



TCC MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2020

The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 1:30 pm in the Development Services Conference Room, 303 First Street.

Members Present:

Mr. Jeff Ruggieri – Chairman
Mr. Gene Hodges – Vice-Chairman
Mr. Don Baumgardner – County of Craven
Mr. Andrew Shorter – NB Regional Airport
Ms. Diane Hampton - NCDOT
Mr. Len White – NCDOT
Ms. Kelly Walker – CARTS
Ms. Bailey Hardin – NCDOT
Mr. Steve Hamilton – NCDOT
Mr. Behshad Norowzi – NCDOT
Mr. Kevin Roberts – New Bern Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Bill Marley – Federal Highway Administration (non-voting)
Mr. B.J. Eversole – Down-East RPO (non-voting)

Members Excused:

Mr. Christopher Connolly – NCDOT

Members Absent:

Mr. George Chiles – City of New Bern Engineer
Mr. Delane Jackson – River Bend
Mr. Preston Hunter – NCDOT

Guests Present:

Ms. Candice Andre – VHB
Ms. Jessica Luther – VHB
Eliud De Jesus – Greenville MPO
David Hyder – Ramey Kemp

Staff Present:

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

43 **1. Call to Order:** Chair Ruggieri called the meeting to order.

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45 **2. Roll Call:** Roll Call was taken and a quorum was declared.

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

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49 The board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

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51 **4. Approval of minutes for the joint January 2020 meeting:**

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53 **Motion: Mr. Shorter made a motion to approve the January 2020 minutes as**
54 **presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and passed unanimously.**

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56 **5. Public Comment**

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58 No members of the public were present.

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60 **6. FY 2021 Final Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP):** *Kim Maxey*

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62 Ms. Maxey presented the final budget and advised there were no changes made from the
63 draft UPWP budget that was presented in January.

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65 **Motion: Mr. Shorter made a motion to approve the Final UPWP and recommend**
66 **TAC approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baumgardner and passed**
67 **unanimously.**

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69 **7. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update:** *Candice Andre*

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71 The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is the New Bern Area MPOs long range
72 transportation plan. It is a fiscally constrained document, originally approved in 2016.
73 This document must be updated at least every five (5) years. NBAMPO staff have
74 secured the services of the VHB consulting firm to do the first update. VHB was chosen
75 for their work on the original Indirect and Cumulative Effects study, which was a pilot
76 program utilized with the newly formed NBAMPO, and their first MTP.

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78 Ms. Andre gave an overview presentation of what the MTP update is will include. The
79 last adopted update was from March 2016, which included an Indirect and Cumulative
80 Effects (ICE) assessment pilot study in partnership with the NCDOT. This MTP update is
81 being done simultaneously with an ICE update, which has four main products that are
82 based off each other: existing conditions, future growth potential, indirect and cumulative
83 effects, and local best management practices.

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85 The timeline for this update is very condensed and will include multiple presentations to
86 the TCC and TAC boards, as well as incorporating public input, before a final document
87 is presented to both boards for approval.

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89 **8. P6.0 Discussion:** *Kim Maxey*

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91 Ms. Maxey advised MPO staff is still entering projects into SPOT. MPO staff created a
92 spreadsheet outlining the chosen projects for each mode of transportation to review:

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Aviation

1. A190780 - Runway 4/22 Extension
2. A190781 - Hangar for Mid-Size Corporate Aircraft and Apron
3. A191221 - Runway 4/22 Extension
4. A191361 - Runway 4/22 Land Acquisition
5. A191362 - Runway 04 Approach Light System (MALSR)
6. A171939 - Runway 4/22 Extension
7. A191363 - Runway 4/22 Strengthening
8. A130384 - R/W 32 Corporate/Industrial Area Expansion
9. A130384 - R/W 32 Corporate/Industrial Area Wetland Mitigation
10. A191364 - Aerospace Corporate Development Site Prep
11. A191365 - Entrance Road Rehabilitation
12. A191366 - Entrance Road Rehabilitation
13. A191367 - Two Hangars for Mid-Size Corporate Aircraft and Apron
14. A191368 - Runway Improvements

