

1 **NEW BERN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**
2 **TCC 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 9:00 AM in the Dunn Building, Development Services Conference
8 Room, 3rd floor, 248 Craven Street.
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10 **Members Present:**

11 Mr. Jeff Ruggieri - Chair
12 Mr. Gene Hodges – Vice-Chair (arrived at 9:05)
13 Mr. Don Baumgardener – County of Craven
14 Mr. Tom Braaten – NB Regional Airport
15 Mr. Jeff Cabaniss – NCDOT
16 Ms. Maurizia Chapman – -New Bern Area MPO
17 Mr. Haywood Daughtry – NCDOT
18 Mr. Patrick Flanagan – Down East MPO
19 Mr. David Fort – Town of Bridgeton
20 Mr. Steve Hamilton – NCDOT (arrived late)
21 Mr. Drew Havens – Town of River Bend
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23 Ms. Priya Nimbole - NCDOT
24 Mr. Behshad Norowzi – NCDOT
25 Mr. John Rouse – NCDOT (arrived late)
26 Mr. Grant Strother (for Jordan Hughes) – City of New Bern

27 **Members Excused:**

28 Ms. Loretta Barren - FHWA
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30 **Members Absent:**

31 Mr. Kevin Roberts – NB Chamber of Commerce
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33 **Guests Present:**

34 Mr. Hugh Overholt – NC Board of Transportation
35 Mr. Kelly Walker – Transportation Department
36 Mr. Pete Connet – Interim Manager, Town of River Bend
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38 **Staff Present:**

39 Ms. Tiffany K. Edmonds, City of New Bern

- 40 **1. Call to Order:** Chair Jeff Ruggieri called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.
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42 **2. Roll Call:** Roll Call was taken by Chair Ruggieri and a quorum was declared.
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44 **3. Approval of today’s agenda:** Agenda was approved with amendments.

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4. Approval of the minutes of the April 24, 2014 meeting: Reading of the minutes was waived.

Mr. Havens noted that Mr. Strawn’s last name was spelled incorrectly in the minutes. He then made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by Mr. Daughtry and passed unanimously.

5. Approval of the FY 2015 Meeting Schedule: Maurizia Chapman

Ms. Chapman presented the FY 2015 meeting schedule for the TCC and TAC meetings. She explained the several changes that took place between the time the schedule was emailed and now, with making sure that the citizens are allowed a full 30 days period to comment on the proposed projects scoring.

Motion: Mr. Havens made a motion to approve the revised Meeting Schedule as presented and to recommend TAC approval as well. Mr. Fort seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. P 3.0 Projects prioritization ranking and scoring: Maurizia Chapman:

Ms. Chapman presented the P 3.0 Projects Prioritization Regional and Division ranking and Raw scoring draft. She explained that the MPO was given 1100 points for Regional Tear projects and 1100 points for Division needs projects and that, overall, there were more projects than points. For the three projects that are shared with the RPO, NBAMPO can give extra points to Patrick Flanagan/DERPO and specify the amounts. Mr. Flanagan stated that DERPO would love to coordinate with NBAMPO and will share points with NBAMPO as well. It will help overall in final decisions on funding for more than one organization to be interested in specific projects. When giving points they are stipulated where the other Planning Organizations can use them. If NBAMPO doesn’t want to follow this scoring it will need justification.

Using the NBAMPO methodology Aviation projects received the lowest rankings. Mr. Braaten explained that the NCDOA doesn’t support the projects and therefore NBAMPO can choose to not score the airport projects. Mr. Hodges, Mr. Havens and Mr. Flanagan suggested leaving some airport projects in case NCDOA changes its support.

The Havelock bypass received one of the highest rankings and it ties in well with the James City project. NBAMPO will assign points to the bypass by the percentage of the road in the MPO instead of DERPO taking those points. After further discussion, Vice-Chair Hodges proposed to provide the Mid-East RPO with points for its project of U.S. 17.

There was discussion to clarify the motions needed. Ms. Chapman requested separate motions for the Regional scoring and the Division scoring. Chair Ruggieri clarified the motion needs to include the recommendation to approve the projects based on the MPO’s methodology and move forward with scoring with the intention that any extra points go to DERPO and Mid East RPO to

90 support specific projects. Projects don't need to be specified until after the 30 day public
91 comment period.

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93 **Motion: Mr. Flanagan made a motion to recommend TAC follow the ranking**
94 **developed by local methodology and share the balance of points with Mideast RPO &**
95 **Down East RPO supporting other projects outside of the New Bern Area for the**
96 **Regional ranking and scoring. Vice Chair Hodges seconded. There was discussion and**
97 **all members agreed that the top three aviation projects will be left in the scoring.**
98 **Motion passed by unanimous vote.**
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100 Ms. Chapman reviewed the Division projects scoring. The City of New Bern and Trent Woods
101 are the only two that requested Bike/Pedestrian projects and the jurisdictions agreed to provide
102 the required local match should these projects be selected. After removing all but the top 3
103 highest ranked aviation projects, if all the remaining projects were to be scored, the total would
104 still be over by 400 points. Mr. Hamilton suggested reviewing each project to decide scoring
105 changes. The projects list was narrowed to 8 division needs projects, 1 regional and 2 statewide,
106 eliminating all projects that scored less than 50 points through the local methodology and to give
107 100 points to all Division projects. Extra points could be appropriated after the public comments
108 period.

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110 **Motion: Mr. Hamilton made a motion to recommend TAC review the Division scoring**
111 **and keep any projects scoring over 50 points. Any extra points will be allocated to**
112 **Division Needs projects to reach 100 points per project. Mr. Havens seconded. Motion**
113 **passed by unanimous vote.**
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116 7. Updates:

117 a. **Transportation Planning Branch Update:** *Priya Nimbole, P.E., NCDOT*
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120 Ms. Nimbole stated that the model development deadline has been pushed back to
121 the end of July and she is awaiting the data from Cherry Point. She hopes to be
122 done with the first run by the end of July. She has received some limited student
123 data from the Craven County Community College.

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125 b. **New Bern Area MPO Update:** *Maurizia Chapman, AICP, NBAMPO*
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128 Ms. Chapman reported on the following:

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130 • Presentation of the new NBAMPO logos.

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134 • The Peer exchange for the tri-state area has not been scheduled yet. It will

135 possibly be the 3rd week of August.
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137 **8. Discussion:** There was no discussion.

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142 **10. Adjourn**

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144 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Jeff Ruggieri, Chairman

Maurizia Chapman, MPO Administrator