

**Regional Connectors Study
Working Group Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2021, 11:00 am**

See "Call to Order" for COVID-19 notice.

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

Troy Eisenberger (Chesapeake)
Lynne Keenan (Hampton)
Brian Stillely (Newport News)
Brian Fowler (Norfolk)
Carl Jackson (Portsmouth)
Jason Souders (Suffolk)
Ric Lowman (VB)

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

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

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| Rob Case (HRTPO) | Pamela Phillips (VDOT) |
| Anthony Donald (Michael Baker Intl.) | Camelia Ravanbakht (RCS Coordinator) |
| Craig Eddy (Michael Baker Intl.) | Angela Rico (Newport News) |
| George Janek (US Army COE) | Evandro Santos (Norfolk) |
| Steve Jones (US Navy)- came late | Dale Stith (HRTPO) |
| Michael King (US Navy)- left early | Eric Stringfield (VDOT)- came late |
| Claudette Lajoie (Solstice Envi.) | Bill Thomas (Michael Baker Intl.) |
| Barbara Nelson (POV) | |
| Keith Nichols (HRTPO) | |
| Pavithra Parthasarathi (HRTPO) | |

1. Call to Order

Chair Bryan Stilley (Newport News) called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Pavithra Parthasarathi (HRTPO) read this COVID-19 notice:

“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 Regional Connectors Study Working Group members, staff, and the general public, today’s meeting is being held electronically. This electronic meeting is required to complete essential business on behalf of the region.”

Ms. Parthasarathi also read a statement concerning the agenda, the meeting recording, public comment, and housekeeping 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 April 8, 2021 Working Group meeting.

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

Craig Eddy (MBI) presented the draft preliminary alternatives for which travel demand model runs were conducted. Bill Thomas (MBI) presented the modeling results. Before he left the meeting, Michael King (Navy) said that the 10 alternatives look ok to the Navy. After fielding several questions, Mr. Eddy presented “consulting team recommendations” to eliminate Alts 7A and 7B, and to eliminate all alternatives with 6GP+2HOT MMMBT design (Alts 2A, 3A, 6A, 7A, and 8A). Brian Stilley (chair) led a discussion of which alternatives to carry forward. The group expressed support for eliminating Alt 7. Troy Eisenberger (Ches.) suggested dropping either Alt 6 or Alt 8 due to their similarity, but the group voiced no support for that. Troy Eisenberger made a motion to move forward with Alts 2A, 3A, 6A, 8A, and 2B, 3B, 6B, 8B. 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

7. Meetings/Events

A. Scheduled Working Group Virtual Meetings:

- June 10, 2021- 1:30pm (cancelled)
- July 8, 2021- 1:30pm
- August 12, 2021- 1:30pm
- September 9, 2021- 1:30pm
- October 14, 2021- 1:30pm
- 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

No other items were discussed.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.