



Agenda

Regional Connectors Study

Working Group Meeting

Tuesday May 25, 2021

11:00 AM

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 public, the **Regional Connectors Study (RCS) Working Group** meeting will be held electronically. This electronic meeting is required to complete essential business on behalf of the region.

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

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Public Comment Period

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.

4. Minutes (Action Requested)

Summary Minutes from April 8, 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 – RCS Project Manager

At the April 8, 2021 Working Group Meeting, the Consultant Team presented the latest modeling results from 2045 Baseline, Alternatives 2, 3, 6 and 7. The presentation included traffic volumes, capacity utilizations, and travel times for various runs. The Team also reviewed key assumptions used for various model networks.

Group discussion took place regarding the assumptions for the HR Express Lanes (HRELN) toll rates, HRTPO Board approved 2045 list of projects, Bowers-Hill (B-H) Study recommended concept plans, and various design options. Following an extended group discussion, the WG members agreed to move all four alternatives (2, 3, 6, and 7) to the next step of the modeling process. In addition, they agreed to run an additional Alternative 6 without improvements to VA 164 (known as Alternative 8).

Furthermore, the WG members directed the consultant team to run each of the five preliminary alternatives under two design options for MMMBT: 6 General Purpose Lanes (GP)+ 2 Managed Lanes (ML) and 4GP + 4 ML. The modeling runs will therefore include 10 Alternatives with the E+C Network (October 2020 version) while ensuring consistency with the B-H Study recommendations and HRTAC approved Initial Tolling Policy for HRELN.

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

Attachment 5A – Graphics of Alternatives 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8

Attachment 5B – Preliminary results from the 2045 Baseline, Alternatives 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8 under two design options (6+2 and 4+4) for MMMBT.
(The modeling results will be distributed in advance and prior to the meeting)

Recommended Action: Recommend Preliminary Alternatives for the Steering (Policy) Committee’s Consideration/Approval.

6. For Your Information

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

7. Meetings/Events

A. Scheduled Working Group Meetings for 2021:

- 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
- November 10, 2021
- December 9, 2021

B. Joint Steering (Policy) Committee and Working Group Meeting – Date TBD in June/July Timeframe

8. Other Items of Interest

9. Adjournment