



TCC MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2019

The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 1:30 pm in the Development Services Conference Room, 303 First Street.

Members Present:

Mr. Jeff Ruggieri – Chair
Mr. Gene Hodges – Vice-Chair
Mr. Don Baumgardner – County of Craven
Mr. Andrew Shorter – NB Regional Airport
Ms. Diane Hampton - NCDOT
Ms. Kelly Walker – CARTS
Mr. Haywood Daughtry – NCDOT
Mr. Steve Hamilton – NCDOT
Mr. Christopher Connolly – NCDOT
Mr. Patrick Flanagan – Down-East RPO

Members Excused:

Mr. David Fort – Town of Bridgeton
Mr. Delane Jackson – River Bend
Mr. Behshad Norowzi – NCDOT
Mr. Kevin Roberts – NB Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Preston Hunter – NCDOT
Mr. Bill Marley – Federal Highway Administration

Members Absent:

Mr. Roy Beeson – CARTS
Ms. Bailey Hardin – NCDOT

Guests Present:

Mr. Hunter Sabins – Kimley Horn
Ms. Erin Thompson – Kimley Horn
Mr. Len White – NCDOT

Staff Present:

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

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1. **Call to Order:** Chair Ruggieri called the meeting to order.

2. **Roll Call:** Roll Call was taken and a quorum was declared.

3. **Approval of today's agenda:**

Motion: Mr. Daughtry made a motion to approve the March 2019 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hamilton and passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of minutes for the March 2019 meeting:**

Motion: Mr. Shorter made a motion to approve the March 2019 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Daughtry and passed unanimously.

5. **FY 2020 Meeting Schedule:** *Kim Maxey*

Motion: Mr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the FY 2020 meeting schedule as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shorter and passed unanimously.

6. **Amendment No. 7 to the FY 2018-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Program:** *Kim Maxey*

Ms. Maxey advised that any time changes are made to the STIP, the change must be mirrored in the MTP. This amendment includes revisions to the highway program, updating the let dates for the Thurman Road and Taberna Way projects. There were no funding changes, only updating the let dates. Ms. Maxey will correct the spelling of Thurman Road on the resolution document.

Motion: Mr. Shorter made a motion to accept and recommend TAC approval of the proposed Amendment No. 7 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hamilton and passed unanimously.

7. **P 6.0 Discussion:** *Kim Maxey*

Ms. Maxey requested the board members provide suggestions and ideas for improvement projects pertaining to all modes of transportation in our area:

- Mr. Shorter presented aviation news. It has been recommended for aviation to drop the P 4.0 requirement that states projects must exceed standards. Now, projects that meet or exceed standards will take the highest score in the scoring process. They also changed the scoring methodology within the division of aviation to make it more competitive and balance out the difference between larger and smaller airports, by applying points towards project readiness.
- Mr. Flanagan advised the recommendation that the work group is taking to the Board of Transportation is to take highway scoring and separate it into two categories: mobility projects and modernization projects. The hope is that modernization projects will score better in the upcoming round and have a better chance in competing.
- Racetrack Rd and Neuse Blvd intersection
- Glenburnie Rd and Neuse Blvd intersection

- MLK Blvd and right turn onto Hwy 70
 - Recommendation to re-stripe one of the straight lanes to turn right and add a no right on red if the volume is heavy enough.
- Sidewalks on Trent Rd
- Bike and pedestrian improvements surrounding transit stops. 1 mile for pedestrian and 3 miles for bike.

8. Updates:

- **Transportation Planning Division Update:** *Christopher Connolly, NCDOT TPD*

- Mr. Connolly advised the problem statements are being developed for the CTP for this area.

- **CARTS Update:** *Kelly Walker, Transit Director*

- Ms. Walker advised that ridership has increased during this year's Q3 (January-March) compared to last year's. There were 60 operating days and 15,221 rides in the current FY, and 63 operating days and 16,731 rides in the previous FY. This include the entire service area.

- **Division 2 Update:** *Diane Hampton, NCDOT*

- Ms. Hampton presented the Construction Report and the Upcoming Project Report. The only change from last meeting is that the Havelock bypass let date was pushed back again.

- **New Bern Area MPO Update:** *Kim Maxey, MPO Staff*

- Ms. Maxey advised that the date to finalize the P5 STIP was pushed back to September. The NBAMPO will begin submitting projects for consideration in July for P 6.0. Regional input points in May 2020 and division in September 2020. This list of P6 projects is going through January 2021. Statewide projects will need to be entered by end of September 2019, regional by May 2020-July 2020 and division September-October 2020. Ms. Maxey will create a spreadsheet that will include what is still holding and carrying over from other Ps.
- The MTP update kickoff meeting is scheduled for Monday 5/13/19.

9. Discussion: Mr. Shorter presented the initial map plan for the airport roundabout and future plan for the Airport Rd intersection roundabout. Also, on June 12th the design and development teams are coming to airport to get a better understanding of all the FAA requirements with the Hwy 70 projects.

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

Jeff Ruggieri, Chairman

Kimberly Maxey, MPO Administrator