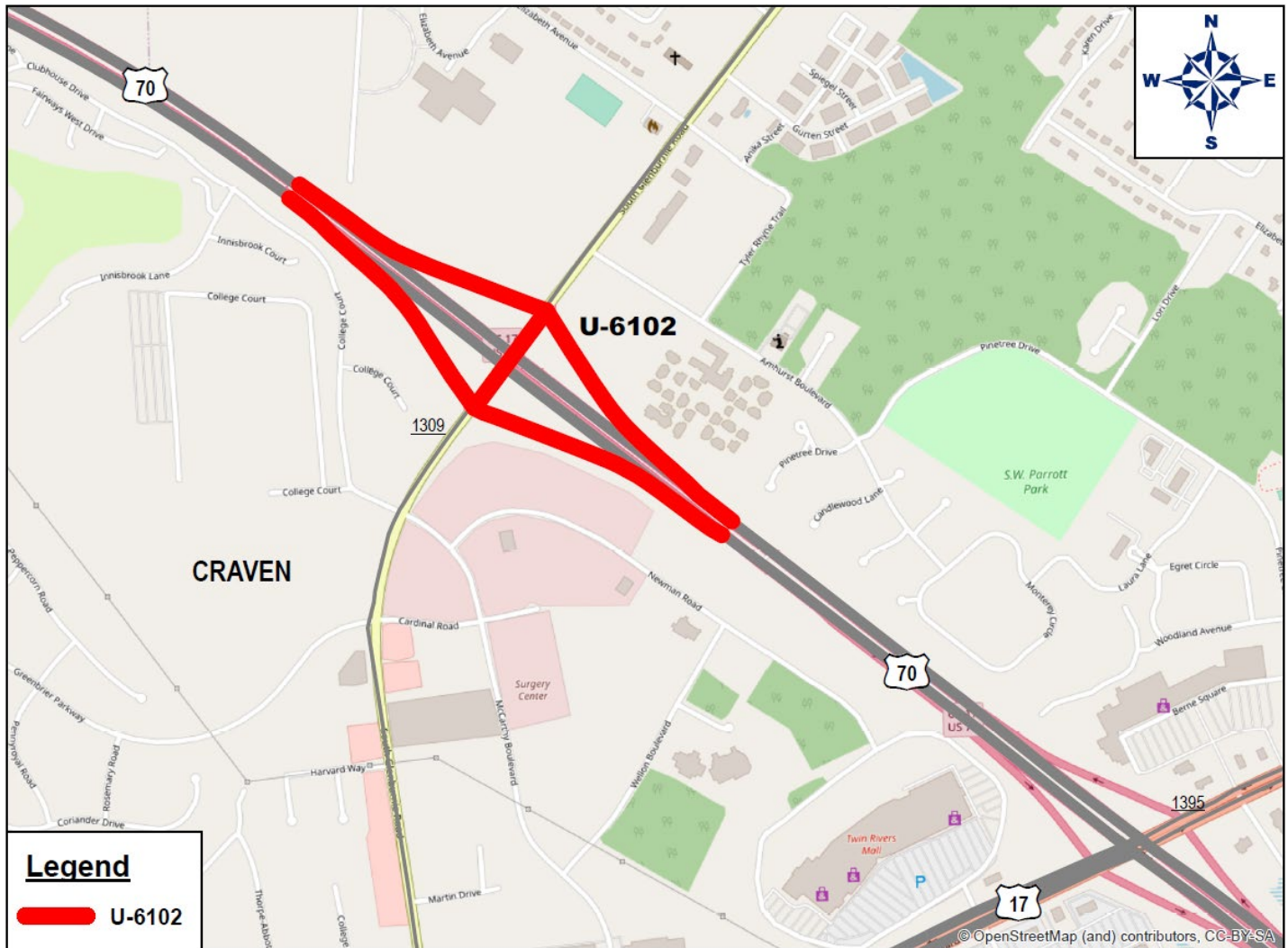
**R-2553**

**US 70 Kinston Bypass**



# TIP: U-6102

## US 70 Upgrade Glenburnie Interchange, Craven County



### U-6102

#### US 70 Upgrade Interchange

##### **Project Description:**

Upgrade Interchange to Interstate Standards

##### **Funding Status:**

- Included in the Developmental Program at the Division Tier in the 2020- 2029 STIP (will have to be rescored in SPOT 7.0)
- Right of Way – FY 2027
- Construction – Post Years

