



TCC MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2019

The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2019 at 1:30 pm in the Development Services Conference Room, 303 First Street.

Members Present:

Mr. Don Baumgardner – County of Craven
Mr. Andrew Shorter – NB Regional Airport
Ms. Diane Hampton - NCDOT
Ms. Kelly Walker – CARTS
Mr. Roy Beeson - CARTS
Ms. Bailey Hardin – NCDOT
Mr. David Fort – Town of Bridgeton
Mr. Christopher Connolly – NCDOT
Mr. Behshad Norowzi – NCDOT
Mr. Kevin Roberts – NB Chamber of Commerce

Members Excused:

Mr. Jeff Ruggieri – Chair
Mr. Gene Hodges – Vice-Chair
Mr. Steve Hamilton – NCDOT
Mr. Delane Jackson – River Bend

Members Absent:

Guests Present:

Ms. Amanda Morrow – Kimley Horn
Ms. Erin Thompson – Kimley Horn
Ms. Natasha Earle-Young – NCDOT
Mr. Daniel Collins – NCDOT

Staff Present:

Ms. Kimberly Maxey – New Bern Area MPO Staff

- 1. Call to Order:** Kim Maxey called the meeting to order.
- 2. Roll Call:** Roll Call was taken and a quorum was declared.

41 **3. Approval of today’s agenda:**

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43 **Motion: Board unanimously approved agenda as presented.**

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45 **4. Approval of minutes for July 2018 and January 2019 meetings:**

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47 **Motion: Mr. Fort made a motion to approve the October and November, 2018**
48 **minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shorter and passed**
49 **unanimously.**

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51 **5. NC Statewide Transportation Plan – NC Moves 2050: *Nastasha Earle-Young –***
52 ***NCDOT***

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54 Ms. Earle-Young presented the long range transportation plan. There are 4 processes to
55 plan: current assessment, planning for uncertainties, planning for possible futures and
56 creating a plan of action. Ms. Earle-Young expressed the importance of getting feedback
57 from the public about this plan so that it will work for all residents of NC. There will be
58 tabling events across the state, table topics, and surveys, paper and online.

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60 They are currently in phase 2, planning for uncertainties. To better help understand, the
61 NCDOT is working on white papers that will look at national data, and compare NC to
62 other states in the following 8 areas: demographics, economy, tourism, partnerships,
63 funding, technology, security, and climate/resiliency. Ms. Earle-Young presented the
64 following facts and future predictions:

- 65 • 4 million people are expected to move to NC by 2050
- 66 ○ ⅔ of those people are expected to move to the Piedmont Belt
- 67 • Retail stores will continue to decline and close
- 68 • Healthcare will continue to grow
- 69 • Technology will continue to grow with automated vehicles
- 70 • Security breaches are expected to decline with growing technology
- 71 • Majority of tourism is coming in by car
- 72 • Strengthening partnerships, public and private
- 73 • Funding is not getting bigger
- 74 • Resiliency with wildfires and flooding

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76 The board discussed which areas were most important in their perspective regions.

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78 **6. FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): *Kim Maxey***

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80 Ms. Maxey presented the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) in draft format
81 during the January meeting and no additional changes have been made to the proposed
82 budget and expenditures.

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84 **Motion: Mr. Shorter made a motion to recommend TAC approval of the proposed**
85 **FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program as presented. The motion was seconded**
86 **by Mr. Fort and passed unanimously.**

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7. Annual Self Certification of 3C’s Planning Process:

Ms. Maxey advised the 3C’s Planning Process are guidelines the MPO is required to follow in order to continue receiving federal funding for projects:

- Cooperative – cooperation between federal, state, local levels of government and various agencies within each level
- Continuing – updating approach to how we view transportation planning
- Comprehensive – refers to 10 facets including:
 1. Economic factors affecting development
 2. Population
 3. Land use
 4. Transportation facilities
 5. Travel patterns
 6. Terminal and transfer facilities
 7. Traffic control features
 8. Zoning, building codes, subdivision codes
 9. Financial resources
 10. Social & community value factors

Ms. Maxey feels confident we are achieving this goal. Communication between member agencies has improved each year, and there has been collaboration with rural counterparts.

Motion: Mr. Fort made a motion to recommend TAC approval of the Annual Self Certification of 3C’s Planning Process as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shorter and passed unanimously.

8. 6.0 Pre-Submittal Project Discussion:

Ms. Maxey advised that the pre-submittal process for P 6.0 only included intersection improvements. The intersection improvements submitted thus far are:

- H183996 – First/Trent/Pollock/Rhem intersection: re-alignment of this intersection or add in a roundabout to aid in safety and with traffic. Despite the First St. road diet project, improvements to this intersection were not included
- H184053 – MLK Blvd./Mall entrance: to address congestion issues stemming from Chick Fil-a drive through overflow that back up along MLK
- H183997 – First/Broad/Neuse/3rd Ave: improvements to include safer pedestrian crossing facilities
- H184000 – Old Hwy 17 in Bridgeton: currently remains a divided 4-lane highway were the old bridge used to connect to 17. Recommendations include utilizing one side as a 2-way road and the other side as a multi-use path for the residents of Bridgeton
- H184052 – Bus 17/MLK/Trent: improvements to this intersection as developments continue to expand the surrounding areas. Despite the funding of

132 the superstreet design along MLK in the 2nd half of the STIP, there may be a
133 better option to improve safety and congestion until that project is completed.
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135 A smaller work group will be formed to create a list of projects to be considered for the
136 next round of scoring.
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138 **9. Updates:**

- 139 • **Transportation Planning Division Update:** *Behshad Norowzi, NCDOT TPD*
 - 140 ○ Mr. Norowzi introduced new member Mr. Christopher Connolly
 - 141 ○ Mr. Connolly presented the TPD newsletter. CTP maps – presented last
142 month.
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- 144 • **CARTS Update:** *Kelly Walker, Transit Director*
 - 145 ○ Ms. Walker presented the following data and statistics comparing July 2018
146 data to February 2019:
 - 147 ■ Trips that include fixed route, ADA complementary paratransit, and
148 urban demand response is up 10% of total business
 - 149 ● July 2018 – 1,692 or 31% of all trips
 - 150 ● February 2019 – 2,181 or 41% of all trips
 - 151 ● Urban trips are going up, rural going down. This is possibly
152 due to the hurricane.
 - 153 ■ Medicare transportation is decreasing. Made up 16% of all trips in
154 February 2019.
 - 155 ■ There were 5,412 total trips in February 2019, which includes all 3
156 counties, urban and rural.
 - 157 ● Of those trips, 41% were from urban areas.
 - 158 ○ New Assistant Transportation Director, Roy Beeson
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- 160 • **Division 2 Update:** *Diane Hampton, NCDOT*
 - 161 ○ Ms. Hampton presented 2 handouts, the Construction Progress Report and the
162 Upcoming Project List.
 - 163 ○ The Upcoming Project List contains all new projects and their let and right of
164 way dates.
 - 165 ○ The Construction Progress Report contains project information such as the
166 name and number, person in charge, how far along, if it is on schedule or not,
167 and additional dates.
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- 169 • **New Bern Area MPO Update:** *Kim Maxey, MPO Staff*
 - 170 ○ Ms. Maxey advised there will be a small MTP update coming out, with a
171 larger update released when census data comes out. They are working with the
172 VHB on this smaller update.
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174 **10. Discussion:** The board discussed the James City project and the possibility of working
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177 **11. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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John Kirkland, Chairman

Jeff Ruggieri, Secretary