

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

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4 **June 26, 2014**

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6 The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held its regularly scheduled meeting on
7 Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 11:00 AM in the Dunn Building, Development Services Conference
8 Room, 3rd floor, 248 Craven Street.

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10 **Members Present:** Mr. Steve Tyson – Chairman
11 Mr. Johnnie Ray Kinsey – Vice Chairman
12 Mr. John Chittick – Commissioner, Bridgeton
13 Mr. John Kirkland – Mayor, River Bend
14 Mr. Hugh Overholt – NC Board of Transportation
15 Mr. Chuck Tyson – Mayor, Trent Woods

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17 **Members Excused:** Ms. Loretta Barren – FHWA

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19 **Non-Voting Members:** Mr. Gene Hodges – Interim Director, CARTS

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21 **Members Absent:**

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23 **Guests Present:** Mr. Jeff Cabaniss – NCDOT
24 Mr. Patrick Flanagan – Down East RPO
25 Mr. Bernard White – City of New Bern

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27 **Staff Present:** Mr. Jeff Ruggieri – TCC Chairman – TAC Secretary
28 Ms. Maurizia Chapman – New Bern MPO Administrator
29 Ms. Tiffany K. Edmonds – City of New Bern
30 Ms. Priya Nimboli - NCDOT
31 Mr. Behshad Norowzi – NCDOT

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33 **1. Call to Order:** Chairman Tyson called the meeting to order at 11:15 am.
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35 **2. Roll call** was taken and a quorum declared
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37 **3. Ethics Reminder:** Chairman Tyson discussed the Ethics reminder. There were no
38 conflicts of interest issues for this meeting.
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40 **4. Approval of today's agenda:** Mayor Kirkland made a motion to approve the agenda
41 with the amended date of the next meeting. Mr. Chittick seconded. Motion passed by
42 unanimous vote.
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44 **5. Approval of the minutes of the May 22nd, 2014 meeting:** Reading of the minutes was
waived. Mayor Tyson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Kirkland

45 seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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47 **6. Approval of the FY 2015 Meeting Schedule:** *Maurizia Chapman, AICP, NBAMPO*
48 *Administrator*

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50 Ms. Chapman presented the new TCC and TAC meeting schedule. Mayor Tyson made a
51 motion to approve the FY 2015 Meeting Schedule as presented. Vice Chair Kinsey
52 seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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54 Chair Tyson asked if a member cannot physically make it to a meeting can they attend
55 electronically. Secretary Ruggieri replied that it is permissible as described in the MOU.

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57 **7. P 3.0 Projects prioritization ranking and scoring:** *Maurizia Chapman:* *Maurizia*
58 *Chapman, AICP, NBAMPO Administrator*

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60 Ms. Chapman presented the Regional and Division projects scoring and the
61 recommendations of the TCC. August 29th was the deadline for submitting final
62 recommendations. The subcommittee of 6 people met and provided their scoring based
63 on the methodology. Ms. Chapman averaged all members' scores to come up with the
64 "RAW MPO Score" and prioritization. Deviations from the methodology will require
65 justification.

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67 The NCDOA didn't support any aviation projects, therefore only the top 3 projects were
68 recommended by the TCC and concurred by the Airport Manager to be left in the draft.
69 Ms. Chapman explained that this scoring is only a draft if approved by TAC and will go
70 to public comments. There will still be time after public comments to finalize the
71 Projects prioritization ranking and scoring.

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73 At Mayor Kirkland's request, Ms. Chapman stated the sub-committee is made up of the
74 following members: Mr. Don Baumgardner and staff, Ms. Chapman, Mr. Jeff Cabaniss,
75 Ms. Alice Wilson, Ms. Priya Nimbole, Mr. Behshad Norowzi and Mr. Patrick Flanagan.
76 Mr. Timothy Downs, Craven County Economic Development Director, also participated
77 in the reviewing of these projects, but did not submit scores.

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79 TAC members reviewed each of the Regional and Division Need projects. At the
80 Division level, TCC recommended that no points be assigned to any projects with less
81 than 50 points in the "RAW MPO score". All division projects will get 100 points each,
82 Mayor Tyson had a question regarding the zero safety scoring on the Chelsea Road Bike
83 and Pedestrian project. Ms. Chapman explained that the adopted methodology used the
84 safety scoring provided by NCDOT, but the project will score 100 points anyway as
85 recommended by the TCC. The local safety scoring methodology may be changed at a
86 later date. She also informed the TAC that most of the Division projects are Bicycle and
87 pedestrian and had contacted the submitting jurisdictions (Trent Woods and New Bern) to
88 verify that they would commit to provide the local match, should the projects be funded
89 within the next 10 years.

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91 Secretary Ruggieri stated that the TCC took two separate actions on this item:
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- 93 1. **For Regional projects to follow the ranking developed by local methodology and**
94 **the excess points be coordinated with the Down East RPO and the Mid East**
95 **RPO to allocate those points to projects that NBAMPO approves of and having**
96 **to do with HWY 17.**
- 97 2. **To approve the projects that scored 50 or above on the Divisional need Raw**
98 **score. All Division Needs projects will receive 100 points. Additional points may**
99 **be given to the next project to reach 1100 points. We'll justify deviating from**
100 **the methodology because of the balance of points and the MPO feels that the**
101 **Division Needs and the will of the area need to be emphasized.**

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103 **The MPO will also have to annotate that NCDOT consider safety in the review of Chelsea**
104 **Road.**

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106 **Motion: Mayor Tyson moved to accept the TCC recommendations on the Regional**
107 **and Division projects for prioritization ranking scoring.**

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109 **TCC Motions:**

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111 **Motion 1: Mr. Flanagan made a motion to recommend TAC follow the ranking**
112 **developed by local methodology and share the balance of points with Mideast RPO &**
113 **Down East RPO supporting other projects outside of the New Bern Area for the**
114 **Regional ranking and scoring. Vice Chair Hodges seconded. There was discussion and**
115 **all members agreed that the top three aviation projects will be left in the scoring.**
116 **Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

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118 **Motion2 : Mr. Hamilton made a motion to recommend TAC review the Division scoring**
119 **and keep any projects scoring over 50 points. Any extra points will be allocated to**
120 **Division Needs projects to reach 100 points per project. Mr. Havens seconded. Motion**
121 **passed by unanimous vote.**

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124 **Mayor Kirkland seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**
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127 **9. Updates:**

- 128 **a. Transportation Planning Branch Update: *Priya Nimbole, P.E., NCDOT***
129 ***NBAMPO Coordinator***

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131 Ms. Nimbole stated that the model development deadline has been pushed back to
132 the end of July and she is awaiting the data from Cherry Point. She hopes to be
133 done with the first run by the end of July. She has received some limited student
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b. New Bern Area MPO Update: *Maurizia Chapman, AICP, NBAMPO Administrator*

Ms. Chapman reported on the following:

- Organized field trip to the Morehead City Port. There are 13 attendees. Carpooling is available in 3 different vehicles.
- Presentation of the new NBAMPO logos.
- The website is in progress and coming together nicely

10. Discussion: There was no discussion

11. Public Comments: Alderman White expressed his support for the MPO.

12. Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Steve Tyson, Chairman

Jeff Ruggieri, Secretary