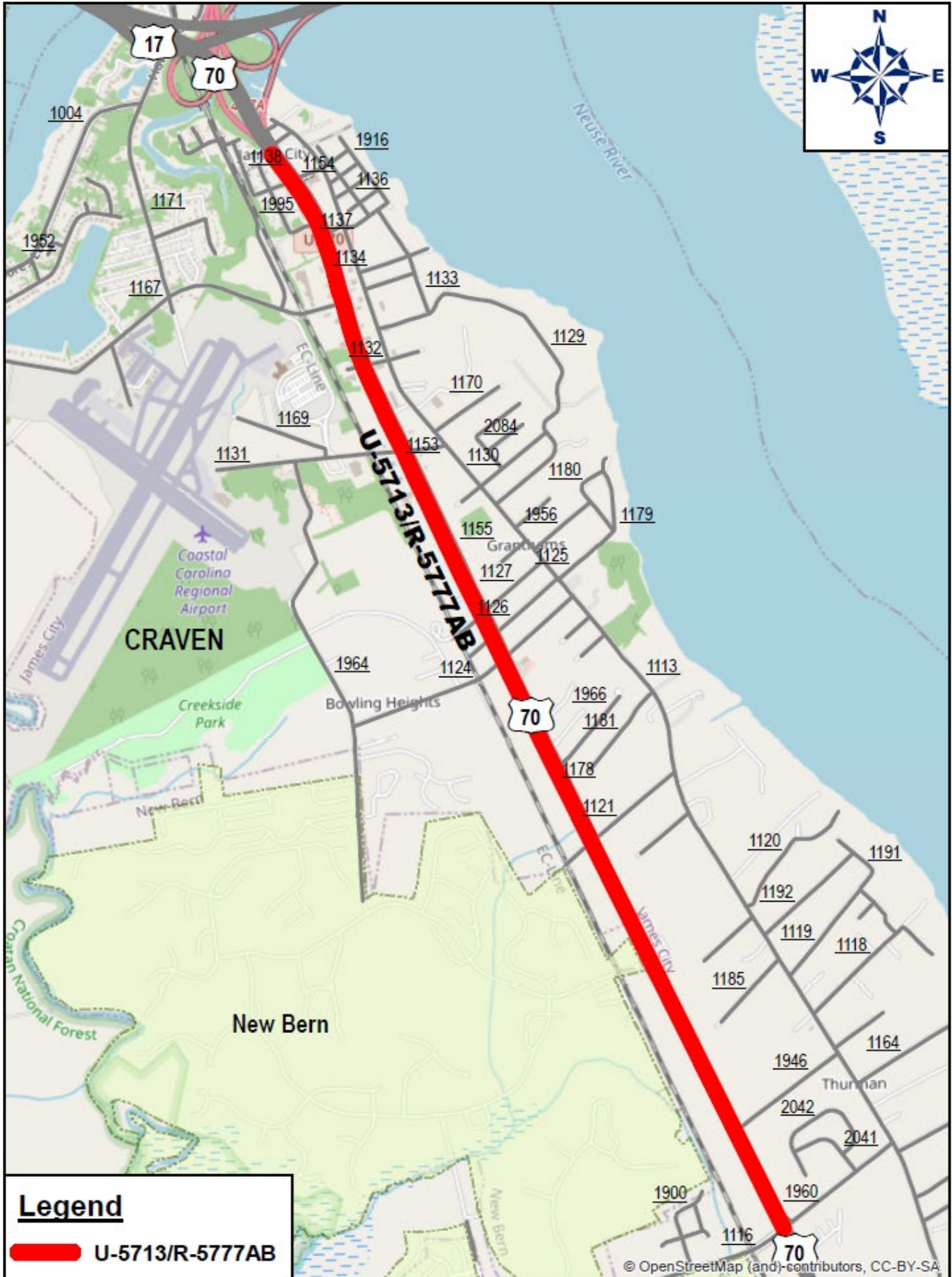
##### **Activities Underway**

- Consultant Development of Feasibility Study – Complete

Project Manager: Cathy Meyer, (252) 439-2806, [cahossackmeyer@ncdot.gov](mailto:cahossackmeyer@ncdot.gov)

# TIP: U-5713/R-5777AB

## US 70 James City Project, Craven County



## **US 70 Upgrade to Interstate Standards**

### **Project Description:**

Upgrade 70 to Interstate Standards from Neuse River Bridge to Thurman Road Interchange

### **Funding Status:**

- Fully funded in 2020-2029 STIP

### **Schedule:**

- CE Approved – July 2018
- Awarded September 2019 to Balfour Beatty/STV
- Roadway Construction began in early April
- Estimated Completion Late 2024

