

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

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4                               **September 8, 2016**

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6    The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held its regularly scheduled meeting on  
7    Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 1:30 PM in the Development Services Conference Room, 303  
8    First Street.

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10 **Members Present:**

- 11                               Mr. Jeff Ruggieri - Chair
- 12                               Mr. Gene Hodges – Vice-Chair
- 13                               Mr. Don Baumgardner – County of Craven
- 14                               Mr. Andrew Shorter – NB Regional Airport
- 15                               Ms. Amanda Boone – City of New Bern
- 16                               Ms. Kelly Walker – CARTS
- 17                               Mr. Jeff Cabaniss – NCDOT
- 18                               Mr. John Rouse – NCDOT
- 19                               Mr. Behshad Norowzi – NCDOT
- 20                               Mr. Haywood Daughtry - NCDOT
- 21                               Mr. Bill Marley – FHWA
- 22                               Mr. Patrick Flanagan – Down East RPO

23 **Members Excused:**

- 24                               Mr. David Fort – Town of Bridgeton
- 25                               Mr. Delane Jackson – River Bend
- 26                               Ms. Nan Holton – Trent Woods
- 27                               Mr. Steve Hamilton – NCDOT
- 28                               Mr. John Rouse - NCDOT

29 **Members Absent:**

- 30                               Mr. Kevin Roberts – NB Chamber of Commerce

31 **Guests Present:**

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33 **Staff Present:**

- 34                               Ms. Kimberly Maxey – New Bern Area MPO
- 35                               Ms. Maurizia Chapman – New Bern Area MPO

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- 37       **1. Call to Order:** Chair Ruggieri called the meeting to order.
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- 39       **2. Roll Call:** Roll Call was taken and a quorum was declared.
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- 41       **3. Approval of today’s agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.
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- 43       **4. Approval of the minutes of the July 14, 2016 meeting:** Reading of the minutes was
- 44       waived. Approval of the minutes by unanimous decision.
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49 **5. P 4.0 Projects Prioritization Ranking and Scoring:** *Maurizia Chapman*

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51 Ms. Chapman relayed staff received information from the State on August 24<sup>th</sup> showing  
52 the proposed regional projects that would be funded through the next cycle of the  
53 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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55 Information provided to the TCC for review included a spreadsheet showing the funded  
56 regional projects that shows only one project, an Aviation project that is recommended  
57 for funding within the NBAMPO. This was not unexpected.

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59 Division 2 includes the Greenville MPO, New Bern Area MPO and several Rural  
60 Planning Organizations. The second handout shows the projects that will be scored  
61 within Division 2 with the potential for funding. The projects were ranked by the  
62 Quantitative Score that comes from the NCDOT. The NBAMPO projects are  
63 highlighted, with the first being fairly far down within the project list. It doesn't look  
64 promising for the NBAMPO to get any projects funded.

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66 Scoring is 50% Quantitative, set by the NCDOT, and 50% local. The local 50% is split  
67 in half with 25% of the score at the MPO/RPO level and 25% of the score by the Division  
68 2 office (John Rouse/Jeff Cabaniss). Everything must be submitted by the end of  
69 October, thus the compressed time schedule. Due to this staff will call a special called  
70 meeting in October.

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72 During the morning CAC meeting, Ms. Chapman relayed that this board decided they  
73 wanted involvement and therefore are going to submit their own scores that will be  
74 compiled separately from the sub-committee scores but will be presented to the TAC as  
75 well.

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77 Half of what is allocated to each Division has already been assigned to other projects.  
78 All Divisions get the same amount of funds (\$391M) for the 10-year timeframe. In  
79 Division 2, \$255M has already been allocated to projects, which only leaves \$136M to be  
80 allocated to new projects. Some projects in the current list have not been funded at the  
81 Regional level that already exceed the total amount left to allocate.

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83 **6. 2017 Annual NCAMPO Conference:** *Kim Maxey*

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85 Ms. Maxey provided an update on the progress in planning for the April 2017 conference.  
86 The Convention Center has been booked, along with 3 hotels and 2 Bed & Breakfasts.  
87 One reception venue has been determined at the Tryon Palace History Center with a  
88 second location being discussed. Waiting on information from The Flame Catering as  
89 well as The Chelsea Catering.

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91 We are formulating ideas for mobile workshops which include a trip to the Port, a ferry  
92 ride, a bus tour, and a walking tour. Tom Hewitt, owner of Atomic Cycles has agreed to  
93 assist in putting together a bike ride as one of the mobile tours. City Planner Brad  
94 Sceviour will put together a map of downtown with all the bar/hot spots for the pub  
95 crawl.

97 Ms. Maxey relayed she has reached out to Congressman G.K. Butterfield's office in the  
98 hope that he will agree to be the keynote speaking along with current Transportation  
99 Secretary Anthony Foxx. Chair Ruggieri suggested Alderman Kinsey aid in contacting  
100 G.K. Butterfield's office as well. Ms. Chapman advised Butterfield will no longer have  
101 New Bern in his district after the election, but as the conference is state-wide perhaps he  
102 would still consider coming.

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104 Ms. Chapman relayed that since the conference is local, the MPO may have more funds  
105 available to aid board members in attending, which could provide the opportunity for  
106 more than 3 from each board, which is the norm, to attend.

## 107 108 **7. Updates:**

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

110 Mr. Norowzi provided the following updates:

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- 112 • Mr. Norowzi is attending on behalf of Catherine Bryant as she is attending
- 113 TransCad training. She has begun working on the model and expanding it
- 114 to include all of Craven County, rather than just New Bern and Havelock.
- 115 • TPB sent out a funding agreement to all MPO's. The MPO's were not
- 116 pleased with the agreement, therefore a committee was created to revise
- 117 the agreement. This process has begun but will take a couple more
- 118 months.
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### 120 **b. CARTS Update:** *Kelly Walker, Transit Director*

121 Ms. Walker provided the following updates:

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- 123 • Next Transportation Advisory Board meeting to be held October 19<sup>th</sup>.
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### 125 **c. Division 2 Update:** *Jeff Cabaniss, NCDOT Division 2 Planning Engineer*

126 Mr. Jeff Cabaniss provided the following updates:

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- 128 • Work has begun on resurfacing of the Highway 17/Highway 55
- 129 interchange. The intermediate level is close to being completed, at which
- 130 time they will begin final surface grade.
- 131 • Barnhill Construction will be resurfacing a few roads within the MPO in
- 132 October including:
  - 133 ○ Simmons from Neuse Blvd. to National Ave.
  - 134 ○ Glenburnie from Neuse Blvd. to National Ave.
  - 135 ○ Staten Road
- 136 • Onslow Grade and Paving completed resurfacing roads in Trent Woods
- 137 and are now working on shoulders.
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### 139 **d. City of New Bern Public Works:** *Amanda Boone*

140 Ms. Boone provided the following updates:

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- 142 • Multi-use paths are completed.
- 143 • Ms. Chapman asked Amanda if roads that are being resurfaced could
- 144 incorporate bicycle lanes into these. Ms. Boone relayed there is a Board

145 workshop coming up at which resurfacing is an agenda topic. She advised  
146 this would be the forum to discuss this, as she feels staff may not have an  
147 impact otherwise.  
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149 *e. New Bern Area MPO Update: Maurizia Chapman, MPO Administrator*

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- 151 • No additional information.

152 **8. Discussion:**

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154 **9. Adjourn**

155 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.  
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158 Jeff Ruggieri, Chairman

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158 Maurizia Chapman, MPO Administrator