

45 **5. FY 2016-2025 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)**
46 **Amendment No. 3: *Kim Maxey***

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48 Ms. Maxey relayed that Amendment No. 3 is for future general safety improvements at
49 various locations. These funds are allotted to manage future improvements as needed, at
50 which time locations would be determined.

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52 Mr. Sage questioned who required the Amendment. Ms. Maxey advised the State
53 required it, and our MTIP must match the State TIP, thus the request to approve these
54 adjustments.

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56 Ms. Maxey requested the board approve the Amendment and recommend TAC approval.

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58 **Motion: Mr. Olstad made a motion to approve the FY 2016-2025 MTIP**
59 **Amendment No. 3 as presented and recommend TAC approval. The motion was**
60 **seconded by Mr. Sage and passed unanimously.**

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62 **6. P 4.0 Projects prioritization ranking and scoring: *Kim Maxey***

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64 Ms. Maxey relayed the NBAMPO held its public meeting on July 29th, at which time 38
65 verified participants were signed in, however staff believe the participation level was
66 higher than that, with some attendees not signing in.

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68 Of those that attended, 13 people left feedback in various forms including emails received
69 after the meeting. The comments were compiled and included in the packet for the CAC
70 board members.

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72 Ms. Maxey noted that most concerns from the public pertained to the proposed First
73 Street Road Diet. Despite these concerns, it remains staff recommendation to continue
74 with this project and Ms. Maxey requested the board approve the previously discussed
75 rankings and recommend TAC approval.

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77 Ms. Adolph and Dr. Huryrn both suggested rather than call these meetings public input
78 meetings, perhaps they should be considered public education meetings for projects.
79 They shared the same sentiment that the public may feel their input isn't necessary if no
80 changes are made based on their recommendations. Staff will discuss and consider for
81 future public meetings.

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83 Public citizen Fred Pittinger relayed his experience with a similar project in Colorado in
84 which a road diet was implemented similar to what is on Broad Street in New Bern. He
85 noted the public initially were against the change but after living with it discovered the
86 benefits and ultimately were pleased with the change.

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88 **Motion: Mr. Olstad made a motion to approve the P.4 Project rankings as**
89 **presented and recommend TAC approval. The motion was seconded by Ms.**
90 **Adolph and passed unanimously.**

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92 **7. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Small Area Study:** *Maurizia Chapman*
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94 Ms. Chapman relayed that the draft version of this study was provided to board members
95 for review. MPO staff, City of New Bern staff and members of the NCDOT met with the
96 consultants on June 28th to discuss the outcome of the study. During this meeting staff
97 noted the absence of pedestrian coverage and therefore requested the consultants adjust
98 for this prior to submitting the final version of the study.
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100 The request for this study was based on the fact that although we submitted the MLK
101 from US 70 to Trent Creek Road as a possible access management or superstreet design
102 due to existing and future traffic, median crossings and intersections, it did not score
103 well. There is a great deal of development planned for portions of this corridor which
104 initiated the need for this study.
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106 Ms. Chapman discussed the results of the study in brief. She relayed the reason for
107 requesting endorsement from the CAC is due to the future development of this area,
108 which will happen sooner than staff can request this project in the TIP process. It will be
109 easier to work with developers prior to building than trying to retrofit afterwards.
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111 Mr. Sage questioned if the vacant wooded lot between two parcels on the north side of
112 MLK could be developed. Ms. Maxey advised with the wetlands and Wilson's Creek in
113 that area, it's highly unlikely that any significant development would take place on this
114 parcel. Mr. Sage then questioned, in light of that, if that area could be turned into a park
115 for bicyclists and pedestrians, and if the old rail line right of way indicated on the map by
116 blue lines, could be turned into a pedestrian/multi-modal path rather than a road for
117 vehicular travel.
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119 **Motion: Mr. Sage made a motion to endorse the MLK Jr. Small Area Study, noting**
120 **the recommendation of utilizing the railroad line as a multi-modal path rather than**
121 **a vehicular road and recommend TAC approval. The motion was seconded Ms.**
122 **Adolph. Mr. Olstad included the recommendation that these as long term**
123 **improvements need to be included as an important part of the development study.**
124 **Mr. Sage then seconded the amended motion. The amended motion passed by**
125 **unanimous consent.**

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127 **8. Updates:**

128 **a. Transportation Planning Branch Update:**
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130 Mr. Behshad Norowzi provided the following updates:
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- 132 • Ms. Catherine Bryant was hired as the newest member to be the
133 NBAMPO Coordinator to replace Mr. Javed. She has been with the TPB
134 for over 2 years, with a degree from Georgia Tech. She has been the RPO
135 Coordinator for the southwestern portion of the state.
- 136 • Before beginning the Craven County Comprehensive Transportation Plan
137 (CTP), they will work on expanding the model area.
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b. CARTS Update: *Kelly Walker, Director*

Ms. Kelly Walker provided the following updates:

- There are five part-time driver positions open with an average of 20 hours per week.
- The Assistant Director position has been filled. He was unable to attend due to annual military training, as he is an officer in the reserves.
- The tablets arrived and are being disbursed to buses. Currently there are 3 out and running with the rest to be implemented this week.
- The Transportation Advisory Board meeting will be held next Wednesday, July 20th at 10am.

c. Division 2 Update: *Jeff Cabaniss, NCDOT Division 2 Planning Engineer*

Jeff Cabaniss provided the following updates:

- The bike/ped paths along Glenburnie and Neuse are now 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 sometime between August and September.
- The Trent River Bridge construction is complete, and was done on time.
- Barnhill Construction will be resurfacing a few roads within the MPO during August and September including:
 - Simmons from Neuse Blvd. to National Ave.
 - Glenburnie from Neuse Blvd. to National Ave.
 - Rocky Run Road
 - Staten Road
- Onslow Grade and Paving is currently resurfacing roads in Trent Woods and should be finished by the end of July.

d. New Bern Area MPO Update: *Maurizia Chapman, MPO Administrator*

Ms. Maxey provided updates on:

- The NCDOT launched a new online interactive portal that allows people to prioritize the projects within our division. Our DOT is the first in the US to launch such a tool. Ms. Maxey encouraged everyone to access either via the NBAMPO website or Facebook page.

9. Discussion:

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

Dr. Vana Prewitt - Chairman

Secretary