

April 2, 2021

Memorandum #2021-54

TO: Regional Connectors Study (RCS) Working Group

BY: Camelia Ravanbakht, RCS Project Coordinator

RE: Regional Connectors Study Working Group Meeting – April 8, 2021

Attached is the agenda for the **Regional Connectors Study Working Group** meeting scheduled for **Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.**

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 working group members, staff, and the general public, the Regional Connectors Study Working Group meeting will be held electronically.

Members of the public are invited to address the RCS Working Group. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, interested persons may submit comments in advance of the meeting by email to kmiller@hrtpo.org or phone (757) 366-4370. Each oral comment is limited to three minutes. All comments received 48 hours before the meeting will be provided to the RCS Working Group Members and included in the official record.

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Attachments

Regional Connectors Study (RCS) Working Group

RCS WG Voting Members:

Troy Eisenberger (CH)
Jason Mitchell (HA)
Bryan Stilley (NN)
Brian Fowler (NO)

James Wright (PO)
Jason Souders (SU)
Ric Lowman (VB)

RCS WG Nonvoting Members:

Jason Flowers (Army Corps)
George Janek (Army Corps)
Robert Pruhs (Army Corps)
Ivan Rucker (FHWA)
Kevin Page (HRTAC)
Tim Dolan (US Coast Guard)

Gene Leonard (US Coast Guard)
Michael King (US Navy)
Pamela Phillips (VDOT)
Jennifer Salyers (VDOT)
Kit Chope (VPA)
Barbara Nelson (VPA)

RCS WG Other:

Pat Jones (CH)
Lynne Keenan (HA)
Amy Inman (NO)
Anne Doyle (NO)
Robert Brown (NO)
Deborah Mangiaracina (NO)
Evandro Santos (NO)
Angela Rico (NN)

Carl Jackson (PO)
Cole Fisher (VB)
Rick Dwyer (HRMFFA)
Lori Sharp (PRRBIZ)
COL Patrick Kinsman (US Army)
Steve Jones (US Navy)
Mark Shea (VB)
Eric Stringfield (VDOT)

Staff:

Bob Crum (HRTPO)
Pavithra Parthasarathi (HRTPO)
Rob Case (HRTPO)
Greg Grootendorst (HRPDC)
Kendall Miller (HRTPO)
Keith Nichols (HRTPO)
Dale Stith (HRTPO)
Keith Cannady (HRPDC)

Project Coordinator:

Camelia Ravanbakht

Project Consultants:

Craig Eddy
Lorna Parkins



Agenda

Regional Connectors Study

Working Group Meeting

Thursday April 8, 2021

1:30 PM

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1. Call to Order, Declaration re: Purpose of Meeting, and Roll Call

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Public Comment Period

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4. Minutes (Action Requested)

Summary Minutes from February 11, 2021 Working Group Meeting

Attachment 4

Recommended Action: For Approval

5. Regional Connectors Study: (Action Requested)

Phase 3 - Task 2 - Development of Preliminary Alternatives - Craig Eddy, MBI

At the February 11, 2021 Working Group Meeting, the Consultant Team provided the group with a presentation on several travel demand model runs from the 2045 Baseline and Alternatives 2, 3, and 5. The presentation also included a summary from two meetings separately conducted on January 29 with the ACOE and the Navy and on February 5 with the Port of Virginia staff.

The Working Group members discussed the traffic volume results from each Alternative in comparison to the 2045 Baseline. Concerns were noted regarding the forecasted volumes and the Consultant Team agreed to review the network assumptions and rerun the alternatives. Furthermore, discussions focused on the feasibility of each Alternative along with issues and constraints expressed particularly for the southern portion of 164 Connector.

Following extended group discussions, the Working Group members voted to eliminate Alternative 5 and add two new alternatives, Alternatives 6 and 7, for the next step of modeling runs. The Working Group directed the Consultant Team to further evaluate Alternatives 2, 3, 6 and 7 and prepare results for the April meeting.

Mr. Craig Eddy (MBI), Project Manager, and the Consultant Team will provide a briefing on this item.

Attachment 5A – Alternatives 2, 3, 6, and 7

Attachment 5B – Preliminary results from the 2045 Baseline, Alternatives 2, 3, 6, and 7.

Recommended Action: Recommend Preliminary Alternatives for the Steering (Policy) Committee’s Consideration/Approval at their May 25th Meeting.

6. For Your Information

- A) RCS Diary: February 2021 Update – Attachment 6A
- B) Revised Schedule for Phase 3 - Attachment 6B

7. Meetings/Events

A. Scheduled Working Group Virtual Meetings:

- May 13, 2021 – 1:30 PM
- June 10, 2021 – 1:30 PM
- July 8, 2021 -1:30 PM
- August 12, 2021 – 1:30 PM
- September 9, 2021 – 1:30 PM

- October 14, 2021 – 1:30 PM

B. Joint Steering (Policy) Committee and Working Group Meeting – Tuesday May 25, 2021 – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

8. Other Items of Interest

9. Adjournment