

REGIONAL CONNECTORS STUDY

Consultant Activity Report – October 2022

Date: November 30, 2022

Report Period: October 1 – October 31, 2022

This monthly report is intended to summarize current or recently completed activity on the Regional Connectors Study by the consultant team.

Work Activity This Period:

Execute Engagement Plan

- Continue to upload the project materials to the project website – agendas, meeting minutes and videos, monthly Consultant Activity reports, and project documents
- Begin to adjust the public outreach plan as necessary based on the delayed Joint Steering (Policy) Committee and Working Group action on the draft segment tiering.

Evaluation of study segments on construction complexity, permitting challenges, project readiness and tiering

- While waiting to hold additional Joint Steering (Policy) Committee and Working Group meeting to seek approval of the draft segment tiering, the consultant team was able to advance select Step 3 activities that are not subject to Committee approval such as modeling the updated RCS 2045 Baseline network.
- Investigated the lease agreement between the railroad and VDOT along VA 164 corridor to better understand right-of-way constraints. Also sought more details from the I-664/Bowers Hill team related to what construction elements (associated with VA 164) are included with that project. All of this information were used to make additional engineering and cost revisions for the mandated segments in the RCS project.

Scenario and Traffic Operations Analysis

- Advancing select Step 3 activities such as modeling the updated RCS 2045 Baseline network.

Prepare for and Attend Meetings

- Settled on November 17 as the date for additional Joint Steering (Policy) Committee and Working Group Meeting to review revised cost estimates and summary of qualitative and quantitative analyses resulting in the draft segment tiering recommendations for the Committee Approval.

Work Anticipated Next Period:

Execute Engagement Plan

- Continue to upload project materials to the project website – agendas, meeting minutes and videos, monthly Consultant Activity reports, and project documents
- Begin preparation for an updated outreach plan including securing reservations at identified meeting venues and discussing meeting content.

Scenario and Traffic Operations Analysis

- Advancing select Step 3 activities such as modeling the updated RCS 2045 Baseline network.

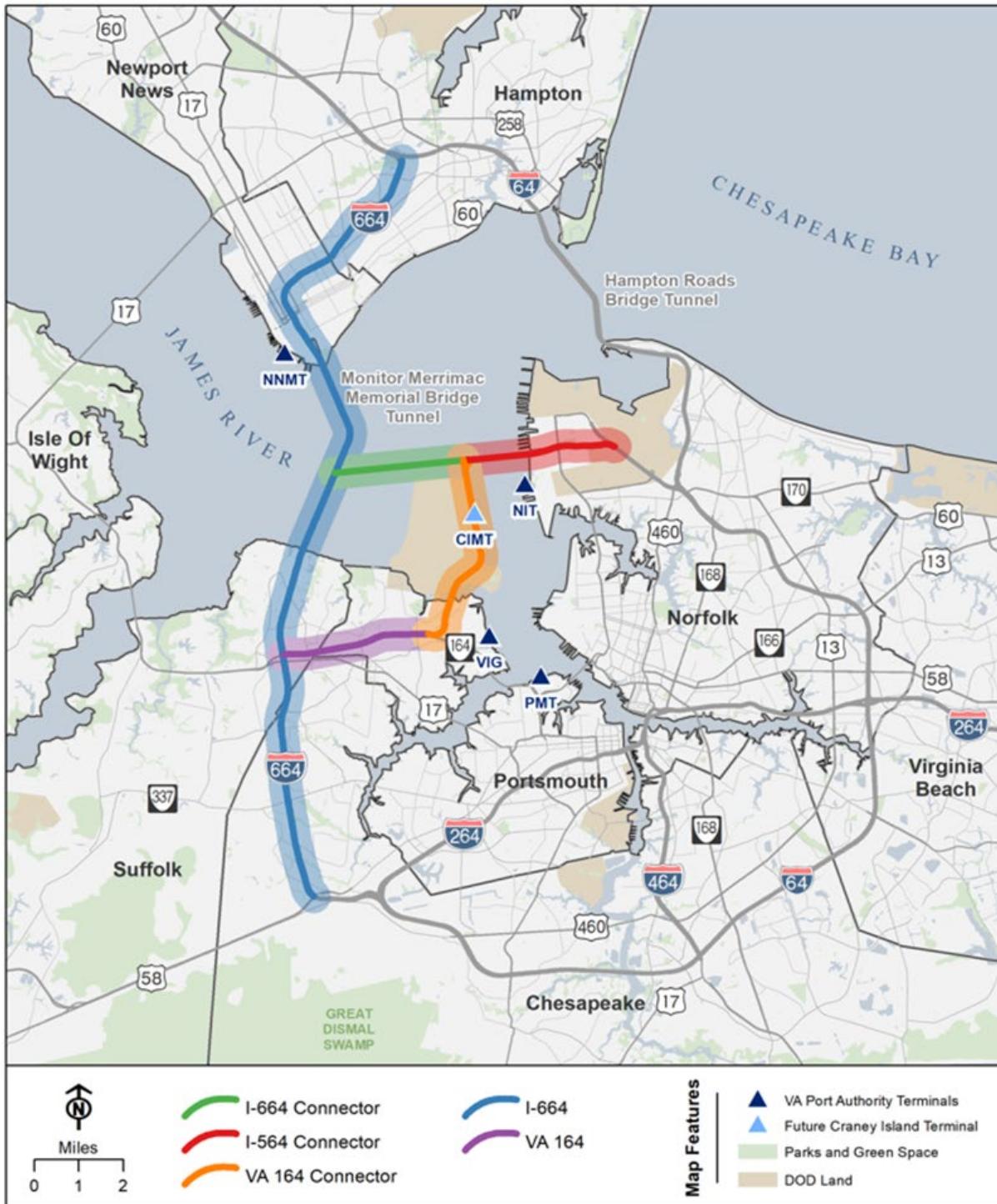
Prepare for and Attend Meetings (Joint Steering (Policy) Committee and Working Group)

