

1                   **NEW BERN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
2                   **TAC MEETING MINUTES**

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4                   **July 19, 2018**  
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6 The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held their regularly scheduled meeting  
7 on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 11:00 AM in the Development Services Conference Room, 303 First  
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10 **Members Present:**                    Mr. John Kirkland – Vice-Chairman  
11    Mr. Hugh Overholt – NC Board of Transportation  
12    Mr. Chuck Tyson – Mayor, Trent Woods  
13    Ms. Elizabeth Parker – Commissioner, Bridgeton  
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15 **Members Excused:**                    Mr. Steve Tyson – Chairman  
16    Mr. Jeffrey Odham – New Bern Alderman  
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18 **Non-Voting Members:**                    Ms. Kelly Walker – Director, CARTS  
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20 **Members Absent:**  
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24 **Staff Present:**                            Ms. Kimberly Maxey – New Bern Staff  
25    Ms. Catherine Bryant – NCDOT  
26    Ms. Diane Hampton – NCDOT  
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32                    **2. Roll call** was taken and a quorum was declared.  
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34                    **3. Ethics Reminder:** Vice-chair Kirkland read the Ethics Reminder. There were no  
35                    conflicts of interest noted.  
36                    **4. Public Hearing for Regional Project Prioritization Project Scoring:** There were no  
37                    citizens in attendance. Staff received one citizen email regarding the proposed changes  
38                    along the US 70 corridor.  
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40 5. Approval of today's agenda:

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42 **Motion: Mr. Tyson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr.**  
43 **Overholt seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**  
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45 6. Approval of the minutes of the May 24, 2018 meeting: Reading of minutes was  
46 waived.

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48 **Motion: Mr. Tyson made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Ms. Parker**  
49 **seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**  
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51 7. NCDOT Performance Measure Targets: *Kim Maxey*

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53 Ms. Maxey relayed that the State has been working on a number of Performance Measure  
54 updates. The board was provided the most recent updates.  
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56 The NBAMPO has the option to create their own Performance Measures, or implement  
57 the ones provided and recommended by the State. Staff feels the measures provided are  
58 adequate and need no revisions from the MPO, and therefore recommend support as  
59 presented.  
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61 The most recent updates target interstate/non-interstate National Highway System (NHS)  
62 pavement conditions, NHS Bridge Conditions, Travel time reliability, Freight reliability  
63 and Emission reductions, which do not apply to the New Bern MPO.  
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65 The TCC recommends approval.  
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67 **Motion: Mr. Tyson made a motion to approve the NCDOT Performance Measure**  
68 **Targets as presented. Mr. Overholt seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**  
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70 8. Amendment No. 4 to the FY 2018-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Program: *Kim*  
71 *Maxey*

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73 Ms. Maxey provided one change being made to the State Transportation Improvement  
74 Program (STIP), that includes one (1) modification to the Highway Program. The change  
75 is to accelerate (from FY 2027 to FY 2019) construction on the Coastal Carolina  
76 Regional Airport design and construction of taxiways.  
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78 The Amendment is required to ensure the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement  
79 Program (MTIP) matches the STIP.  
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81 The TCC recommends approval.  
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83 **Motion: Mr. Tyson made a motion to approve Amendment No. 4 to the FY 2018-2027**  
84 **MTIP, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Overholt. Motion passed by**  
85 **unanimous vote.**  
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**9. P 5.0 Division Project Prioritization Ranking and Scoring: Kimberly Maxey**

Ms. Maxey provided a spreadsheet to board members outlining the proposed scoring of Regional projects.

Pursuant to the Director of Coastal Carolina Regional Airport, two changes have been made to projects at the Regional Level of scoring. One aviation project (A130385) no longer requires scoring, as the project is already moving forward. One aviation project (A130286) was funded in P4.0 in the second half of the STIP, and therefore requires scoring in P5.0 to ensure it remains in the running for funding.

The NBAMPO has an overage of points for Regional projects, therefore the changes to the Aviation projects will not affect the ability to score all projects.

