

**Regional Connectors Study  
Working Group Meeting  
Minutes  
December 3, 2019, 10:00am  
Regional Building, Chesapeake**

The following were in attendance (alphabetically by last name):

Rob Case (HRTPO)  
Rick Dwyer (HRMFFA)  
Craig Eddy (Michael Baker Intl.)  
Brian Fowler (Norfolk)  
Vlad Gavrilovic (EPR)  
Robin Grier (VDOT)  
Greg Grootendorst (HRPDC)  
Carl Jackson (Portsmouth)  
George Janek (Corps of Engineers)  
Sara Kidd (HRPDC)  
Mike Kimbrel (HRTPO)  
Nina Malone (Port of Va.)  
Keith Nichols (HRTPO)  
Lorna Parkins (Michael Baker Intl.)  
Pam Phillips (VDOT)  
Camelia Ravanbakht (RCS Project Coordinator)  
Tara Reel (Va. Beach)  
Dustin Rinehart (Port of Va.)  
Jennifer Salyers (VDOT)  
Evandro Santos (Norfolk)  
Earl Sorey (Chesapeake)  
Bryan Stilley (NN)  
Dale Stith (HRTPO)  
Eric Stringfield (VDOT)  
Bill Thomas (Michael Baker Intl.)

## 1. Call to Order

Bryan Stilley (Chair, Newport News) called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

## 2. Welcome and Introductions

Two attendees introduced themselves.

## 3. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

## 4. Minutes

The minutes of the October 21, 2019 Working Group meeting were approved.

## 5. Phase 2 Update

Craig Eddy (Michael Baker Intl.) gave an update on phase 2.

## 6. Scenario Planning Review and Progress

Lorna Parkins (Michael Baker Intl.) gave an update using slides, and then led a discussion of Technology Drivers. Attendees provided answers to questions on the slides via an electronic voting device at each seat, as follows:

### What Worries You Most About The Influence Of Technology On Transportation?

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Safety of Passengers	40%	8
Safety of Pedestrians/Bicyclists	30%	6
Privacy	0%	0
Cybersecurity	10%	2
Suburban Sprawl	5%	1
Increased Traffic	15%	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>20</b>



**What Is The Most Important Benefit From Emerging Transportation Technology?**

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Fewer Vehicle Collisions	52.38%	11
Improved Mobility	28.57%	6
Increased Travel Time Reliability	14.29%	3
Decreased Environmental Impact	0%	0
More Efficient Goods Movement	4.76%	1
Easier Multimodal Connections	0%	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>21</b>

Bill Thomas (Michael Baker Intl.) presented Operational and Behavioral Impacts of technology (e.g. connected/autonomous vehicles) using slides. Noting that the recent update of the regional model added abilities to model new transportation technologies, he presented associated modeling assumptions for each of the four study scenarios. Vlad Gavrilovic (EPR) presented a Land Use Modeling Update with slides.

**7. 2020 Proposed Schedule for Working Group**

Proposed 2020 Working Group meetings at Regional Building (second Thursday of month):

- Jan. 9, 2020 at 9:30am
- Feb. 13, 2020 at 9:30am
- Mar. 12, 2020 at 9:30am
- Apr. 9, 2020 at 1:30pm
- May 14, 2020 at 9:30am
- Jun. 11, 2020 at 9:30am
- Jul. 9, 2020 at 9:30am
- Aug. 13, 2020 at 1:30pm
- Sep. 10, 2020 at 9:30am
- Oct. 8, 2020 at 1:30pm
- Nov. 12, 2020 at 1:30pm
- Dec. 10, 2020 at 9:30am

The working group voted to accept this schedule.

## **8. Next Meetings and Planned Activities**

- Weekly Coordination Call: Dec. 12, 2019 at 10:00am
- Webinar: Travel Demand Model adjustments and calibration results for RCS: Dec. 19, 2019 at 10:00am (tentative)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Terminal Site Visit and Presentation: Spring 2020

## **9. Other Items of Interest**

No other items were discussed.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.