

48 **5.4.Approval of the minutes of the May 19, 2016 meeting:** Reading of the minutes was
49 waived.

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51 **Motion: Ms. Boone made a motion to approve the May 19, 2016 minutes as presented.**
52 **The motion was seconded by Mr. Norowzi. The motion passed unanimously.**

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54 **6.5.FY 2016-2025 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)**
55 **Amendment NO. 3: *Kim Maxey***

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

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

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63 **Motion: Mr. Shorter made a motion to approve the FY 2016-2025 MTIP**
64 **Amendment No. 3 as presented and recommend TAC approval. The motion was**
65 **seconded by Mr. Rouse and passed unanimously.**

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67 **7.6.P 4.0 Projects prioritization ranking and scoring: *Kim Maxey***

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

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

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

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83 Ms. Boone asked if there was a conceptual design provided to the public for the First
84 Street Project. Ms. Maxey advised there was not, as the project was, and still isn't,
85 approved at this time. Ms. Boone noted she feels some of what has eluded the public
86 knowledge is potential turn lanes. Ms. Maxey advised she has used the Trent Road
87 restriping as an example for the public.

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

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94 **8.7. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Small Area Study:** *Maurizia Chapman*

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96 Ms. Chapman relayed that the draft version of this study was provided to board members
97 for review. MPO staff, City of New Bern staff and members of the NCDOT met with the
98 consultants on June 28th to discuss the outcome of the study. During this meeting staff
99 noted the absence of pedestrian coverage and therefore requested the consultants adjust
100 for this prior to submitting the final version of the study.

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

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108 Ms. Chapman discussed the results of the study in brief. She relayed the reason for
109 requesting endorsement from the TCC is due to the future development of this area,
110 which will happen sooner than staff can request this project in the TIP process. It will be
111 easier to work with developers prior to building than trying to retrofit afterwards.

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113 **Motion: Mr. Shorter made a motion to endorse the MLK Small Area Study as**
114 **presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rouse. The motion passed unanimously.**

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116 **9.8. Updates:**

117 **a. Transportation Planning Branch Update:** *Behshad Norowzi, NCDOT TPB*

118 Mr. Norowzi provided the following updates:

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- 120 • Ms. Catherine Bryant was hired as the newest member to be the
- 121 NBAMPO Coordinator to replace Mr. Javed. She has been with the TPB
- 122 for over 2 years, with a degree from Georgia Tech. She has been the RPO
- 123 Coordinator for the southwestern portion of the state.
- 124 • Before beginning the Craven County Comprehensive Transportation Plan
- 125 (CTP), they will work on expanding the model area.
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127 **b. CARTS Update:** *Kelly Walker, Transit Director*

128 Ms. Walker provided the following updates:

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- 130 • There are five part-time driver positions open with an average of 20 hours
- 131 per week. Acting-chair Jackson questioned if this was due to low
- 132 application numbers or unqualified applicants. Ms. Walker advised it was
- 133 a little of both. Mr. Norowzi requested she forward the position posting to
- 134 him and he will try and help pass the information around. Ms. Maxey will
- 135 forward to all members.
- 136 • The Assistant Director position has been filled. He was unable to attend
- 137 due to annual military training, as he is an officer in the reserves.
- 138 • The tablets arrived and are being disbursed to buses. Currently there are 3
- 139 out and running with the rest to be implemented this week.
- 140 • The Transportation Advisory Board meeting will be held next Wednesday,
- 141 July 20th at 10am.

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c. **Division 2 Update:** *Jeff Cabaniss, NCDOT Division 2 Planning Engineer*
Mr. Jeff Cabaniss provided the following updates:

- The bike/ped paths along Glenburnie and Neuse are now complete.
 - Ms. Boone provided the following information about these items:
 - Neuse Boulevard sidewalks are complete.
 - They are waiting for word from the NCDOT about stop bars in regards to crosswalk locations along Glenburnie. Once finalized the contractor will complete striping.
- 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.
- 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:** *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.

10.9. Discussion:

11.10. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jeff Ruggieri, Chairman

Maurizia Chapman, MPO Administrator