

45 Chair Tyson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed by
46 unanimous vote.

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48 **6. Public Comments:** *Mr. Gene Hodges* introduced Ms. Roseann Christian, new director
49 of CARTS.

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51 *Chair Tyson* requested Ms. Christian provide an update on the urban transition that
52 will entail additional routes.

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54 Ms. Christian advised CARTS has been working mostly in rural areas. The urban
55 transition has not been fully defined, but the existing route will remain. She anticipates
56 additional information being available in a few months. They have been working to get
57 recognition from the FTA as an approved recipient of grant funds, which takes time,
58 usually between four and six months.

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60 **7. Public Hearing: FY 2012 – 2018 Metropolitan Transportation Improvements**
61 **Program (MTIP):** *Maurizia Chapman, AICP, NBAMPO Administrator*

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63 Ms. Chapman noted that included in the TAC packet provided to members was the
64 resolution to approve the current MTIP. Each MPO is required to approve the
65 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), which is recognized by the
66 federal government. The reason it's being done now is that during the SPOT 2 process,
67 legislators came up with a new strategic transportation investment formula which took us
68 straight into SPOT 3.

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70 All projects within the RPO were extracted and brought into the MPO, with the exception
71 of transit projects. CARTS is still operating under a rural program for right now, but
72 amendments will be made when CARTS has the list that will address needs under the
73 urban program.

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75 Amendments require a resolution and public hearing time allowing citizen's time to
76 review and ask questions.

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78 The TCC approved the MTIP for fiscal 2012-2018 and recommends TAC approval as
79 submitted.

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81 Motion for Public Hearing: Mayor Tyson made a motion to open the Public Hearing.
82 Mayor Kirkland seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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84 There were no citizens present for comment.

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86 Mayor Tyson made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Vice-chair Kinsey seconded.
87 Motion passed unanimously.

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89 **Motion: Mayor Kirland made a motion to approve the MTIP by resolution as**
90 **presented and as recommended by the TCC. Vice-chair Kinsey seconded. Motion**

91 passed unanimously.
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93 **8. Response to Southern Environmental Law Center letter regarding SPOT Projects**
94 **Prioritization: Maurizia Chapman**
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96 Ms. Chapman reported that upon discussion with Mr. Patrick Flanagan and NCDOT, and
97 review of requirements, the decision was made not to respond to this letter. The MPO
98 methodology requires comments be presented to the TAC, but does not require a
99 response to the public nor to the SELC. It was determined that no response was the
100 correct response in this case, but it was up to this board to make the final determination.
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102 Mayor Tyson questioned if it would be courteous to offer a reply, at the very least
103 thanking them for their comments. Ms. Chapman replied that she did respond
104 immediately upon receiving the letter, extending gratitude for the submitted comments.
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106 Chair Tyson noted this instance seems to be a situation for attorneys to handle, rather
107 than the TAC.
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109 **9. Updates:**

110 *a. **Transportation Planning Branch Update: Priya Nimbole, P.E., NCDOT***
111 *NBAMPO Coordinator*
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113 In Ms. Nimbole's absence, Ms. Chapman relayed that NCDOT staff is working
114 on calibrating the model, and discussions are continuing regarding Cherry Point,
115 as the data previously presented did not accurately represent the numbers at
116 Cherry Point.
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118 Ms. Chapman continued that if a resolution cannot be met, she will request a
119 meeting be held here for all parties to discuss, as the correct numbers need to be
120 in place to accurately calibrate the model.
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122 NCDOT staff feels the model will be completed by the end of October.
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124 Mayor Tyson questioned if Cherry Point was cooperating. Ms. Chapman replied
125 that they are. Somehow the data is not being accurately reviewed by the NCDOT
126 staff in determining final numbers.
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128 *b. **New Bern Area MPO Update: Maurizia Chapman, AICP, NBAMPO***
129 *Administrator, Ms. Kim Maxey, NBAMPO Planner*
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131 Ms. Maxey reported on the following:
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- 133 • Work on the website continues, and expected launch date is Wednesday,
134 October 1st. A preview of the website was presented to the board.
- 135 • The creation of a Citizen Advisory Committee is becoming priority, as public

136 input is required and needed for approval of upcoming plans. The article and
137 link to the application for this committee was shown on the website as well.
138 In addition staff is requesting assistance from board members for those
139 individuals in their jurisdictions that might be recommended as a member of
140 this group. Ms. Chapman advised the intent was not to recruit members, but
141 solicit only for those who represent underserved individuals; elderly and
142 disabled, and freight community. If we don't get volunteers for certain
143 groups, then we will have to recruit members. Applications will be brought
144 before the board and CAC members will be appointed by the TAC.

- 145 • The newly formed Facebook page for the NBAMPO was shown and
146 discussed.
- 147 • A copy of the brochure was provided to members for review. The intent will
148 be to hand out at community events, as well as have available for the public
149 through the jurisdiction offices, City Hall, Parks & Rec and the NBAMPO
150 office.
- 151 • It was requested of the members that their jurisdictions have a link to the new
152 NBAMPO website.

153 **10. Discussion:** Chair Tyson mentioned the upcoming 2014 NC Bike Summit in October.
154 Ms. Chapman advised the TAC chair was invited as a guest to attend. Chair Tyson is
155 unable to attend but Vice-chair Kinsey would like additional details and will check his
156 availability in attending. Registration is complimentary, and the MPO would be able to
157 assist with hotel accommodations.

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159 Chair Tyson questioned if anyone attended the Kinston Bypass public meeting held in
160 Kinston a few weeks prior, and if so which route was decided upon. Mr. Flanagan
161 responded that the northern routes are off the table. It will be a southern route. Mr. Jeff
162 Cabaniss advised progress on this is 10 years out.

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164 Ms. Chapman showed two videos depicting the NCDOT 25-year vision; one for the
165 entire state and one for the NBAMPO region.

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167 Ms. Chapman would like to add a section for CARTS under updates for each meeting,
168 giving Ms. Christian an opportunity to provide updates and members to ask questions.

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170 **11. Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.

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Steve Tyson, Chairman

Jeff Ruggieri, Secretary