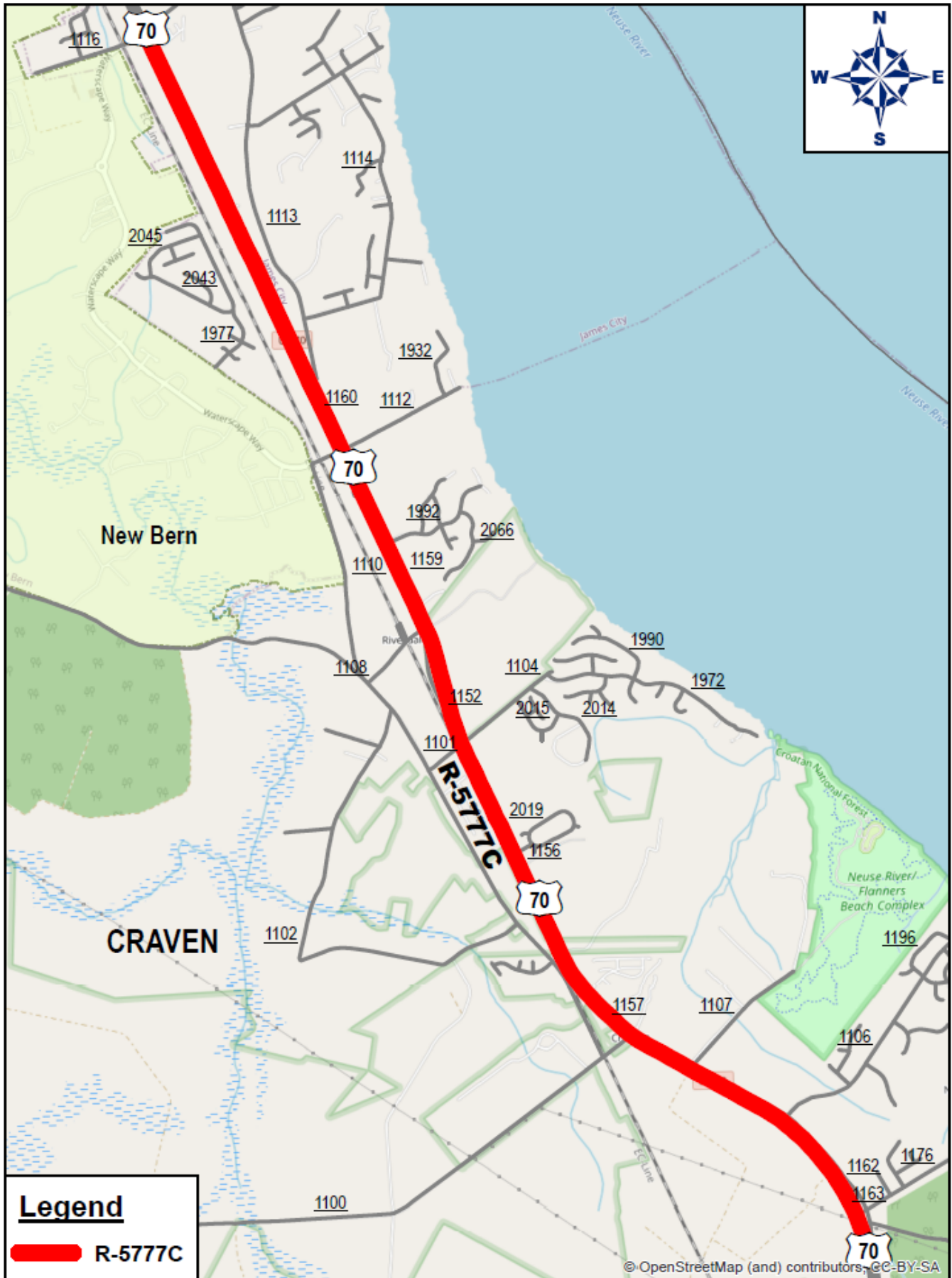
### **Activities Underway**

- Right of way acquisition and clearing nearing completion
- Designs in final stages
- Utility Relocation continues
- Construction of the future service roads is now underway with clearing, grading, and stormwater culvert. Water and Sewer Construction beginning soon.
- Dedicated web site to illustrate what to expect during and after construction.
- Web Site provides updated maps and videos to show overview of the project  
<https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/us-70-james-city/Pages/default.aspx>
- Sign up for Project Updates either through email or text on the project website to stay in touch with future changes.

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# TIP: R-5777C

## US 70 New Bern, Craven C



## **R-5777C**

### **US 70 Upgrade to Interstate Standards**

#### **Project Description:**

Upgrade US 70 to Interstate Standards from Thurman Road Interchange to the Havelock Bypass Interchange

#### **Funding Status:**

- Funded at the Statewide Tier in the 2020-2029 STIP
- Right of Way – FY 2023
- Construction – FY2023

#### **Schedule**

- Held First Public Meeting – June 2019
- Second public meeting held virtual in September 2020

#### **Activities Underway**

- Completing required environmental studies (Human and Natural)
- Coordinating with US Forestry Service-District Ranger Station
- Coordinating with the FHWA on land transfer

#### **Future Activities**

- Environmental Document complete April 2021
- Design Build Process anticipated to begin summer 2022
- Design Build selection anticipated to be in early 2023

