



TCC MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2021

The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 1:30 pm in the Development Services Conference Room, 303 First Street, as well as via webinar.

Members Present:

Mr. Jeff Ruggieri – Chairman
Mr. Gene Hodges – Vice-Chairman
Mr. Don Baumgardner – Craven County
Mr. Andy Shorter – Coastal Carolina Regional Airport
Ms. Diane Hampton – NCDOT
Mr. Len White – NCDOT
Ms. Kelly Walker – CARTS
Mr. Haywood Daughtry – NCDOT
Mr. Steve Hamilton – NCDOT
Mr. Delane Jackson – River Bend
Mr. Christopher Connolly – NCDOT
Mr. Kevin Roberts – New Bern Chamber of Commerce

Members Absent:

Mr. George Chiles – City of New Bern Engineer
Mr. Behshad Norowzi – NCDOT
Mr. Preston Hunter – NCDOT
Mr. Bill Marley – Federal Highway Administration (non-voting)
Mr. B.J. Eversole – Down-East RPO (non-voting)

Staff Present:

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

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. Hamilton made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Daughtry and passed unanimously.

43 **4. Approval of minutes for March 2021 meeting:**

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45 **Motion: Mr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the March 2021 minutes as**
46 **presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Daughtry and passed unanimously.**
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48 **5. Approval of FY 2022 Meeting Schedule:**

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50 The July 8th TCC meeting was rescheduled to August 12th due to the holiday and
51 anticipated announcements from SPOT office. The July 22nd TAC meeting is proposed to
52 be rescheduled to August 26th.
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54 **Motion: Mr. Roberts made a motion to accept and recommend TAC approval of**
55 **the FY22 Meeting Schedule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Daughtry and passed**
56 **unanimously.**
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58 **6. Amendment #2 to the FY 2020-2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement**
59 **Program (MTIP): *Kim Maxey***

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61 Ms. Walker and Mr. Hodges advised the figures need to be reviewed. Approval tabled to
62 next meeting.
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64 **7. Roundabout Presentation: *Diane Hampton***

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66 Ms. Hampton presented a slideshow on roundabouts in North Carolina, including the
67 different types, shapes, safety benefits and cost savings.
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69 **8. P6.0 Discussion: *Kim Maxey***

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71 Ms. Maxey presented the updated P6.0 schedule. New information is expected to be
72 released end of July. The board does not believe a sub-committee is necessary to discuss
73 projects and scoring at this time.
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75 **9. Updates:**

- 76 • **NCDOT Transportation Planning Division: *Chris Connolly***
77 ○ Mr. Connolly presented the TPD newsletter
78 ○ Advised TPD would be presenting the final CTP to the Craven County Board
79 of Commissioners on May 17th
80 ○ Next steps are to have a second public involvement meeting, then go back to
81 municipalities for adoption
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- 83 • **Coastal Carolina Regional Airport: *Andy Shorter***
84 ○ Mr. Shorter advised the new roundabout has been completed
85 ○ DOT grant award date moved from May to August
86 ○ American Airlines April 2021 numbers only 5% below from April 2019
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- 88 • **CARTS: *Kelly Walker***
89 ○ Ms. Walker advised April 2021 ridership was almost doubled from April 2020
90 ○ No trips were cancelled due to fuel shortage
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- **NCDOT Division 2:** *Diane Hampton and Len White*
 - Ms. Hampton presented the Construction Report
 - NCDOT crews are surveying the Glenburnie ramp and westbound lanes of US 70 due to an increase in accidents

 - **New Bern Area MPO:** *Kim Maxey and Felicia McRee*
 - NCDOT has posted updated drone footage on the Havelock Bypass on their YouTube page
 - Ms. Maxey recommended board members review and share the NCDOT James City website
 - House Bill 342 would require new construction of single-family homes and duplexes to include a 208/240v circuit in the garage for a car charging station
 - Legislative Updates:
 - American Rescue Plan signed into law
 - American Jobs Plan – proposed \$2.5 trillion over 8 years
 - Senate Republican Counter – proposed \$568 billion over 5 years
 - Surface Transportation Reauthorization – FAST Act expired then extended by \$13.6 billion in October 2020
 - Metropolitan/Micropolitan Statistical Area – proposed changing core population from 50,000 to 100,000
 - Would not impact MPOs but could impact grant opportunities

114 **10. Discussion:**

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116 **11. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.