



Agenda

Regional Connectors Study

Joint Steering (Policy) Committee and Working Group Meeting

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

9:30 AM

Regional Board Room, The Regional Building, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Public Comment Period (Limit 3 minutes per individual)
4. Minutes (Action Requested)

Summary Minutes from October 12, 2021, Joint Steering (Policy) Committee and Working Group Meeting

Attachment 4

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes.

5. Regional Connectors Study: Scope of Work and Schedule Update (Action Requested)

Lorna Parkins and Paul Prideaux (MBI), RCS Co-Project Managers

At the last Joint Steering (Policy) Committee/Working Group Meeting on October 12, 2021, Mr. Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, made a presentation on the path forward for the Regional Connectors Study (RCS). He added that each of the mandated segments (Attachment 5A) would be advanced to the next phase of this study, where an analysis would be completed on the degree to which each segment addresses the needs of the region. Mr. Crum added that the cost, constructability, permitability, and

congestion relief of the various segments would be further evaluated, and the various segments will be ranked using this evaluation and tiered based on project readiness. Following some discussions, the Steering (Policy) Committee and Working Group members unanimously endorsed the path forward approach for the RCS and directed the consultant team to update the scope of work and schedule.

Since the October Joint meeting, the consultant team has been thoroughly working on the update of the scope of work and a revised schedule to reflect the approved path forward approach.

Ms. Lorna Parkins and Mr. Paul Prideaux, RCS Project Co-Managers will brief the members on this item.

Attachment 5A – Map of Mandated Segments

Attachment 5B – Revised Scope of Work and Schedule

Recommended Action: Approve the revised RCS Scope of Work and Schedule.

6. Regional Connectors Study: Draft Evaluation Measures for Segment Tiering (Action Requested)

Lorna Parkins and Paul Prideaux (MBI), RCS Co-Project Managers

As described in the revised scope of work (Task 3), the following criteria will be used in evaluating the mandated segments:

- Permitting Issues
- Construction Complexity
- Project Readiness
- Congestion relief

The consultant team has developed a series of draft measures and factors for evaluating the mandated segments on the first three criteria. In addition to highlighting permitting and construction challenges, this evaluation will provide a comprehensive understanding of the mandated segments including impacts to community residents and businesses, environmental justice populations, regional economic drivers, and the environment.

The outcome of this evaluation is to provide logical information, supported by qualitative and quantitative observations, which will support the initial draft designation of the mandatory segments into three tiers as described in the revised scope of work (Step 1 in the schedule). An evaluation matrix will be prepared to illustrate the characteristics of each segment and to facilitate comparisons among them.

Ms. Lorna Parkins and Mr. Paul Prideaux (MBI), RCS Co-Project Managers, will brief the Joint Committee members on the draft evaluation measures for segment tiering.

Recommended Action: Approve the draft Evaluation Measures.

7. For Your Information

RCS Diary of Key Decision Points: 2017 to Present

Attachment 7

The attached diary includes a summary of key decision points from 2017 to the present time. The purpose of this document is to provide a quick reference for members and the public. This is a living document and will be regularly updated.

8. RCS Next Meeting: To Be Determined

9. Other Items of Interest

10. Adjournment