



TAC MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2020

The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held a pandemic-delayed meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 11:00 am. It was held in the Development Services Conference Room, 303 First Street, as well as via webinar.

Members Present:

Mr. John Kirkland – Chairman, River Bend
Mr. Jeffrey Odham – Vice-Chairman, New Bern
Ms. E.T. Mitchell – Commissioner, Craven County
Mr. Chuck Tyson – Mayor, Trent Woods
Mr. Bill Marley – Federal Highway Administration (non-voting)
Mr. Christopher Connolly – NCDOT (non-voting)
Mr. Len White – NCDOT (non-voting)
Ms. Diane Hampton – NCDOT (non-voting)
Mr. Preston Hunter – NCDOT (non-voting)
Mr. BJ Eversole – Down-East RPO (non-voting)

Members Absent:

Mr. Ray Parker – Town Council, Bridgeton
Mr. Thomas Taft – NC Board of Transportation

Guests Present:

Ms. Taruna Tayal – VHB
Ms. Candice Andre – VHB

Staff Present:

Ms. Kimberly Maxey
Ms. Felicia McRee

- 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 members of the ethics requirements.
- 4. Approval of today's agenda:**

Motion: Mr. Tyson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mitchell and passed unanimously.

44 **5. Public Comment:**

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46 No members of the public were present.

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48 **6. Approval of minutes for the April 9, 2020 meetings:**

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50 **Motion: Ms. Mitchell made a motion to approve the April 9, 2020 minutes as**
51 **presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tyson and passed unanimously.**

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53 **7. Approval of FY 2021 Meeting Schedule:**

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55 **Motion: Vice-Chair Odham made a motion to approve the FY21 meeting schedule**
56 **as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mitchell and passed unanimously.**

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58 **8. Letter to NC Senator Berger and Representative Moore:** *Chair Kirkland*

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60 Chair Kirkland drafted a letter to Senator Berger and Representative Moore requesting a
61 look at the funding problems within the NCDOT.

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63 **Motion: Ms. Mitchell made a motion to approve sending the letter as presented.**
64 **The motion was seconded by Mr. Tyson and passed unanimously.**

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66 **9. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update:** *Taruna Tayal & Candice Andre*

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68 Ms. Tayal presented the board with four options for the updated MTP logo and the board
69 agreed unanimously.

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71 Ms. Tayal presented new MTP updates, including demographics and existing conditions,
72 previous and current MTP goals and strategies. Existing conditions include the current
73 population and employment growth rates, the underserved population areas, age
74 distributions, existing roadways, transit service, bike/ped facilities, freight rail track, and
75 traffic volumes.

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77 The board requested the addition of, "Utilize transportation for economic development,"
78 in the goals and objectives.

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80 Ms. Andre presented the Indirect and Cumulative Effects (ICE) updates, including
81 environmental features, available land, and existing conditions.

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83 The timeline for this update is very condensed and will include additional presentations
84 to the TCC and TAC boards, as well as incorporating public input, before a final
85 document is presented to both boards for approval.

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87 **10. NBAMPO By-Laws, Amended:** *Kim Maxey*

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89 The By-Laws were amended to include electronic meetings.

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91 **Motion: Ms. Mitchell made a motion to approve the amended By-Laws. The**
92 **motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Odham and passed unanimously.**

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11. NBAMPO Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Amended: *Kim Maxey*

The Memorandum of Understanding was amended to include electronic meetings.

Motion: Ms. Mitchell made a motion to approve the amended MOU. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Odham and passed unanimously.

12. NBAMPO Public Involvement Plan (PIP), Amended: *Kim Maxey*

The Public Involvement Plan was amended to include electronic meetings.

Motion: Ms. Mitchell made a motion to approve the amended PIP. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Odham and passed unanimously.

13. P6.0 Discussion: *Kim Maxey*

Ms. Maxey advised MPO staff is still entering projects into SPOT, and that MPOs have been encouraged to focus support on projects that are more financially realistic.

14. Updates:

- **Transportation Planning Division Update: *Christopher Connolly***
 - Mr. Connolly presented the TPD newsletter and advised the CTP is on hold until public meetings can be held.
- **CARTS Update: *Kelly Walker***
- **Division 2 Update: *Len White and Diane Hampton***
 - Ms. Hampton provided the Construction Report.
 - Mr. White advised the Slocum Rd Interchange is to be complete next week and the NC-43 connector will not be let until December.
- **New Bern Area MPO Update: *MPO Staff***
 - Ms. McRee advised the MPO would like to apply for the NCDOT Bike/Ped update grant on behalf of the City of New Bern.
 - **Motion: Vice-Chair Odham made a motion to approve the bike/ped grant resolution, with the condition that Development Services provides the match funds. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mitchell and passed unanimously.**
 - Ms. Maxey presented an overview on the current status of NCDOT financials.
 - James City Project, Havelock Bypass and NC 43 connector are all funded through bonds or grants and are moving forward.

15. Discussion: The board thanks member Chuck Tyson for his tenure on the TAC.

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