



TAC MEETING MINUTES

August 26, 2021

The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 11:00 am in the Development Services Conference Room, 303 First Street, as well as via Zoom.

Members Present:

Mr. John Kirkland – Chairman, River Bend
Mr. Jeffrey Odham – City of New Bern
Mr. Bill Joiner – Town of Trent Woods
Mr. Bill Marley – Federal Highway Administration (non-voting)
Mr. Chris Connolly – NCDOT (non-voting)
Ms. Kelly Walker – CARTS (non-voting)
Ms. Diane Hampton – NCDOT (non-voting)
Mr. Len White – NCDOT (non-voting)

Members Absent:

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

Guests Present:

Mr. Andy Shorter – Coastal Carolina Regional Airport
Mr. Preston Hunter – NCDOT

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. Joiner made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Odham 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 May 2021 meeting:**

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49 **Motion: Vice-Chair Odham made a motion to approve the May 2021 minutes as**
50 **presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joiner and passed unanimously.**

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52 **7. Endorse by Resolution CARTS Transit Safety Performance Targets for Safety Plan**
53 **Performance Measures:** *Kim Maxey*

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55 CARTS has put together safety targets as required by NCDOT and the MPO is in support
56 of these efforts.

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58 **Motion: Vice-Chair Odham made a motion to accept of the CARTS Safety**
59 **Performance Targets as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joiner and**
60 **passed unanimously.**

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62 **8. Amendment #3 to the FY 2020-2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement**
63 **Program (MTIP):** *Kim Maxey*

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65 This is a modification to a project already in the STIP. Anytime there are changes to the
66 STIP, the MTIP has to be updated to match.

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68 **Motion: Vice-Chair Odham made a motion to approve Amendment #3 to the**
69 **MTIP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joiner and passed unanimously.**

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71 **9. James City and Havelock Bypass Presentation:** *Wendy Johnson/Heather Lane*

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73 Ms. Johnson and Ms. Lane presented a detailed overview of the US 70 Improvements in
74 James City and the Havelock Bypass projects, as well as current progress and updates.

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76 **10. P 6.0 Discussion:** *Diane Hampton/Len White*

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78 Ms. Hampton and Mr. White gave a STIP program update. During the summer of 2020
79 the STIP was reprogrammed due to project cost increases, reduced revenues, and overall
80 cash issues. Over 450 projects were reviewed, which includes over 1,000 individual
81 estimates. Specifically for Division 2, the 2024-2033 STIP is currently \$434.5M over
82 programed.

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84 Moving forward, the Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) Prioritization
85 Workgroup has been meeting monthly to develop improvements to the prioritization
86 process. Most recently, they recommended pausing P6, and the Board of Transportation
87 agreed and approved.

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89 **11. Updates:**

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 - **NCDOT Transportation Planning Division:** *Chris Connolly*
 - Mr. Connolly presented the TPD newsletter
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- 92 ○ Advised the second CTP public involvement meeting will be held 9/29 from
93 4-7pm at the Craven County Cooperative Extension conference room
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95 • **Coastal Carolina Regional Airport:** *Andy Shorter*
96 ○ Mr. Shorter advised EWN did not get awarded small community air service
97 grant, but believes they are in a good position to compete next year
98 ○ Will be receiving \$1.4M from the NC General Assembly Airport
99 Improvement Program
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101 • **CARTS:** *Kelly Walker*
102 ○ Ms. Walker advised the directive to wear masks on public transportation has
103 been extended to January 2022
104 ○ Bus stop location signs have been ordered and the proposed changes to the
105 fixed route are moving forward
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107 • **NCDOT Division 2:** *Diane Hampton/Len White*
108 ○ Mr. White presented the Construction Report
109 ○ The secondary resurfacing across Craven County will begin mid-September
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111 • **New Bern Area MPO:** *Kim Maxey*
112 ○ Ms. Maxey recommended cancelling the September meeting in light of the
113 changes to the P6 schedule
114 ▪ **Vice-Chair Odham made a motion to cancel the September meeting.**
115 **The motion was seconded by Mr. Joiner and passed unanimously.**
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117 **12. Discussion:**

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