



JOINT TAC TCC MEETING MINUTES

October 31, 2019

The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held a joint called meeting on Thursday, October 31, 2019 at 10:00 am in the Development Services Conference Room, 303 First Street.

TCC Members Present:

Mr. Jeff Ruggieri – Chairman, New Bern
Mr. Gene Hodges – Vice-Chairman, Craven County
Mr. Don Baumgardner – County of Craven
Mr. Andrew Shorter – NB Regional Airport
Ms. Diane Hampton – NCDOT
Mr. Len White – NCDOT
Ms. Kelly Walker – CARTS
Mr. Haywood Daughtry – NCDOT
Mr. Steve Hamilton – NCDOT
Mr. George Chiles – City of New Bern Staff Engineer
Mr. Delane Jackson – River Bend
Mr. Chris Connolly – NCDOT
Mr. Kevin Roberts – NB Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Preston Hunter – NCDOT
Mr. Bill Marley – Federal Highway Administration (non-voting)

TCC Members Excused:

Mr. David Fort – Town of Bridgeton

TAC Members Present:

Mr. John Kirkland – Chairman, River Bend
Mr. Jeffrey Odham – Vice-Chairman, New Bern
Mr. Chuck Tyson – Mayor, Trent Woods
Mr. David Cuthrell – Town of Bridgeton
Mr. Bill Marley – Federal Highway Administration (non-voting)
Mr. Chris Connolly – NCDOT (non-voting)
Ms. Kelly Walker – CARTS (non-voting)
Mr. Roy Beeson – CARTS (non-voting)

TAC Members Excused:

Ms. E.T. Mitchell – Commissioner, Craven County
Mr. Thomas Taft – NC Board of Transportation

Staff Present:

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

- 45 1. **Call to Order:** Chair Kirkland called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.
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47 2. **Roll Call:** Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared for each board.
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49 3. **Ethics Reminder:** Chair Kirkland reminded the TAC board of the ethics requirements.
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51 4. **Approval of today's agenda:**

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53 **TCC Motion:** Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The
54 motion was seconded by Mr. Shorter and passed unanimously.

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56 **TAC Motion:** Mr. Tyson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The
57 motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Odham and passed unanimously.
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- 59 5. **Approval of minutes of July 25, 2019 joint board meeting:**

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61 **TCC Motion:** Mr. Daughtry made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.
62 The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and passed unanimously.

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64 **TAC Motion:** Vice-Chair Odham made a motion to approve the minutes as
65 presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tyson and passed unanimously.
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- 67 6. **Public Hearing for FY 2020-2029 Metropolitan Transportation Program:** *Kim*
68 *Maxey*

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70 Ms. Maxey presented a resolution to approve and accept the MTIP. This document is
71 available on the MPO website and includes all projects that have been discussed over the
72 past year. Approving this document states that we agree and support all projects included.

73 **TCC Motion:** Ms. Hampton made a motion to open the public hearing for the
74 2020-2029 MTIP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shorter and passed
75 unanimously.
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77 **TCC Motion:** Ms. Hampton made a motion to close the public hearing for the
78 2020-2029 MTIP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Daughtry and passed
79 unanimously.
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81 **TCC Motion:** Mr. Shorter made a motion to accept the MTIP as presented,
82 approve by resolution and recommend TAC approval. The motion was seconded by
83 Mr. Roberts and passed unanimously.
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85 **TAC Motion:** Mr. Tyson made a motion to approve the MTIP by resolution as
86 presented. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Odham and passed
87 unanimously.
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- 89 7. **Endorsement of Targets for Safety Performance Measures:** *Kim Maxey*

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91 Ms. Maxey presented the targets for safety performance measures provided by the
92 NCDOT that will be included in the MPO's long range transportation plan that is

93 currently being updated. This is the first time the MPO has received this type of safety
94 performance targets that can now be referenced in the upcoming years.

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96 **TCC Motion: Mr. Shorter made a motion to approve the Safety Performance**
97 **Measures and recommend TAC approval. The motion was seconded by Mr.**
98 **Daughtry and passed unanimously.**

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100 **TAC Motion: Vice-Chair Odham made a motion to approve the Safety**
101 **Performance Measures as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tyson**
102 **seconded and passed unanimously.**

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104 **8. STI Project Discussion:** *Diane Hampton*

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106 Ms. Hampton presented an overview of the Strategic Transportation Investments (STI)
107 law and the process of the upcoming round of prioritization (P6). This presentation was
108 emailed to board members and added to the MPO website under the “Board Resource
109 Center” tab.

