



44 **5. Plug-In Electric Vehicle Plan for the Highway 70 Corridor:** *Lauren Tuttle*

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46 Ms. Lauren Tuttle with the Eastern Carolina Council provided a PowerPoint presentation  
47 on PEV vehicles, explaining the growth potential and how plans for future infrastructure  
48 are currently being considered.

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50 She relayed that a PEV steering committee meets on a monthly basis and encouraged  
51 members of the CAC to attend.

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53 **6. FY 2017 Meeting Schedule:** *Kim Maxey*

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55 Ms. Maxey provided the proposed dates for the upcoming year. CAC members did not  
56 indicate any issues with the schedule, therefore meetings will continue as noted.

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58 **Motion: Chair Prewitt made a motion to approve the FY 2017 Meeting Schedule as**  
59 **presented and recommend TAC approval. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jean**  
60 **Huryn and passed unanimously.**

61 **7. P 4.0 Projects Prioritization Ranking and Scoring:** *Maurizia Chapman*

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63 Ms. Chapman relayed that the NCDOT was late in sending out this information. Due to  
64 this, the specially scheduled meeting previously called for June will not be necessary.  
65 Final scoring must be submitted by July 29<sup>th</sup>, which provides enough time for the public  
66 review period, and board approvals at regularly scheduled July meetings.

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68 A sub-committee was formed, met on April 25<sup>th</sup> and applied the approved methodology  
69 to determine the raw rankings based on that scoring. In discussion with the sub-  
70 committee members, DERPO, Division 2 representatives and other NCDOT staff  
71 developed the recommendations being presented to the Committee. Ms. Chapman  
72 relayed that the MPO was given 1100 points at the Regional level. Many Statewide  
73 projects were cascading into the Regional tier and recommendations were provided that  
74 deviated from the process.

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76 The number one project as scored by the sub-committee was the First Street road diet. If  
77 using regular methodology, the top project will receive 100 points and each subsequent  
78 project one less (99, 98, etc.).

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80 Due to specific situations, staff is recommending only one or two transit projects be  
81 scored. Ms. Chapman explained the logic: The points provided by us are worth 15% of  
82 the overall score. 70% comes from the State quantitative score. The other 15% comes  
83 from the Division 2 office. The Division methodology says they can only give 200 points  
84 to non-highway modes, and no more than 400 points within the Division. Division 2  
85 includes the Greenville MPO and rural RPOs that include Morehead City and Kinston. If  
86 we concentrate on one of the transit projects, we might have a better chance of getting it  
87 funded.

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89 The vehicles purchases included in this process are scheduled for FY 2017, 2018 and  
90 2019. FY 2017 did not score well. The state match is of about \$9,000 and if they don't  
91 receive the points CARTS will still purchase the vehicle. After speaking with the Transit

92 Director, staff found that FY 2018 is the preferred year for receiving NCDOT match. By  
93 not scoring all three transit requests, points can be used towards other projects. Members  
94 agreed.  
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96 Ms. Chapman relayed that the Taberna interchange is one of the projects that scored the  
97 highest quantitative points and one that is partially funded through the Statewide tier.  
98 This project has been pushed out to 2025 not for lack of funds but due to the fact this  
99 interchange is part of a larger project, which is currently in the TIP, but did not score well  
100 in this process. Therefore scoring it at the regional level would not help accelerating the  
101 project, therefore staff recommend we award no points to this projects.  
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103 The US 17 Bypass completion was carried over from P 3.0 and is approximately \$180  
104 million project. The RPO submitted two projects in the scoring process for this road; one  
105 recommended a multi-lane highway, and one recommended a freeway. Due both projects  
106 receiving similar quantitative scores, staff and RPO staff recommend we award no points  
107 to the multi-lane highway project, and continue to support the proposed freeway.  
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109 Ms. Chapman requested members approve the project ranking and prioritization as  
110 recommended by staff and recommend TAC approval.  
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112 **Motion: Chair Prewitt made a motion to approve the P 4.0 Projects Prioritization**  
113 **Ranking and scores as presented and recommend TAC approval. The motion was**  
114 **seconded by Dr. Jean Huryn. Dr. Huryn left prior to voting. As the quorum could**  
115 **not be met, all members present approved by consensus.**

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117 **8. Updates:**

118 **a. Transportation Planning Branch Update:**  
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120 As Mr. Norowzi could not attend, Ms. Chapman provided the following updates:  
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- 122 • A recommendation was made on hiring a staff member to be the  
123 NBAMPO Coordinator to replace Mr. Javed. This position has been in  
124 limbo as additional NCDOT staff members were slated to be released.  
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- 126 • In regards to the functional classification of MLK between U.S. 70 and  
127 Highway 17 Bypass, which had previously been downgraded, the MPO  
128 worked with NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch to change it. The  
129 classification will be changed to an “Other Principal Arterial” and will be  
130 once again part of the Strategic Highway Network.  
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132 **b. CARTS Update: Kelly Walker, Director**  
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134 As Ms. Walker could not attend, Ms. Maxey provided the following updates:  
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- 136 • There are five part-time driver positions open with an average of 20 hours  
137 per week.  
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- The Assistant Director position remains open and applications are still being accepted for this position.
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- The tablets are scheduled to be shipped out next week. Once received staff will be trained once installation is completed.
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145 **c. Division 2 Update:** *Jeff Cabaniss, NCDOT Division 2 Planning Engineer*

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147 As Mr. Cabaniss could not attend, Ms. Maxey provided the following updates:

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- The bike/ped paths along Glenburnie and Neuse are about 95% complete
  - Landscape enhancement project in Bridgeton is complete.
  - Resurfacing of the Hwy 55 interchange in Bridgeton was awarded to S.T. Wooten and will begin when current Trent River Bridge construction is complete.
  - The Trent River Bridge construction has begun and is 60% complete and crews are on track to finish the project as scheduled, by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Crews will focus on completing the westbound lanes before the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.
  - NCDOT will hold their projects prioritization public meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup> at Craven Community College from 5pm-7pm.
  - They are preparing to resurface a number of roads in Trent Woods.
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162 **d. New Bern Area MPO Update:** *Maurizia Chapman, MPO Administrator*

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164 Ms. Chapman provided updates on:

- Staff and some board members attended the NCAMPO annual conference the previous week, which was highly successful. The New Bern MPO will host the 2017 annual conference and work has already begun in planning for this event.
  - Staff will hold a public meeting in June as part of the 30-day review process for SPOT. Details will follow as a date and location are determined.
  - Copies of the completed MTP were handed out to each member.
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172 **9. Discussion:**

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174 **10. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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180 Dr. Vana Prewitt - Chairman

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