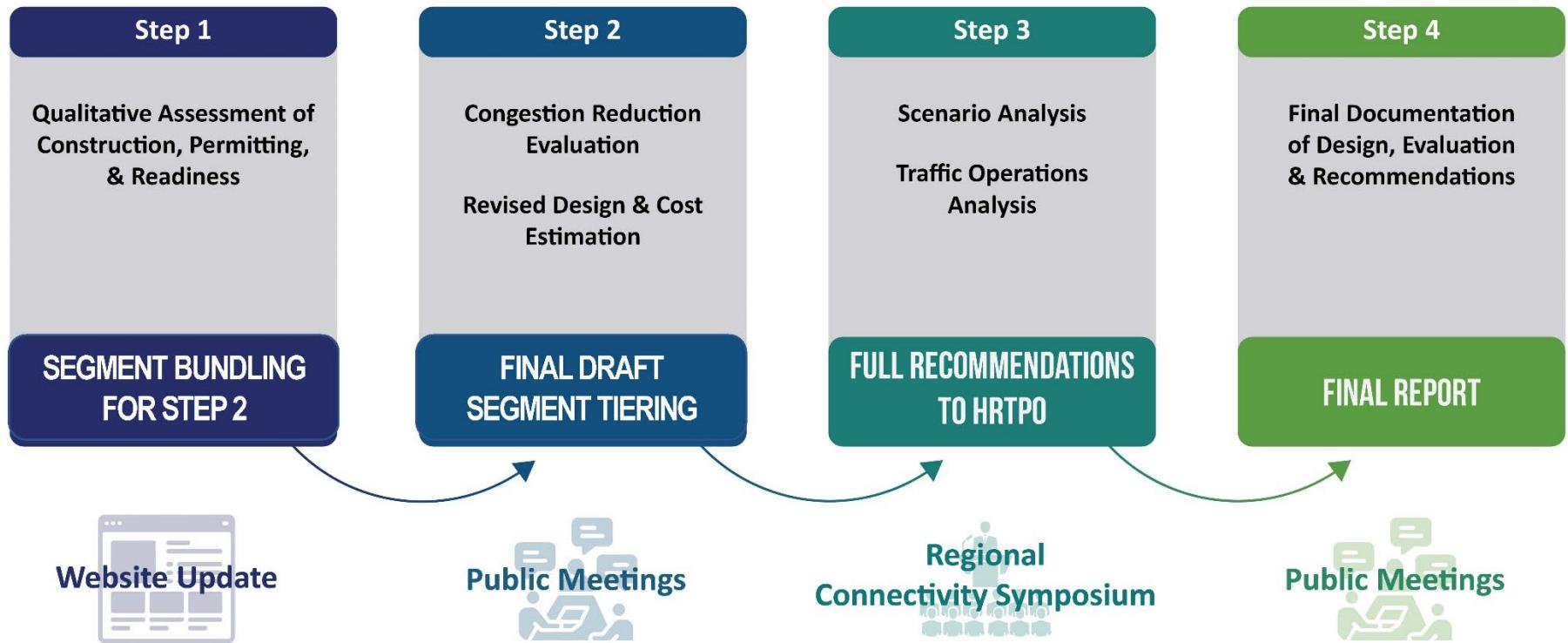
- Prepare for and hold the November 17 meeting with the Joint Steering (Policy) Committee and Working group with revised slideshow reviewed with the HRTPO staff. Expect to receive approval from the Committee to allow Baker to proceed with the next phase of work related to Scenario Planning.

Attachments:

- Mandated Segments
- Phase 3 Process Graphic
- Phase 3, Step 2 Schedule – Note the dates for public meetings, all to be held 5:30-7:30 PM:
 - February 1, 2023 – Pearl Bailey Library, Newport News
 - February 2, 2023 – Lambert's Point Community Center, Norfolk
 - February 7, 2023 – Churchland Branch Library, Portsmouth
 - February 9, 2023 – VDOT Hampton Roads District Office, Suffolk

Mandated Segments





Regional Connectors Study Project Completion Schedule (Steps 3 and 4)

Task	Step	Fall 2022	Winter 2022-2023	Spring 2023	Summer 2023
Code and run 2045 RCS Baseline Network for 4 Land Use Scenarios*	3				
Code and run up to 3 bundle networks for 4 Land Use Scenarios*	3				
Evaluate congestion and economic performance of all of the above	3				
Operational analysis - code/refine segments for analysis	3				
Operational analysis - analyze bundle networks and land use scenarios	3				
Finalize segment cost estimates	3				
Final documentation of study findings	4				
Steering Committee/Working Group Meetings		✓	✓	✓	✓
Public Engagement:					
Regional Connectivity Symposium	3				
HRTPO Community Advisory Comm. Meeting	3,4	✓	✓	✓	
Plan, restart, continue social media	3,4				
Draft promotion materials, promotion plan for public meetings	3,4				
Plan/attend pop-up event (2 locations)	3,4		TBD		TBD
Plan/Prepare/Publicize public meetings	3,4				
Hold public meetings	3,4		Feb. 1, 2, 7, 9		TBD