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111 **9. Update on NCDOT Budget Issues:** *Kim Maxey*

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113 Ms. Maxey relayed updated information regarding NCDOT budget issues. There are
114 currently about 900 projects across the state that have been put on hold. This does not
115 apply to projects that are currently underway, have already been awarded a contract, are
116 scheduled to start within the next 12 months or are being funded with grants, bonds, or
117 Build NC funds. The James City project, Havelock Bypass and NC 43 projects are
118 continuing as scheduled for our area.

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120 The majority of the budget constraints are due to recent hurricane expenses. The DOT
121 had been averaging about \$66 million per year for maintenance, which includes weather-
122 related expenses like snow and ice removal and road improvements after hurricanes.
123 Since 2016, they have averaged over \$220 million a year on maintenance repairs, mainly
124 due to Hurricanes Matthew, Florence, Michael and Dorian.

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126 The MAP Act lawsuit is an additional cause of budget constraints. The MAP Act was
127 created by the General Assembly in 1987 to keep right-of-way acquisition costs low by
128 restricting development along future highway corridors. In 2016 the Map Act was
129 repealed and the NCDOT must pay damages to property owners, some going back 30
130 years. The payouts could exceed \$1 billion, with \$390 million already paid out.

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132 On a positive note, the first disbursement of the Powell Bill funds was sent out on
133 September 27th. In our area the following was received: Bridgeton \$15,291.26, Trent
134 Woods \$99,655.39, River Bend \$84,891.85, and New Bern \$863,078.24. These funds can
135 be used for construction costs, roadway improvements or repairs, bridges, sidewalks etc.

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137 Mr. Hunter added that Secretary Trogon created the NC First Commission, a committee
138 tasked with evaluating current and future transportation investment needs and advising
139 the secretary of additional funding resources and opportunities.

143 **10. P6.0 Project Discussion:**
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145 Mr. Shorter presented a final look at the FAA master plan project. The airport is required
146 to have a 20-year plan on file, which is to be updated every 10 years. Currently the top 14
147 projects to be entered in this round of prioritization are:

- 148 • Runway 4/22 Extension – Environmental Documentation
- 149 • Hangar for Mid-Size Corporate Aircraft and Apron
- 150 • Runway 4/22 Extension – Design and Wetland Mitigation
- 151 • Runway 4/22 Land Acquisition
- 152 • Williams Rd Relocation
- 153 • Runway 04 Approach Light System (MALSR)
- 154 • Runway 4/22 Extension – Construction
- 155 • Runway 4/22 Strengthening
- 156 • Runway 32 Corporate/Industrial Area Expansion-Design
- 157 • Runway 32 Corporate/Industrial Area Wetland Mitigation (3.25 AC)
- 158 • Aerospace Corporate Development Site Prep – Phase I – Design and Permitting
- 159 • Entrance Road Rehabilitation – Design
- 160 • Entrance Road Rehabilitation – Construction
- 161 • Two Hangars for Mid-Size Corporate Aircraft and Apron

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163 Mr. Hunter provided an update on the James City project, including new visuals from
164 Balfour Beatty who was awarded the contract. The main changes to the initial design
165 replace the compressed diamond interchange with roundabouts at the base of the off
166 ramps. The roundabouts provide safer intersections, require less maintenance and have
167 less right-of-way impacts.

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169 Balfour Beatty proposed using cellular concrete, which is a foam injected concrete. It is
170 lighter than dirt, causing less settlement issues. This will help support their strict timeline.
171 One tractor trailer with this type of concrete equals about 20-30 dump truck loads,
172 eliminating approximately 20,000 trucks over the entirety of the project, which will help
173 alleviate additional construction traffic.

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175 The plan to manage traffic flow will be broken into phases. Based on software analysis,
176 traffic engineers are estimating traffic will flow 10-20% better during construction than it
177 currently flows. Another benefit Balfour Beatty presented utilizes a 12” construction lane
178 specifically for their trucks and workers. All construction traffic will be contained in this
179 zone eliminating impacts on thru-traffic.

