

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

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4 **May 22, 2014**

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6 The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held its regularly scheduled meeting on
7 Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the City Hall Courtroom, 2nd floor, 300 Pollock Street.
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9 **Members Present:** Mr. Jeff Ruggieri - Chair
10 Mr. Gene Hodges – Vice-Chair
11 Mr. Jeff Cabaniss – NCDOT
12 Ms. Maurizia Chapman – -New Bern Area MPO
13 Mr. Haywood Daughtry – NCDOT
14 Mr. Patrick Flanagan – Down East MPO
15 Mr. David Fort - Bridgeton
16 Mr. Steve Hamilton – NCDOT
17 Mr. Jordan Hughes – City of New Bern
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19 Ms. Priya Nimbole - NCDOT
20 Mr. Behshad Norowzi – NCDOT
21 Mr. John Rouse – NCDOT (arrived late)
22 Mr. Chad Straun, Craven County
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24 **Members Excused:** Ms. Loretta Barren - FHWA
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27 **Members Absent:** Mr. Kevin Roberts – NB Chamber of Commerce
28 Mr. Tom Braaten – NB Regional Airport
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30 **Guests Present:** Ms. Kerry Morrow, NCDOT TPB
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33 **Staff Present:** Ms. Tiffany Edmonds, City of New Bern
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- 35 **1. Call to Order:** Chair Jeff Ruggieri called the meeting to order
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37 **2. Roll Call:** Chair Ruggieri requested roll call. A quorum was declared.
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39 **3. Approval of today’s agenda:**
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41 **4. Approval of the minutes of the April 24,2014 meeting:** Reading of the minutes was
42 waived.
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44 Mr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fort and

45 passed unanimously.

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47 **5. Selection of the City of New Bern as the recipient for Section 5303 FTA Planning**

48 **Funds:** *Maurizia Chapman, AICP, NBAMPO Administrator*

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50 Ms. Chapman explained that the Federal Transit Agency wants the City of New Bern, as the
51 Lead Planning Agency, to be the recipient of the Transit Planning Funds. She stated that the
52 resolution will identify the City of New Bern as the recipient and requested recommending the
53 resolution to the TAC for approval.

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55 **Motion: Mr. Fort made a motion to recommend TAC approving by resolution the City**
56 **of New Bern as the direct recipient of 5303 Transit Planning Funds. Mr. Havens**
57 **seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

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59 **6. Selection of CARTS through Craven County as the recipient for Section 5307 FTA**

60 **Urban Transit Funds:** *Maurizia Chapman, AICP, NBAMPO Administrator*

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62 Ms. Chapman presented the revised resolution and explained that the FTA confirmed the
63 wording is correct. The only change from the resolution that was approved in May 2013 is the
64 wording.

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66 **Motion: Mr. Fort made a motion to recommend TAC approving by resolution CARTS**
67 **through Craven County as the recipient for Section 5307 FTA Urban Transit Funds.**
68 **Mr. Havens seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

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71 **7. North Carolina Strategic Transportation Networks:** *Kerry Morrow, NCDOT TPB*

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73 Ms. Morrow gave a presentation on the North Carolina Strategic Transportation Networks. She
74 stated the objective was to gain input and the deadline for comments is June 27th, 2014. There
75 was discussion clarifying the classification of the Strategic Transportation Corridors (STC) and
76 how they are ranked.

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78 **8. North Carolina Rail Plan:** *Maurizia Chapman, AICP, NBAMPO Administrator*

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80 Ms. Chapman gave a presentation on the NCDOT Rail Division Comprehensive State Rail Plan
81 (CSR) and explained that this plan is required under Passenger Rail Investment & Improvement
82 Act of 2008 (PRIIA) to be Eligible for federal funding. She gave each member a copy of (CSR)
83 survey and Project Submission Form. Mr. Flanagan explained that the Project Submission Form
84 seems very daunting, but was told to fill it in as much as possible and the NCDOT will help fill
85 in the blanks after they receive it.

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88 **9. Updates:**

89 **a. Transportation Planning Branch Update:** *Priya Nimbole, P.E., NCDOT*

90 *NBAMPO Coordinator*

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92 Ms. Nimbole stated that the model development is on schedule and is awaiting the
93 data from Cherry Point. She hopes to be done with the first run by the end of
94 May.

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96 **b. New Bern Area MPO Update:** *Maurizia Chapman, AICP, NBAMPO*
97 *Administrator*

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99 Ms. Chapman reported on the following:

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- 102 • The website is in progress.
 - 103 • Projects were released last Wednesday. Talked with some members about
104 having a sub-committee meeting next week to review projects using the
105 scoring that was set up and approved.
 - 106 • Participation in Duffest; spoke with the public about the NBA MPO and
107 distributed surveys. 9 – 11 surveys have been completed and returned.
 - 108 • 3rd Quarter reimbursement has been filed.
 - 109 • Jacksonville ENC MPO coalition – will be a full meeting with TAC members
110 and full staff.
 - 111 • Working actively to set up the peer exchange, this should be done by the
112 middle of next week. This will include coastal MPOs from South Carolina,
113 North Carolina and Virginia for Hurricane evacuation planning.
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119 **10. Discussion:**

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121 Mr. Flanagan stated that on Monday Senate Bill 792 was put out by Senators Cooke and
122 Sanderson; The Ferry Tolling Replacement Funds Bill. It proposes a \$5 million annual transfer
123 from the Highway Fund directly to the Ferry Division to eliminate the need for tolls or increased
124 tolls.

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126 Vice-Chair Hodges thanked Ms. Chapman for working with CARTS and discussed making
127 arrangements for TCC & TAC members to take a tour of the port in Moorehead City anytime.
128 Mr. Flanagan and Ms. Chapman both stated that they would work together to coordinate and
129 schedule the tour.

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131 **11. Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

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133 **12. Adjourn**

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Jeff Ruggieri, Chairman

Maurizia Chapman, MPO Administrator