



TCC MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2021

The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 12, 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
Mr. B.J. Eversole – Down-East RPO (non-voting)

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)

Guests Present:

Ms. Wendi Johnson – James City Project Engineer
Mr. Cadmus Capehart – NCDOT
Mr. Jeff Cabiness – NCDOT

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.

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

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45 The board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

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47 **4. Approval of minutes for May 2021 meeting:**

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49 **Motion: Mr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the May 2021 minutes as**
50 **presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Daughtry and passed unanimously.**

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52 **5. 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: Mr. Roberts made a motion to accept and recommend TAC approval of**
59 **the CARTS Safety Performance Targets. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson**
60 **and passed unanimously.**

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62 **6. 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: Mr. Hamilton made a motion to accept and recommend TAC approval of**
69 **Amendment #3 to the FY 20-29 MTIP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts**
70 **and passed unanimously.**

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72 **7. James City and Havelock Bypass Presentation:** *Wendy Johnson/Cadmus Capehart*

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

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77 **8. P 6.0 Discussion:** *Diane Hampton*

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79 Ms. Hampton gave a STIP program update. During the summer of 2020 the STIP was
80 reprogrammed due to project cost increases, reduced revenues, and overall cash issues.
81 Over 450 projects were reviewed, which includes over 1,000 individual estimates.
82 Specifically for Division 2, the 2024-2033 STIP is currently \$434.5M over 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 **9. 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
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99 ● **CARTS:** *Kelly Walker*
100 ○ Ms. Walker advised there was a public hearing regarding the new fixed route
101 enhancements 7/6 and there were no comments from the public
102 ○ The directive to wear masks on public transportation has been extended to
103 January 2022
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105 ● **NCDOT Division 2:** *Diane Hampton/Len White*
106 ○ Ms. Hampton presented the Construction Report
107 ○ The secondary resurfacing across Craven County will begin mid-September
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109 ● **New Bern Area MPO:** *Kim Maxey*
110 ○ Ms. Maxey recommended cancelling the September meeting in light of the
111 changes to the P6 schedule
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113 **10. Discussion:**

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