



**Agenda**  
**Regional Connectors Study**  
**Joint Steering (Policy) Committee and Working Group Meeting**  
**Monday, February 13, 2023**  
**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**  
**The Regional Building, Regional Board Room**  
**723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia**

**1. Call to Order**

Robert Crum, HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director

**2. Welcome and Introductions**

**3. Election of Chair Pro-Tem (Action Requested)**

In the absence of a Chair and Vice-Chair and to allow localities time to make pending appointments to the Regional Connectors Study (RCS) Steering (Policy) Committee, nominations from voting members of the Steering Committee for the election of a Chair Pro-Tem to hold the office for the February 13 meeting will be accepted at this time.

**Motion:** Elect a Chair Pro-Tem.

**Recommended Action:** For Approval

**4. Public Comment Period (Limit 3 minutes per individual)**

**5. Minutes (Action Requested)**

Summary Minutes from November 17, 2022, Joint Steering (Policy) Committee and Working Group Meeting

Attachment 5 – Summary Minutes of November 17, 2022

**Motion:** Approve Summary Minutes of November 17, 2022, Meeting

**Recommended Action:** For Approval

**6. Regional Connectors Study Phase 3 – Step 3: Congestion Evaluation and Economic Impacts of Tier I and Tier II Segments**

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

At the last Joint Steering (Policy) and Working Group Meeting of November 17, 2022, Ms. Parkins highlighted the Phase 3 process graphic and noted that the study is

currently in Step 2 which includes an evaluation of congestion relief, revised design and cost estimates, and the final draft segment tiering. Mr. Prideaux provided a recap of the quantitative analysis, including congestion benefits, economic benefits, and segment cost estimates.

Following an extensive discussion on the recommended segment tiering, the Steering (Policy) Committee and Working Group unanimously approved a motion to direct the consultant to move forward with two tiers: Tier I containing Segment 1a (I-664 Widening) and Segment 2 (VA 164 Widening). Tier II containing Segment 3 (VA 164 Connector), Segment 4 (I-664 Connector), and Segment 5 (I-564 Connector). Tier I segments would be recommended for the HRTPO to evaluate for the fiscally constrained 2050 LRTP, while Tier II segments would be recommended for consideration in the Regional Transportation Vision Plan.

Furthermore, the Steering (Policy) Committee and Working Group directed the Consultant to select three bundles of Tier I and Tier II segments to be evaluated for the 2045 RCS Baseline and three Greater Growth scenarios, and that only Tier I segments will be evaluated in Step 3 traffic operations analysis.

Since the last Joint Meeting, the Consultant Team has been working on Step 3 activities including travel demand and economic modeling of the updated RCS 2045 Baseline network and selected segment bundles as well as operational modeling of the Tier I segments.

Ms. Parkins (MBI) and Mr. Prideaux (MBI) will brief the Joint Committee on this item.

**Recommended Action:** For Information and Discussion

## **7. Regional Connectors Study Phase 3: Public Engagement - Summary of Public Meetings**

Lorna Parkins (MBI), RCS Project Co-Manager

The Engagement Plan includes website updates, two rounds of public meetings, and a Regional Connector Symposium. The public meetings include the following:

### **Pop-Up Meetings:**

- January 19 - Russell Memorial Library, Chesapeake
- January 23 - Virginia Beach Central Library, Virginia Beach
- January 24 - Hampton Main Library, Hampton

### **Open House Meetings:**

- February 1 - Pearl Bailey Library, Newport News
- February 2 - Lambert's Point Community Center, Norfolk
- February 7 - Churchland Branch Library, Portsmouth

- February 9 - VDOT Hampton Roads District Office, Suffolk

Ms. Parkins (MBI), RCS Project Co-Manager, will brief the Joint Committee with a summary of the above meetings.

**Recommended Action:** For Information and Discussion

## **8. For Your Information**

### **A) RCS Diary of Key Decision Points: 2017 to Present**

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 updated with future approved key action items.

Attachment 8A – RCS Diary February 2023 Update

### **B) Draft RCS Summary Minutes of the January 18, 2023 Meeting with Portsmouth**

The MBI Consultant Team, HRTPO staff and RCS Independent Project Coordinator met with the Planning and Engineering Departments staff on January 18, 2023. The purpose of the meeting was to review the VA 164 Widening (Segment 2) concept assumptions and findings. In addition, the Consultant Team (VHB) for the City of Portsmouth reviewed the results of their analysis on a prospective alignment of the VA 164 Widening project. The group discussed any potential impacts on local neighborhoods and businesses along the corridor.

A copy of the Draft Summary Minutes is attached. The Draft Minutes were also shared with Portsmouth staff for their review and comments.

Attachment 8B – Draft RCS Summary Minutes of the January 18, 2023, Meeting with Portsmouth

## **9. RCS Next Meeting: Date TBD**

## **10. Other Items of Interest**

## **11. Adjournment**