



TAC MEETING MINUTES

May 27, 2021

The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 11:00 am in the Development Services Conference Room, 303 First Street, as well as via webinar.

Members Present:

Mr. John Kirkland – Chairman, River Bend
Mr. Johnnie Ray Kinsey – City of New Bern Alternate
Mr. Thomas Taft – NC Board of Transportation
Mr. Bill Marley – Federal Highway Administration (non-voting)
Ms. Kelly Walker – CARTS (non-voting)
Mr. Roy Beeson – CARTS (non-voting)
Mr. Chris Connolly – NCDOT (non-voting)
Ms. Diane Hampton – NCDOT (non-voting)

Members Absent:

Mr. Bill Joiner – Town of Trent Woods
Ms. E.T. Mitchell – Commissioner, Craven County
Mr. Bill Howell – Town of Bridgeton
Mr. Len White – NCDOT (non-voting)

Guests Present:

Mr. Andy Shorter – Coastal Carolina Regional Airport
Mr. Gene Hodges – Craven County

Staff Present:

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

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

Motion: Mr. Kinsey made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Chair Kirkland and passed unanimously.

43 **5. Public Comment**

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45 No members of the public were present.

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47 **6. Approval of minutes for March 2021 meeting:**

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49 **Motion: Mr. Kinsey made a motion to approve the March 2021 minutes as**
50 **presented. The motion was seconded by Chair Kirkland and passed unanimously.**

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52 **7. Approval of FY 2022 Meeting Schedule:**

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54 The July 8th TCC meeting was rescheduled to August 12th due to the holiday and
55 anticipated announcements from SPOT office. The July 22nd TAC meeting is proposed to
56 be rescheduled to August 26th.

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58 The board will discuss adjusting the meeting time at the August meeting.

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60 **Motion: Mr. Kinsey made a motion to accept of the FY22 Meeting Schedule as**
61 **presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taft and passed unanimously.**

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63 **8. Amendment #2 to the FY 2020-2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement**
64 **Program (MTIP): *Kim Maxey***

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66 This revision to the highway program is a \$2.1 million cost increase for the James City
67 Project needed update the MTIP so it matches the STIP.

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69 **Motion: Mr. Kinsey made a motion to approve Amendment #2 to the MTIP. The**
70 **motion was seconded by Chair Kirkland and passed unanimously.**

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72 **9. Roundabout Presentation: *Diane Hampton***

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74 Ms. Hampton presented a slideshow on roundabouts in North Carolina, including the
75 different types, shapes, safety benefits and cost savings.

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77 **10. CARTS Presentation of Proposed Fixed Route Changes: *Kelly Walker/Roy Beeson***

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79 Ms. Walker and Mr. Beeson presented proposed fixed route enhancements and branding
80 changes. There are three new proposed fixed routes; medical, employment/retail, and
81 education/recreation. This includes seven new added stops. The next step is to have a
82 public hearing scheduled for July 6th.

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84 Chair Kirkland suggested adding the industrial park to one of the fixed routes.

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86 **11. P6.0 Discussion: *Kim Maxey***

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88 Ms. Maxey presented the updated P6.0 schedule. New information is expected to be
89 released end of July. The board will discuss if a sub-committee is necessary at the August
90 meeting.

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93 **12. Updates:**

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- 95 • **NCDOT Transportation Planning Division:** *Chris Connolly*
 - 96 ○ Mr. Connolly presented the TPD newsletter
 - 97 ○ Advised TPD presented the final CTP to the Craven County Board of
 - 98 Commissioners on May 17th
 - 99 ○ Next steps are to have a second public involvement meeting, then go back to
 - 100 municipalities for adoption

 - 101 • **Coastal Carolina Regional Airport:** *Andy Shorter*
 - 102 ○ Mr. Shorter advised the DOT grant award date moved from May to August
 - 103 ○ American Airlines April 2021 numbers only 5% below from April 2019
 - 104 ○ Delta does not have EWN on the upcoming schedule
 - 105 ○ The new roundabout has been completed

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 - 107 • **CARTS:** *Kelly Walker*
 - 108 ○ Ms. Walker advised April 2021 ridership was almost doubled from April 2020
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 - 110 • **NCDOT Division 2:** *Diane Hampton*
 - 111 ○ Ms. Hampton presented the Construction Report
 - 112 ○ Corridor engineers have been updating estimates on all committed projects in
 - 113 the STIP, currently seeing a significant amount of increases
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 - 115 • **New Bern Area MPO:** *Kim Maxey*
 - 116 ○ NCDOT has posted updated drone footage on the Havelock Bypass on their
 - 117 YouTube page
 - 118 ○ Ms. Maxey recommended board members review and share the NCDOT
 - 119 James City website
 - 120 ○ House Bill 342 would require new construction of single-family homes and
 - 121 duplexes to include a 208/240v circuit in the garage for a car charging station
 - 122 ○ The COMMUTE Act is a bipartisan bill that would establish a pilot program
 - 123 to provide data measuring accessibility to local businesses and destinations
 - 124 ▪ This does not take bicyclists or pedestrians into account
 - 125 ○ Legislative Updates:
 - 126 ▪ American Rescue Plan signed into law
 - 127 ▪ American Jobs Plan – proposed \$2.5 trillion over 8 years
 - 128 • Senate Republican Counter – proposed \$568 billion over 5 years
 - 129 ○ Working on updating the City of New Bern’s bicycle and pedestrian plan
 - 130 ▪ Will be presenting to the Board of Aldermen in June
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132 **13. Discussion:**

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134 **14. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.