

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

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4 **October 13, 2016**

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6 The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held a special called meeting on
7 Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 1:30 PM in the Development Services Conference Room, 303 First
8 Street.
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10 **Members Present:** Mr. Jeff Ruggieri - Chair
11 Mr. Gene Hodges – Vice-Chair
12 Mr. David Fort – Town of Bridgeton
13 Mr. Andrew Shorter – NB Regional Airport
14 Ms. Amanda Boone – City of New Bern
15 Ms. Kelly Walker – CARTS
16 Mr. Jeff Cabaniss (via phone) – NCDOT
17 Mr. Steve Hamilton – NCDOT
18 Mr. David Morton – NCDOT
19 Mr. Bill Marley (via phone) – FHWA
20 Mr. Patrick Flanagan – Down East RPO
21 Ms. Nan – Trent Woods

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23 **Members Excused:** Mr. Don Baumgardner – County of Craven
24 Mr. Delane Jackson – River Bend
25 Ms. Nan Holton – Trent Woods
26 Mr. John Rouse – NCDOT
27 Mr. Behshad Norowzi – NCDOT
28 Ms. Catherine Bryant - NCDOT
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30 **Members Absent:** Mr. Kevin Roberts – NB Chamber of Commerce
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32 **Guests Present:**

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34 **Staff Present:** Ms. Kimberly Maxey – New Bern Area MPO
35 Ms. Maurizia Chapman (via phone) – New Bern Area MPO
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38 2.1**Call to Order:** Chair Ruggieri called the meeting to order.
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40 3.2**Roll Call:** Roll Call was taken and a quorum was declared.
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42 4.3**Approval of today’s agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.
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44 5.4**Approval of the minutes of the September 8, 2016 meeting:** Chair Ruggieri requested
45 this item be pushed to the January meeting.
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6.5.P 4.0 Projects Prioritization Ranking and Scoring: *Maurizia Chapman*

Ms. Chapman relayed the spreadsheet provided to the members in the packet shows the collective rankings as having Bicycle/Pedestrian projects in the first three positions. Additional spreadsheets were provided to board members showing just the MPO points and quantitative score, and still has Bike/Ped projects at the top of the rankings.

Division will add their scores, but are only allowed to score 2-4 non-highway projects. Looking at the quantitative scores places our first non-highway project at number 15. After putting quantitative and qualitative scores together, some of the projects, NC 43 for example, showed improved scoring.

US Highway 17 is further down in scoring as it just has 40% of the 25% local match scoring. The MPO is not sure how the RPO will score points. This could come up if the RPO scores this project higher.

In discussion among staff it was recommended to present the points as scored, with the hope something will change and raise some of the non-highway projects scores. There are a couple that have a chance to get funded.

Staff requests review and approval, along with recommendation to the TAC for approval.

Chair Ruggieri questioned if removing the two three bike/ped projects would help improve scoring of the highway projects? This would help our ranking, but won't change the Division points scoring. Mr. Hamilton advised if we aren't completely supportive of the top three projects, to remove them would help put points on projects the area hopes to get funded.

Mr. Flanagan explained the philosophy; to put points on bike and ped hoping that in the future we will have bike/ped projects close enough to score and establish the history of trying to achieve the projects, or, pull the points from the bike/ped projects now to put on highway projects. As long as points are on the higher scoring projects that stand a chance, that becomes the top couple projects.

Mr. Hamilton suggested that for the Old Airport Road project that didn't score very well, the board take away half the points to put on something else that might boost another project into scoring well enough to get funded. By not removing all the points it keeps the project in the running. Chair Ruggieri requested there be no change to this project.

Motion: Mr. Fort made a motion to approve the P 4.0 Project Prioritization Ranking and Scoring as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hamilton and passed unanimously.

7.6. Amendment No 4. To the FY 2016-2025 Metropolitan Transportation Program: *Kim Maxey*

96 Ms. Maxey relayed that the State has added various funds for unspecified projects into
97 the STIP, therefore in order to ensure the MTIP matches exactly, staff requests approval
98 of the Amendment to incorporate the funds.
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100 Ms. Maxey explained some of these funds will be used for retrofitting sidewalks and
101 ramps to ADA requirements. Ms. Chapman advised the other funds will be used for
102 bridge inspections and right of way. One will be at Division level and 4 at the Statewide
103 level.
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105 **Motion: Mr. Shorter made a motion to approve the Amendment No. 4 to the FY**
106 **2016-2025 Metropolitan Transportation Program. The motion was seconded by Ms.**
107 **Boone and passed unanimously.**
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109 **8.7.Updates:**

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

- 111 • Due to the flood waters from Hurricane Matthew, Ms. Bryant was unable
112 to attend.
- 113 • Ms. Maxey relayed that a meeting was held in Raleigh discussing the
114 Craven County CTP that will also expand the model area to the Craven
115 County line.
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117 **b. CARTS Update: Kelly Walker, Transit Director**

118 Ms. Walker provided the following updates:

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- 120 • Next Transportation Advisory Board meeting to be held October 19th. It
121 will be held at the CARTS office at 10:00am.
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123 **c. Division 2 Update: Jeff Cabaniss, NCDOT Division 2 Planning Engineer**

124 Mr. Jeff Cabaniss provided the following updates:

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- 126 • Due to the flooding from Hurricane Matthew, Mr. Cabaniss did not have
127 any additional information to add.
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129 **d. City of New Bern Public Works: Amanda Boone**

130 Ms. Boone provided the following updates:

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- 132 • Road repaving is still under discussion for what city roads will be
133 included.
- 134 • Ms. Maxey noted during the CAC meeting a member questioned how they
135 would recommend upgrades to the downtown roads over other roads. Ms.
136 Boone advised they should start with the Aldermen. There have been
137 public meetings to gather input from the citizens so the window may be
138 closed for this.
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140 **e. New Bern Area MPO Update: Maurizia Chapman, MPO Administrator**

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- 142 • Ms. Maxey relayed staff held a public meeting for projects prioritization.
143 Three board members and two city employees participated. Due to the lack of

144 change to the proposed scoring and the impact from Hurricane Matthew, the
145 lack of attendance was anticipated.
146 • The deadline has been extended for the SPOT process due to the impacts of
147 Hurricane Matthew.
148 • Staff continues work towards hosting the 2017 NCAMPO Annual Conference.
149 • It is not anticipated the regularly scheduled November meeting will need to be
150 held in light of today's specially called meeting, but the TAC will give final
151 comments to this. If indeed they cancel the November meetings, Ms. Maxey
152 will notify the board members.

153 **9.8.Discussion:**

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155 **10.9.Adjourn**

156 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
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Jeff Ruggieri, Chairman

Maurizia Chapman, MPO Administrator