



TCC MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2019

The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2019 at 1:30 pm in the Development Services Conference Room, 303 First Street.

Members Present:

Mr. Don Baumgardner – County of Craven
Mr. Andrew Shorter – NB Regional Airport
Ms. Diane Hampton - NCDOT
Ms. Kelly Walker – CARTS
Mr. Roy Beeson - CARTS
Ms. Bailey Hardin – NCDOT
Mr. David Fort – Town of Bridgeton
Mr. Christopher Connolly – NCDOT
Mr. Behshad Norowzi – NCDOT
Mr. Kevin Roberts – NB Chamber of Commerce

Members Excused:

Mr. Jeff Ruggieri – Chair
Mr. Gene Hodges – Vice-Chair
Mr. Steve Hamilton – NCDOT
Mr. Delane Jackson – River Bend

Members Absent:

Guests Present:

Ms. Amanda Morrow – Kimley Horn
Ms. Erin Thompson – Kimley Horn
Ms. Natasha Earle-Young – NCDOT
Mr. Daniel Collins – NCDOT

Staff Present:

Ms. Kimberly Maxey – New Bern Area MPO Staff

- 1. Call to Order:** Kim Maxey called the meeting to order.

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2. Roll Call: Roll Call was taken and a quorum was declared.

3. Approval of today’s agenda:

Motion: Board unanimously approved agenda as presented.

4. Approval of minutes for July 2018 and January 2019 meetings:

Motion: Mr. Fort made a motion to approve the July, 2018 and January, 2019 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shorter and passed unanimously.

5. NC Statewide Transportation Plan – NC Moves 2050: *Nastasha Earle-Young – NCDOT*

Ms. Earle-Young presented the long range transportation plan. There are 4 processes to the plan: current assessment, planning for uncertainties, planning for possible futures and creating a plan of action. Ms. Earle-Young expressed the importance of getting feedback from the public about this plan so that it will work for all residents of NC. There will be tabling events across the state, table topics, and surveys, paper and online.

They are currently in phase 2, planning for uncertainties. To better help understand, the NCDOT is working on white papers that will look at national data, and compare NC to other states in the following 8 areas: demographics, economy, tourism, partnerships, funding, technology, security, and climate/resiliency. Ms. Earle-Young presented the following facts and future predictions:

- 4 million people are expected to move to NC by 2050
 - 2/3 of those people are expected to move to the Piedmont Belt
- Retail stores will continue to decline and close
- Healthcare will continue to grow
- Technology will continue to grow with automated vehicles
- Security breaches are expected to decline with growing technology
- Majority of tourism is coming in by car
- Strengthening partnerships, public and private
- Funding is not getting bigger
- Resiliency with wildfires and flooding

The board discussed which areas were most important in their perspective regions.

86 6. **FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): *Kim Maxey***

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88 Ms. Maxey presented the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) in draft format
89 during the January meeting and no additional changes have been made to the proposed
90 budget and expenditures. Therefore she requested the board accept and recommend
91 approval to the TAC.
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93 **Motion: Mr. Shorter made a motion to accept and recommend TAC approval of**
94 **the proposed FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program as presented. The motion**
95 **was seconded by Mr. Fort and passed unanimously.**
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97 7. **Annual Self Certification of 3C's Planning Process:**

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99 Ms. Maxey advised the 3C's Planning Process are guidelines the MPO is required to
100 follow in order to continue receiving federal funding for projects:

- 101 • Cooperative – cooperation between federal, state, local levels of government and
102 various agencies within each level
- 103 • Continuing – updating approach to how we view transportation planning
- 104 • Comprehensive – refers to 10 facets including:
 - 105 1. Economic factors affecting development
 - 106 2. Population
 - 107 3. Land use
 - 108 4. Transportation facilities
 - 109 5. Travel patterns
 - 110 6. Terminal and transfer facilities
 - 111 7. Traffic control features
 - 112 8. Zoning, building codes, subdivision codes
 - 113 9. Financial resources
 - 114 10. Social & community value factors

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116 Ms. Maxey feels confident the NBAMPO and member agencies are achieving this goal.
117 Communication between member agencies has improved each year, and there continues
118 to be effective collaboration with rural counterparts.
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121 **Annual Self Certification of 3C's Planning Process as presented. The motion was**
122 **seconded by Mr. Shorter and passed unanimously.**
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124 8. **6.0 Pre-Submittal Project Discussion:**

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126 Ms. Maxey advised that the pre-submittal process for P 6.0 only included intersection
127 improvements. The intersection improvements submitted thus far are:

- 128 • H183996 – First/Trent/Pollock/Rhem intersection: re-alignment of this
129 intersection or add in a roundabout to aid in safety and with traffic. Despite the
130 First St. road diet project, improvements to this intersection were not included

- 131 • H184053 – MLK Blvd./Mall entrance: to address congestion issues stemming
- 132 from Chick Fil-a drive through overflow that back up along MLK
- 133 • H183997 – First/Broad/Neuse/3rd Ave: improvements to include safer pedestrian
- 134 crossing facilities
- 135 • H184000 – Old Hwy 17 in Bridgeton: currently remains a divided 4-lane
- 136 highway were the old bridge used to connect to 17. Recommendations include
- 137 utilizing one side as a 2-way road and the other side as a multi-use path for the
- 138 residents of Bridgeton
- 139 • H184052 – Bus 17/MLK/Trent: improvements to this intersection as
- 140 developments continue to expand the surrounding areas. Despite the funding of
- 141 the superstreet design along MLK in the 2nd half of the STIP, there may be a
- 142 better option to improve safety and congestion until that project is completed.
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144 A smaller work group will be formed to create a list of projects to be considered for the

145 next round of scoring.

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147 **9. Updates:**

- 148 • **Transportation Planning Division Update:** *Behshad Norowzi, NCDOT TPD*
- 149 ○ Mr. Norowzi introduced new member Mr. Christopher Connolly
- 150 ○ Mr. Connolly presented the TPD newsletter. CTP maps – presented last
- 151 month.
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- 153 • **CARTS Update:** *Kelly Walker, Transit Director*
- 154 ○ Ms. Walker presented the following data and statistics comparing July 2018
- 155 data to February 2019:
- 156 ▪ Trips that include fixed route, ADA complementary paratransit, and
- 157 urban demand response is up 10% of total business
- 158 • July 2018 – 1,692 or 31% of all trips
- 159 • February 2019 – 2,181 or 41% of all trips
- 160 • Urban trips are going up, rural going down. This is possibly
- 161 due to the hurricane.
- 162 ▪ Medicare transportation is decreasing. Made up 16% of all trips in
- 163 February 2019.
- 164 ▪ There were 5,412 total trips in February 2019, which includes all 3
- 165 counties, urban and rural.
- 166 • Of those trips, 41% were from urban areas.
- 167 ○ New Assistant Transportation Director, Roy Beeson
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- 169 • **Division 2 Update:** *Diane Hampton, NCDOT*
- 170 ○ Ms. Hampton presented 2 handouts, the Construction Progress Report and the
- 171 Upcoming Project List.
- 172 ○ The Upcoming Project List contains all new projects and their let and right of
- 173 way dates.
- 174 ○ The Construction Progress Report contains project information such as the
- 175 name and number, person in charge, how far along, if it is on schedule or not,
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- **New Bern Area MPO Update:** *Kim Maxey, MPO Staff*
 - Ms. Maxey advised there will be a small MTP update coming out, with a larger update released when census data comes out. They are working with the VHB on this smaller update.

10. **Discussion:** The board discussed the James City project and the possibility of working during the night.

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

John Kirkland, Chairman

Jeff Ruggieri, Secretary