



## TAC MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2019

The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 11:00 am in the Development Services Conference Room, 303 First Street.

**Members Present:** Mr. John Kirkland – Chairman, River Bend  
Mr. Jeffrey Odham – Vice-Chairman, New Bern  
Ms. E.T. Mitchell – Commissioner, Craven County

**Members Excused:** Mr. Chuck Tyson – Mayor, Trent Woods  
Ms. Elizabeth Parker – Commissioner, Bridgeton  
Mr. Thomas Taft – NC Board of Transportation

**Non-Voting Members:** Ms. Kelly Walker – Director, CARTS  
Mr. Christopher Connolly - NCDOT

**Guests Present:** Mr. Len White– NCDOT  
Mr. Preston Hunter – NCDOT  
Mr. Patrick Flanagan – DERPO  
Mr. Eric Howell – DERPO

**Staff Present:** Ms. Kimberly Maxey – New Bern Staff  
Ms. Felicia McRee – New Bern Staff

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Kirkland called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.
2. **Roll Call:** Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared.
3. **Ethics Reminder:** Chair Kirkland reminded the board of the ethics requirements.
4. **Approval of today's agenda:**

**Motion:** Ms. Mitchell made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Vice-Chair Odham seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

42 **5. Approval of minutes for the March 2019 meeting:**  
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44 **Motion: Ms. Mitchell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented.**  
45 **Vice-Chair Odham seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**  
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47 **6. FY 2020 Meeting schedule:** *Kim Maxey*  
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49 Ms. Maxey presented the following proposed meeting schedule:  
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- 51 • July 25, 2019
- 52 • September 26, 2019
- 53 • November 21, 2019 (adjusted for Thanksgiving)
- 54 • January 23, 2020
- 55 • March 26, 2020
- 56 • May 28, 2020
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58 The schedule has been tabled until a later date. The July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting still stands.  
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60 **Motion: Ms. Mitchell made a motion to table the meeting schedule as presented.**  
61 **Vice-Chair Odham seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**  
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63 **7. Amendment No. 7 to the FY 2018-2027 MTP:** *Kim Maxey*  
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65 Ms. Maxey advised that any time changes are made to the STIP, the change must be  
66 mirrored in the MTP. This amendment includes revisions to the highway program,  
67 updating the let dates for the Thurman Road, Taberna Way and Grantham Road projects.  
68 There were no funding changes, only updating the let dates.  
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70 **Motion: Ms. Mitchell made a motion to approve Amendment No. 7 as presented.**  
71 **Vice-Chair Odham seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**  
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73 **8. P 6.0 Project Discussion:** *Kim Maxey 9:30*  
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75 Ms. Maxey advised that the Board of Transportation has shifted their schedule and will  
76 be approving this STIP at their September meeting instead of June.  
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78 Ms. Maxey presented the following upcoming P 6.0 schedule, which is a breakdown from  
79 now through 2021 when the next draft is released:  
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- 81 • October 7, 2019: SPOT Online opens for testing, entering and submitting projects
- 82 • October 25, 2019: Carryover Project Modifications due
- 83 • December 20, 2019: SPOT Online closes
- 84 • End of July 2020: Draft list of Programmed Statewide Mobility projects released
- 85 • August 3, 2020: Regional Impact Local Input Point window opens
- 86 • October 30, 2020: Regional Impact Local Input window closes
- 87 • End of November 2020: Draft list of Programmed Regional Impact projects  
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- 89 • November 30, 2020: Division Needs Local Impact Point window opens
- 90 • January 29, 2021: Division Needs Local Input Point window closes
- 91 • April 2021: Draft 2022-2031 STIP released

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93 The board members agreed it would be most beneficial for the TAC and TCC to have a  
94 joint meeting to discuss these projects in depth. Ms. Maxey will request the TCC  
95 members to cancel their July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, and meet with the TAC on July 25<sup>th</sup>.  
96 Ms. Maxey also requested the board members to do their due diligence and research areas  
97 of improvement to be discussed at the July meeting.

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99 **9. Updates:**

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101 • **Transportation Planning Division Update:** *Christopher Connolly, NCDOT*
  - 102 ○ Mr. Connolly provided the TPD newsletter highlighting the ability to
  - 103 report potholes online. He also advised that the problem statements are
  - 104 being developed for the CTP in this area.
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106 • **CARTS Update:** *Kelly Walker, Transit Director*
  - 107 ○ Ms. Walker presented ridership data comparing quarter to quarter for FY
  - 108 2019 to FY 2018.
  - 109 ○ Ms. Walker also went over the procedure of ridership numbers and daily
  - 110 fares are collected.
  - 111 ○ Members of the CARTS subcommittee addressed a number of questions
  - 112 and concerns with the CARTS program, which will be looked into and
  - 113 discussed further at the September County Board of Commissioners
  - 114 meeting.
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116 • **Division 2 Update:** *Len White, NCDOT*
  - 117 ○ Mr. White advised the following project updates:
    - 118 ■ First Street Project currently 24% completion
    - 119 ■ Resurfacing US 70 going west towards Kinston has add additional
    - 120 crews to keep the project moving along.
    - 121 ■ The Havelock Bypass is on schedule to let in July.
    - 122 ■ The James City Bypass is on schedule to let in September.
    - 123 ■ The roundabout at the Neuse Blvd and MLK Blvd intersection is going
    - 124 to right away in June, and to let early 2020.
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126 • **New Bern Area MPO Update:** *Kim Maxey, MPO Staff*

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128 **10. Discussion:** Mr. Flanagan brought up the traffic at Slocum Gate recently, and Mr.  
129 Hunter provided some insight on the reasoning of this. It was an unforeseen delay that  
130 couldn't have been avoided and after they completed that portion of the project, traffic  
131 has been flowing well.

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133 **11. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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