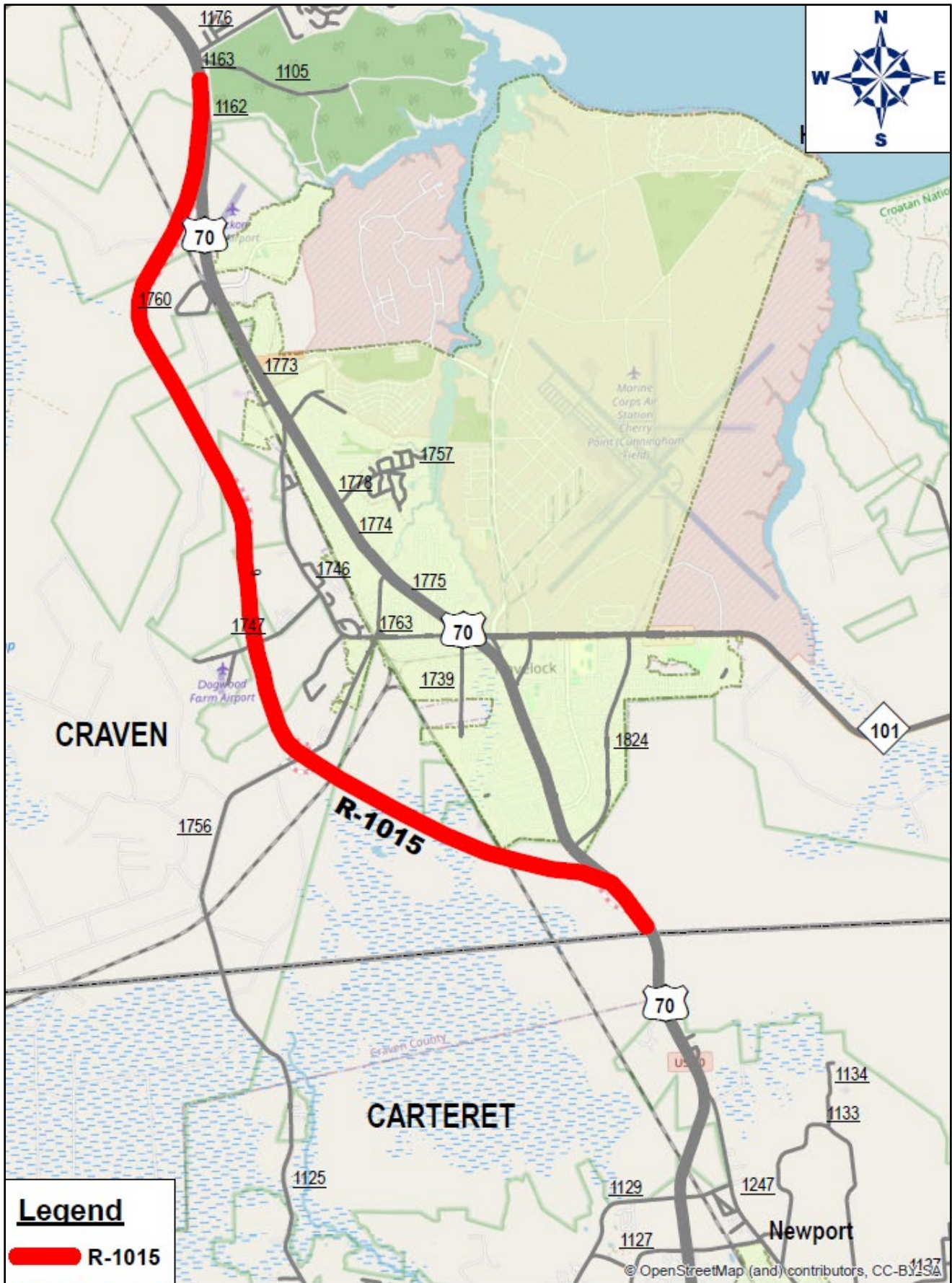
For videos, maps, pictures and additional information on the project, **Google:** “R-5777C”, then select “US 70 improvements-Havelock Bypass to East of Thurman Rd”

<https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/us-70-james-city-havelock-bypass/Pages/default.aspx>

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# TIP: R-1015

## US 70 Havelock Bypass, Craven County



## **R-1015**

### **US 70 Havelock Bypass (Preferred Alternative 3)**

#### **Project Description:**

From North of Pine Grove to North of Carteret County Line

#### **Funding Status:**

Funded in the 2020-2029 STIP

#### **Schedule:**

- Awarded to Balfour Beatty July 2019

#### **Activities Underway**

- Construction Underway
- 47% Complete
- Estimated Completion Spring 2024
- Web Site provides updated maps and videos to show overview of the project.  
<https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/us-70-havelock-bypass/Pages/default.aspx>

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# TIP: U-5876

## US 70 Newport River Bridge, Craven County



### U-5876

## US 70 Newport River Bridge

#### **Project Description:**

Replace Existing Two-Lane Bridge with Multi-Lane Bridge

#### **Funding Status:**

- Funded at the Statewide Tier in the 2020-2029 STIP.
- Right of Way – FY 2025
- Construction – FY 2027

#### **Schedule:**

- Project is in Preliminary Engineering Phase

#### **Activities Underway**

- Concurrence Points 1 and 2 with Merger Team – Completed
- Vessel Survey has been completed and submitted for USCG review
- Environmental Document submitted for review

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