



46 **6. FY 2016-2025 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)**  
47 **Amendment NO. 3: *Kim Maxey***

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

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53 Ms. Maxey advised the CAC and TCC approved, recommend TAC approval and is  
54 requesting the board approve the Amendment.

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56 **Motion: Mr. Tyson made a motion to approve the FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendment**  
57 **No. 3 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kirkland and passed**  
58 **unanimously.**

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60 **7. P 4.0 Projects prioritization ranking and scoring: *Kim Maxey***

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

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

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70 Ms. Maxey noted that most concerns from the public pertained to the proposed First  
71 Street Road Diet. Despite these concerns, it remains staff recommendation to continue  
72 with this project. The City of New Bern approved the project as well as above the  
73 required match toward the cost. Ms. Maxey requested the board approve the previously  
74 discussed rankings and recommend TAC approval.

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76 Ms. Maxey advised the CAC and TCC approved, recommend TAC approval and is  
77 requesting the board approve the ranking and scoring as presented.

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79 **Motion: Mr. Tyson made a motion to approve the P.4 Project rankings as presented**  
80 **and recommend TAC approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kirkland and**  
81 **passed unanimously.**

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83 **8. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Small Area Study: *Kim Maxey***

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85 Ms. Maxey relayed that the draft version of this study was provided to board members for  
86 review. MPO staff, City of New Bern staff and members of the NCDOT met with the  
87 consultants on June 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the outcome of the study. During this meeting staff

88 noted the absence of pedestrian coverage and therefore requested the consultants adjust  
89 for this prior to submitting the final version of the study.

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91 The request for this study was based on the fact that although we submitted the MLK  
92 from US 70 to Trent Creek Road as a possible access management or superstreet design  
93 due to existing and future traffic, median crossings and intersections, it did not score  
94 well. There is a great deal of development planned for portions of this corridor which  
95 initiated the need for this study.

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97 Ms. Maxey discussed the results of the study in brief. She relayed the reason for  
98 requesting endorsement from the TAC is due to the future development of this area,  
99 which will happen sooner than staff can request this project in the TIP process. It will be  
100 easier to work with developers prior to building than trying to retrofit afterwards.

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102 The CAC endorsed the study with the request to use the defunct rail line as a multi-use  
103 pedestrian path rather than a vehicular road. The TCC also endorsed the traffic study.  
104 Ms. Maxey is requesting the TAC endorse as well.

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106 **Motion: Mr. Tyson made a motion to endorse the MLK Small Area Study as**  
107 **presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kirkland. The motion passed**  
108 **unanimously.**

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111 **9. Updates:**

112 **a. Transportation Planning Branch Update: Catherine Bryant, NCDOT TPB**

- 113 • Ms. Maxey introduced the new NBAMPO NCDOT TPB member.
- 114 • Ms. Bryant updated that they are working on the New Bern model  
115 expansion now and will begin working on the CTP.

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117 **b. CARTS Update: Kelly Walker, Transit Director**

118 Ms. Walker provided the following updates:

- 119 • The Assistant Director position has been filled. Charles McKenna was  
120 introduced.
- 121 • The tablets arrived and have being disbursed to buses. Mr. McKenna is  
122 providing hands on training to the drivers while running their routes.

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

125 Mr. Jeff Cabaniss provided the following updates:

- 126 • The bike/ped paths along Glenburnie and Neuse are now complete.
- 127 • Landscape enhancement project in Bridgeton is complete.
- 128 • Resurfacing of the Hwy 55 interchange in Bridgeton was awarded to S.T.  
129 Wooten and will begin sometime between August and September.
- 130 • The Trent River Bridge construction is complete, and was done on time.
- 131 • Barnhill Construction will be resurfacing a few roads within the MPO  
132 during August and September including:
  - 133 ○ Simmons from Neuse Blvd. to National Ave.
  - 134 ○ Glenburnie from Neuse Blvd. to National Ave.

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- 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.
- There are some additional federal funds available for ADA improvements at intersections. There is an application process with a very quick turnaround. A letter is required listing intersections for review. The match funds are not required, and the NCDOT will cover all costs for these improvements provided the roads are state roads. If it is a non-state road, the 20% match will be required by the City responsible.

d. **New Bern Area MPO Update:** *Kimberly Maxey, MPO Planner*

**13. Discussion:** None

**14. Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Steve Tyson, Chairman

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Jeff Ruggieri, Secretary