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181 Ms. Maxey presented new updates to the project folders that were passed out at the last
182 joint meeting. The boards reviewed the projects and determined whether to keep or
183 remove:

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- 185 • Airport projects have been updated to reflect the above 14 projects for submission
- 186 • MLK Blvd (SPOT ID: B141420) – **Keep** – Potentially break down into sections
187 and bundle improvements, change to have an ADA accessible sidewalk instead of
188 multi-use path and see how it alters cost
- 189 • Taberna Connector Bike/Ped Facilities (SPOT ID: B141591) – **Remove** – City is
190 widening road

- 191 • Canterbury Rd Bike/Ped Facilities (SPOT ID: B151012) – **Keep** – Trent Woods
- 192 will contribute 50/50 match
- 193 • New Bern Bypass – US 17 from US 70 to River Rd (SPOT ID: H090081) – **Keep**
- 194 – Potentially break down into sections or enter as toll road
- 195 • MLK Blvd – US 70 to Trent Rd (SPOT ID: H150847-A) – **Added**
- 196 • MLK Blvd – Trent Rd to Future NC 43 (SPOT ID: H150847-B) – **Keep**
- 197 • Old Airport Rd (SPOT ID: H150858) – **Keep** – Update to remove section of
- 198 Taberna through County Line Rd.
- 199 • Broad St (SPOT ID: H150900) – **Keep** – New SIT that allows projects to be
- 200 entered that are on localized roadways. DOT working on study of this area
- 201 • US 70/I-42 (SPOT ID: H170112) – **Added**
- 202 • Old Cherry Point Rd (SPOT ID: H170905) – **Keep**
- 203 • Williams Rd (SPOT ID: H170936) – **Keep** – Airport will donate \$1 million
- 204 • Airport Rd (SPOT ID: H170945) – **Keep**
- 205 • First St/Trent Blvd/Pollock St/Rhem Ave Intersection Improvements (SPOT ID:
- 206 H183996) – **Keep**
- 207 • US-17 – Bridgeton (SPOT ID: H184000) – **Keep** – Cost cannot be changed in
- 208 SPOT online
- 209 • MLK Blvd/Entrance to Mall (SPOT ID: H184053) – **Keep**
- 210 • Airline Dr/Scott St (SPOT ID: H184467) – **Keep**
- 211 • SR-55 ALT/Race Track Rd (SPOT ID: H190020) – **Added**
- 212 • US-70/MLK Blvd Interchange (SPOT ID: H190022) – **Added**
- 213 • NC-17 BUS/Hotel Dr (SPOT ID: H190023) – **Added**
- 214 • Williams Rd/Scott St (SPOT ID: H190038) – **Added**
- 215 • US 70/Hotel Dr/Mall Entrance Bundle (SPOT ID: H190039) – **Added**
- 216 • NS EC Line (SPOT ID: R150845) – **Keep**
- 217 • NS EC Line (SPOT ID: R170099) – **Keep**
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11. Updates:

- 220 • Transportation Planning Division: *Chris Connolly*
- 221 ○ Mr. Connolly advised that TPD went through their first internal review.
- 222 He is working on organizing comments and to be presented during the
- 223 steering committee meeting in December.
- 224 • CARTS Update: *Kelly Walker*
- 225 • Division 2: *Diane Hampton/Len White*
- 226 ○ Ms. Hampton provided an updated Construction Report and Upcoming
- 227 Projects list, which indicates which projects are on hold in our area
- 228 ○ Mr. White advised of the upcoming ribbon cutting for the US 17 Bypass
- 229 • New Bern Area MPO: *Kim Maxey/Felicia McRee*
- 230 ○ Ms. McRee advised that the DOT is updating their long-range
- 231 transportation plan, called NC Moves 2050. There is a new survey out that
- 232 will run through February 2020 to collect public input.
- 233 ○ Ms. Maxey reviewed the upcoming 2020 meeting schedule. The TCC
- 234 January meeting was adjusted for the Transportation Summit
- 235 ■ Summit is in Raleigh Jan 8-9, 2020 and any board members are
- 236 encouraged to attend
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12. Discussion:

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