Funded in P5 but require points to keep:

A171939 - Runway 4/22 Extension

Bike/Ped

1. B151012 - Canterbury Rd
2. B191490 - MLK Corridor Bundle
3. B191531 - MLK Blvd A
4. B191533 - MLK Blvd B
5. B191535 - MLK Blvd C
6. B191536 - Glenburnie Rd
7. B191538 - Lowes Blvd
8. B191539 - Hotel Dr

Highway

1. H090081-BA - New Bern Bypass (US 70 to River Rd) (Consider breaking up, as shown below)
 H090081-BA (A) - New Bern Bypass (US 70 to NC 55)
 H090081-BA (B) - New Bern Bypass (NC 55 to Washington Post Rd)
2. H150847-B - MLK Blvd
3. H171936 - Williams Rd (Scott St to Howell Rd)
4. H171945 - Airport Road/Terminal Drive
5. H183996 - First St Intersection (Trent Blvd/Pollock St/Rhem Ave/First St)
6. H184000 - US 17 (D St to US 17) - Bridgeton
7. H184052 - Trent & MLK Blvd
8. H184053 - MLK Blvd (Entrance to Twin Rivers Mall)
9. H184467 - Airline Dr/Scott St (Williams Rd)
10. H190020 - NC 55 ALT (Race Track Rd)
11. H190022 - US 70 (MLK Blvd)
12. H190023 - MLK (Hotel Dr)
13. H190039 - US 70/Hotel Dr/Mall Entrance (Hotel Dr to Lowes Blvd)

Funded in P5 but require points to keep:

H150847-A - MLK Blvd
H170112 - US 70/I-42 (US 70/I-42 at Glenburnie Rd)

The board elected to remove the following Highway projects to maintain the allotted 14 project submissions:

- H150900 – Broad St Roundabout

- 147 • H190038 – Williams Rd/Scott St
- 148 • H190476 – MLK Blvd Intersection Bundle

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150 **Rail**

- 151 1. R150845 - NS EC Line (New Bern)
- 152 2. R170099 - NS EC Line (Bridgeton)
- 153 3. R191360 - NS EC Line Trent River Trestle

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155 **9. Updates:**

- 156 • **Transportation Planning Division Update:** *Beshad Norowzi, NCDOT TPD*
 - 157 ○ Mr. Norowzi advised NCDOT members have been encouraged to begin
 - 158 working from home and will be attending meetings via web or teleconference.
 - 159 ○ The new Secretary of NCDOT, Eric Boyette, began March 1st.
 - 160 ○ Mr. Norowzi provided an overview presentation on the Craven County CTP.
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- 162 • **CARTS Update:** *Kelly Walker, Transit Director*
 - 163 ○ Ms. Walker advised the rural state operating (RSO) grant program that began
 - 164 March 10th has already yielded a positive response.
 - 165 ○ In regards to COVID-19, the buses are being wiped down at the end of each
 - 166 day. CARTS is not currently seeing an impact on ridership.
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- 168 • **Division 2 Update:** *Diane Hampton, NCDOT*
 - 169 ○ Ms. Hampton presented the Construction Report and the Upcoming Project
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- 172 • **New Bern Area MPO Update:** *Kim Maxey, MPO Staff*
 - 173 ○ Ms. Maxey advised the Kinston bypass route of 1SB has been selected. ROW
 - 174 acquisition is scheduled for 2023 and construction for 2027.
 - 175 ○ The MPO is scheduled to host the NCDOT Great Trails State Plan stakeholder
 - 176 meeting March 31st. The DOT is in early stages of developing the plan to
 - 177 create a network of shared use paths and limited on road paths between cities.

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179 **10. Discussion:**

180 Mr. De Jesus advised that discussion whether to postpone the MPO Conference is still
181 ongoing.

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

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Jeff Ruggieri, Chairman

Kimberly Maxey, MPO Administrator