

# Regional Connectors Study Fact Sheet

## Overview

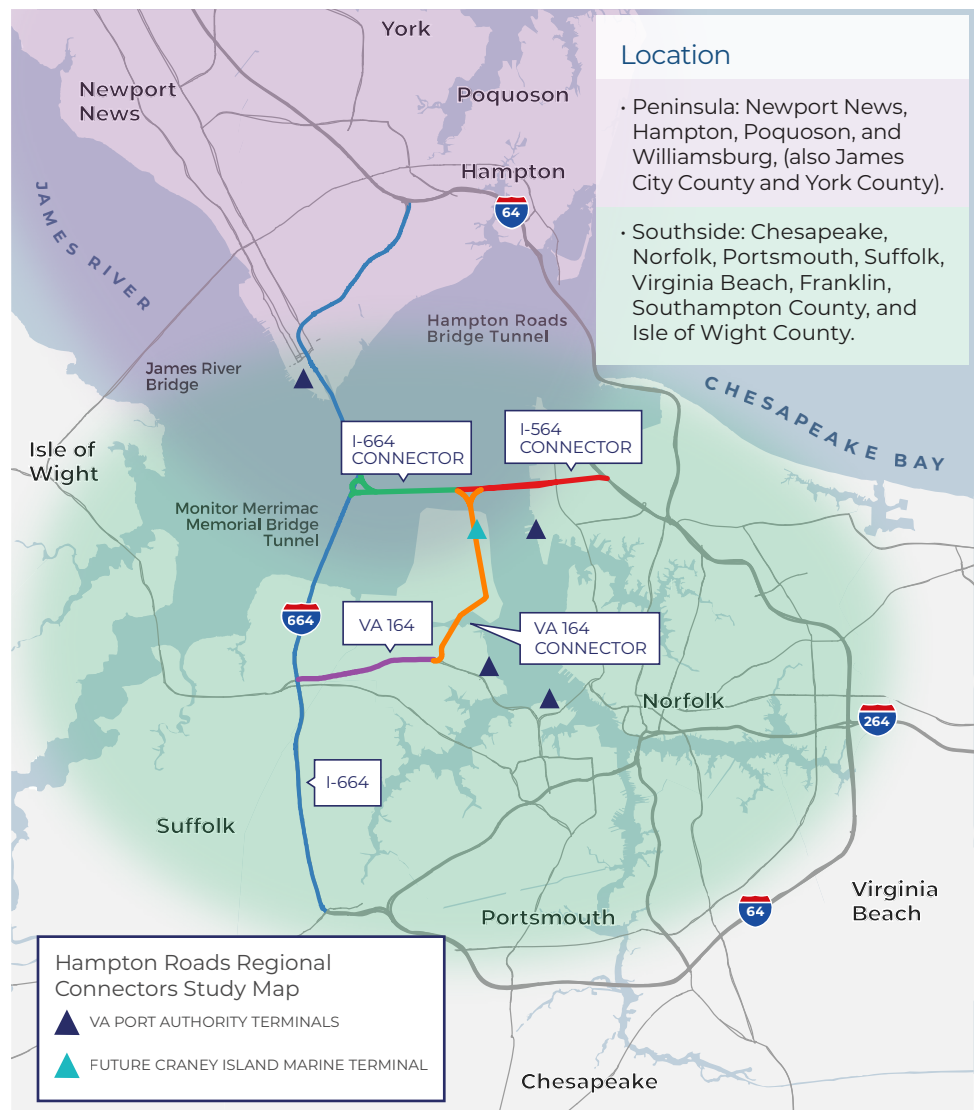
The Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) is conducting a Regional Connectors Study (RCS) that explores options to better connect the Peninsula and the Southside, and improve the economic vitality, resiliency, accessibility, and quality of life in the region. The study will look at crossings and supporting roadways to encourage regional growth and congestion relief at known trouble spots.

Potential alternatives will be evaluated with stakeholder input and through scenario planning (see back).

## Project Background

The RCS kicked-off in June 2018 and will explore projects previously identified in studies dating back to the late 1990s, as well as new potential crossings and supporting roadways. This current effort will evaluate the most recent possibilities as identified but not selected for funding in the 2016 Hampton Roads Crossing Study Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement including:

- VA 164
- I-564 Connector
- VA 164 Connector
- I-664 Connector
- I-664 widening from I-64 in Hampton to US 460/58/13 in Chesapeake



## What is Scenario Planning?

The HRTPO will evaluate several alternatives using exploratory scenario planning, a method used to help make decisions on future investments and reach a shared vision. Scenario planning imagines a variety of futures and then analyzes how alternatives would turn out in each circumstance. The scenarios consider uncertain trends in transportation technology, land use, demographics, and other factors such as climate change. Each scenario is evaluated for its effect on connectivity, mobility, resiliency, and other community and economic impacts. This testing process enables the Regional Connectors Study to identify recommendations with the greatest likelihood of success in achieving the region's long-term vision for improved connectivity between the Peninsula and Southside.

To ensure local voices are heard, the RCS gathers input from local stakeholders including:

- 15 Local governments\*
- 7 Local agencies
- 8 Military representatives
- 4 State agencies
- 43 Public interest groups
- ★ You!

*\*Only 7 local governments are directly impacted and participating in the study.*

## Regional Connectors Study Criteria



Land use allocation (place types)



Land suitability



Environmental impact and constraints including floodplain and stormwater management



Environmental justice and socio-economic impact



Economic development potential



Existing and projected regional travel behavior/conditions/demand



Utilities, railroad, and ferry service conflict



Project costs and funding

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