NEW BERN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION 1 2 TCC MEETING MINUTES 3 4 May 23, 2013 5 6 The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held its regularly scheduled meeting on 7 Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 10:00 AM in the City Hall Courtroom, 2nd floor, 300 Pollock Street. 8 9 **Members Present:** Mr. Jeff Ruggieri - Chair 10 Mr. Gene Hodges - Vice-Chair 11 Mr. John Chittick - Bridgeton Mr. Terry Jordan - CARTS 12 Mr. Jordan Hughes - City of New Bern 13 14 Mr. Don Baumgardner - Craven County 15 Mr. Patrick Flanagan - Down East RPO 16 Ms. Jill Stark - FHWA 17 Mr. Behshad Norowzi - NCDOT 18 Ms. Cheryl Leonard - NCDOT 19 Mr. Ivo Dernev - NCDOT 20 Mr. Neil Lassiter - NCDOT 21 Mr. Steve Hamilton - NCDOT 22 Ms. Sue Powell - NCDOT 23 Ms. Tamra Shaw – NCDOT 24 Mr. Drew Havens - River Bend 25 Mr. John Kirkland - River Bend 26 27 **Members Excused:** Mr. Mike Epperson – City of New Bern 28 29 **Members Absent:** Mr. Kevin Roberts – New Bern Chamber of Commerce 30 Mr. Tom Braaten – New Bern Regional Airport 31 Mr. Jeff Cabaniss - NCDOT 32 33 **Guests Present:** Mr. Mark Stephens – City of New Bern 34 35 **Staff Present:** Ms. Kim Langley 36 37 38 39 **New Business:** 40 41 1. Call to Order: Mr. Jeff Ruggieri called the meeting to order. 42 43

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2. Action: Approve April 25, 2013 Minutes from joint TCC & TAC Meeting

Member Ivo Dernev noted his last name was misspelled on the front page of the minutes. Change was noted. Member Drew Havens moved to approve the minutes with noted change. Member John Chittick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Future minutes will have line numbers included.

3. Presentation: Project Prioritization – Patrick Flanagan

 Mr. Flanagan requested that Item 7a be moved to immediately follow his presentation as it corresponds. Mr. Flanagan discussed the Strategic Mobility Formula, and how funds are allocated beginning at the Statewide Level, trickling down to the Regional Level and finally to the Division Level. He explained the percentage of funds for each level and how a points system determines priority within each level. Projects should be carefully considered, for if a project is not funded from the statewide funds, it will come from regional funds and if not allocated properly, could impact the available amount for other projects.

The new requirements mean any project scheduled after July 1, 2015 will be subject to the new formula requirements. Projects already scheduled to begin prior to July 1, 2015 will not be subjected to the new formula, progressing as scheduled.

Mr. Flanagan explained the points system; projects will be scored on a 0-100 point scale. There will be an incentive for local funding of highway projects only, meaning that 50% of the local commitment on a project using non-State/Federal funds will be returned to the local area to use on other projects in the same vicinity.

Proposed Eligibility Definitions for highways and non-highways were broken down by each level; Statewide, Regional and Division. Proposed Highway Project Scoring weights and criteria at each level were provided.

Additional information was provided on the following topics:

Proposed eligibility definitions for highways and non-highways

Proposed highway project scoring weights and criteria

• Changes in proposed Senate Legislation were provided. Mr. Flanagan noted that Economic Competiveness had been deleted as criteria from each level.

Prioritization formula for non-highway criteria

• Highway Statewide mobility criteria was provided, showing the weight from both the House and the Senate.

Options for Investment strategies across the state were provided, pertaining to Regional Impact and Division needs. Mr. Flanagan advised there are two options; the Workgroup will assist the Department in determining a 'default' strategy across the state. Or the parties in the region (MPO/RPO/Division Engineer) may create their own project formula, but all participating

Investment strategy formula for statewide strategic mobility projects

jurisdictions must agree and decide upon it no later than July 1, 2013. Criteria for both strategies was provided. Mr. Flanagan provided Key Dates to the group. The 'go live' date is January 2, 2014. Mr. Flanagan explained that once points are assigned to a project, there will be a 30-60 day public comment period before the project list is finalized. Mr. Flanagan provided information on Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation (SPOT) group, explaining that a representative from the NBAMPO should be appointed and will attend future meetings. They are scheduled to meet every two months. This group consists of all MPO and RPO's east of I-95. 4. Item 7(a): Other Business: Wilmington H817 – Strategic Transportation Investments **5.** Action: 5307 Transit Funds – Terry Jordan Mr. Terry Jordan discussed allocating the Transit Funds to CARTS. A recommendation from the TCC to the TAC for approval is the initial step. Then a resolution will be sent to the state authorizing this allocation. As identified in the meeting, the resolution, which is required to come from a Government Board, must come from our county commissioners upon consulting with the NBAMPO.

A motion was made to recommend formal designation of CARTS as recipient of the 5307 Transit Funds. Motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

It was advised that there could be no reimbursement of funds until the PWP is in place. The language for the motion should include reference to the most current copy of the PWP. The PWP is a living document and therefore can be altered at any time.

Member Drew Havens moved to approve recommendation to the TAC to adopt the PWP. Member John Chittick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Action: Calendar of Meetings for 2013 & 2014

Calendar of meeting schedule for the remainder of 2013 as well as 2014 was reviewed. Member John Chittick moved to approve the meeting schedule as submitted. Motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ffrey Ruggieri, Chairman

Kim Langley, Secretary

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