The NBAMPO has 785 points to score projects. These points include two shared projects with the Down East RPO. This leaves 315 points that can be donated. During the previous TCC meeting, members agreed to donate points as long as they supported highways within our area that would benefit the MPO (specifically US 17 /NC 43 projects). Staff met with Division 2 NCDOT, the Down East RPO and the Mid-East RPO. During this meeting, it was requested that the NBAMPO deviate from the US 17 and NC 43 projects, allowing 100 of our donated points to be used along a portion of US 70 between Dover and Wyse Fork Road. This project would benefit our area, and the continued efforts to improve US 70 to interstate standards.

After discussion, the board agreed to donate 100 points to the Down East RPO for project H090128-CB, supporting US 70 improvements.

Scoring breakdown as follows:

SPOT ID	ROUTE/ FACILITY	FROM	TO	IMPROVEMENT	REG SCORE	NMBAPO SCORE	DIV.SCORE
A171939	EWN			Runway Ext.	66.34	100.00	100.00
A130384	EWN			Apron/Helipad	52.50	100.00	
A130286	EWN			Apron/Helipad	54.04	100.00	
A130388	EWN			Traffic Control Tower	23.68	100.00	
H150847-A	MLK Blvd.	US 70	Trent Rd.	Upgrade to Super- Street	41.08	100.00	100.00
H150847-B	MLK Blvd.	Trent RD.	NC 43	Upgrade to Super- Street	32.93	100.00	
H150505	US 17	US 70	US 17	Widen Roadway	35.07	34.00	
H090081- BA	US 17	US 70	River Rd.	Widen Roadway	30.97	51.00	
R170099	NS EC Line	US 17		Grade Separation	39.64	100.00	100.00

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Donated points breakdown as follows:

FROM ORG.	TO ORG.	SPOT ID	POINTS	PROJECT
New Bern MPO	Down East RPO	H090081-BA	49	Shared US Project
New Bern MPO	Down East RPO	H090128-CB	100	US 70/I-42 Dover/Wyse Fork Rd.)
New Bern MPO	Down East RPO	H150505	66	Shared US 17 Project
New Bern MPO	Down East RPO	H170881	73	US 17 Project
New Bern MPO	Mid East RPO	H170881	27	US 17 Project

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The TCC recommends approval.

**Motion: Mr. Overholt made a motion to approve the Regional project scores totaling 785 points as presented (and noted above), and donating remaining 315 points to DERPO and the Mid-East RPO in support of projects along Highway 17 and US 70 as presented (and noted above). The motion was seconded by Mr. Tyson and passed unanimously.**

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**10. Updates:**

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**a. Transportation Planning Branch Update:** *Catherine Bryant, NCDOT TPB*

- Ms. Bryant provided the NCDOT Newsletter covering statewide updates on performance measures, the statewide plan, corridor studies across the state, newly approved statewide freight plan, traffic forecasting
- Craven County CTP efforts continue

**b. CARTS Update:** *Kelly Walker, Transit Director*

- Transportation Advisory Board meeting was just held. The next one will be October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Open to the public, so everyone is encouraged to attend.

**c. Division 2 Update:** *Diane Hampton, NCDOT*

- Ms. Hampton provided a spreadsheet outlining project status and updated information.
- The NCDOT has allocated funds towards pedestrian projects. The projects will be covered 100% up to \$100,000. These are not for sidewalk installation, but include pedestrian heads, crosswalks, ADA approved curb cuts, and short sections of sidewalks to tie into existing sidewalks. No crash history is required, therefore no benefit/cost ratio is required either. Member agencies must have specific locations identified, a detailed cost estimate and a location map.

**d. New Bern Area MPO Update:** *Kimberly Maxey, MPO Staff*

- The First Street road diet project has been delayed. Right-of-way acquisition still has not been completed. Only one person responded to the initial bid opening. The cost was excessive. Therefore the NCDOT will re-let for bidding this fall, but do not expect any work to be done prior to spring of 2019.

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- \$147 million infrastructure grant was awarded to the state of NC. Some of these funds will be used to spur projects along US 70, as well as improvements to the I-95 corridor. Along with these highway improvements, this grant covers installation of over 300 miles of broadband cable.

**11. Discussion:** Mr. Overholt addressed the board, advising that within the Board of Transportation, there has been a change. He is no longer the Division 2 representative. Thomas Taft has been assigned Division 2, but was unable to attend the meeting today. The BOT is still in transition, but this change will be taking place soon.

**12. Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Steve Tyson, Chairman

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Jeff Ruggieri, Secretary