

**Regional Connectors Study
Working Group Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2021, 1:30 pm**

Pursuant to the declared state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to protect the public health and safety of the members, staff, and general public, this meeting was held electronically via Webex. These electronic meetings are required to complete essential business on behalf of the region. A recording of the meeting will be available on the website.

The following voting members attended the web meeting (alphabetically by city):

Troy Eisenberger (Chesapeake)
Lynne Keenan (Hampton)
Bryan Stilley (NN)
Brian Fowler (Norfolk)
Carl Jackson (Portsmouth)
Ric Lowman (VB)

The following voting members were absent (alphabetically by city):

Jason Mitchell (Hampton) [Lynne Keenan represented Hampton]
James Wright (Portsmouth) [Carl Jackson represented Portsmouth]
Jason Souders (Suffolk)

The following others attended the web meeting (alphabetically by last name):

Rob Case (HRTPO)	Pamela Phillips (VDOT)
Anthony Donald (Michael Baker Intl.)	Camelia Ravanbakht (RCS Coordinator)
Rick Dwyer (HRMFFA)- came late	Angela Rico (NN)- left early
Craig Eddy (Michael Baker Intl.)	Dustin Rinehart (POV)
Cole Fisher (Va. Beach)	Evandro Santos (Norfolk)
George Janek (US Army COE)	Lori Sharp (Michael Baker Intl.)
Steve Jones (US Navy)	Mark Shea (Va. Beach)
Barbara Nelson (POV)	Dale Stith (HRTPO)
Keith Nichols (HRTPO)	Eric Stringfield (VDOT)- left early
Kevin Page (HRTAC)	Bill Thomas (Michael Baker Intl.)
Pavithra Parthasarathi (HRTPO)	

1. Call to Order

Bryan Stilley (Chair, Newport News) called the meeting to order at 1:30pm. Pavithra Parthasarathi (HRTPO) read a COVID-19 notice and meeting rules.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Camelia Ravanbakht (RCS Coordinator) called the roll.

3. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

4. Minutes

The Working Group approved the minutes of the December 10, 2020 Working Group meeting.

5. RCS: Phase 3, Task 2- Development of Preliminary Alternatives

Craig Eddy (MBI) presented slides discussing:

- Proposed virtual public meeting
- Traffic volumes (for 16 key segments) for five 2045 “baseline” model runs adding (to a *constrained* “existing plus committed” network) the following *unconstrained* segments:
 1. I-664, VA 164, I-664 Connector, I-564 Connector, VA 164 Connector
 2. I-664 and VA 164
 3. I-664 and VA 164 plus I-664 Connector and I- 564 Connector
 4. I-664 and VA 164 plus I-664 Connector and VA 164 Connector
 5. I-664 and VA 164 plus I-564 Connector and VA 164 Connector

The group agreed by consensus to remove Alternative 4 from consideration. Carl Jackson (Portsmouth) moved to carry forward Alternatives 2 and 3. Brian Fowler (Norfolk) seconded it, then modified it. Troy Eisenberger (Chesapeake) moved to carry forward Alternatives 2, 3, and 5, without a second. Brian Fowler (Norfolk) moved that future alternatives be based on Preliminary Alternatives 3 and 4 plus one engineering alternative for Alternative 5, without a second. Carl Jackson (Portsmouth) again moved to carry forward with Alternatives 2 and 3, without a second. Lynne Keenan (Hampton) moved to carry forward Alternatives 1, 2, and 3, seconded by Carl Jackson (Portsmouth). The motion failed. Troy Eisenberger (Chesapeake) moved to carry forward Alternatives 2, 3, and 5, seconded by Ric Lowman. The motion passed.

6. For Your Information

The following information was attached to the agenda:

- A) RCS Diary of Key Decision Points
- B) Revised Schedule for Phase 3

Craig Eddy (MBI) presented slides with a list of tasks over the next 6 months, and a grid showing the Phase 3 Schedule. A discussion was held about how the Corps of Engineers will provide input to the RCS.

7. Scheduled Working Group Meetings

- Feb. 11, 2021- 1:30pm
- Mar. 11, 2021- 1:30pm
- Apr. 8, 2021- 1:30pm
- May 13, 2021- 1:30pm
- June 10, 2021- 1:30pm
- July 8, 2021- 1:30pm

8. Other Items of Interest

No other items were discussed.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned approximately at 4:00pm.