



Agenda

Regional Connectors Study

Joint Steering (Policy) Committee and Working Group Meeting

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Given Governor Northam's declaration of a state of emergency due to COVID-19 and the remaining risk, the Regional Connectors Study (RCS) Joint Steering (Policy) Committee and Working Group meeting will be held by electronic communication means.

1. **Call to Order – Mayor Price: Chair**
2. **Roll Call – Camelia Ravanbakht: RCS Coordinator**
3. **Public Comment Period**

Members of the public are invited to address the RCS Joint Steering (Policy) and Working Group Meeting by submitting comments in advance of the meeting by email to kmiller@hrtpo.org or phone (757) 366-4370. All comments received 48 hours before the meeting will be provided to the committee and working group members and included in the official record.

4. **Minutes [Action Requested]**

Summary Minutes from June 22, 2021, Joint Steering (Policy) Committee and Working Group Meeting

Attachment 4

Recommended Action: Approval

5. **Regional Connectors Study: Phase 3- Preliminary Alternatives- Craig Eddy (MBI), Project Manager [Action Requested]**

At the last Joint Meeting of June 22, 2021, the Consultant Team provided an update of activities conducted since the October 27, 2020, Joint meeting including:

- Investigation of the effectiveness of eight Alternatives based on the Five Mandated Segments
- Review of travel demand modeling results

- Development of typical sections of two design options for Monitor Merrimac Memorial Bridge Tunnel (MMMBT):
 - Option A: 6 General Purpose Lanes + 2 Managed Lanes
 - Option B: 4 General Purpose Lanes + 4 Managed Lanes
- The selection process used in screening down to four potential Preliminary Alternatives with both design options A and B

Mr. Craig Eddy reviewed Alternatives 1 through 8 as considered by the Working Group during the past several months. Mr. Eddy further indicated that the Working Group had eliminated Alternative 1 (high cost), Alternatives 4 and 5 (VA 164 Connector constraints and issues raised by the Navy, Army Corps of Engineers, and city of Portsmouth), and Alternative 7 (low estimated traffic volumes and design constraints). Lastly, Mr. Eddy shared with the members the four alternatives (Alternatives 2, 3, 6, and 8) under two design options A and B that were recommended by the Working Group for the Steering Committee's approval.

Chair Price requested the members for a motion to approve the Working Group's recommended alternatives and design options. Mr. Thomas (Norfolk) indicated that a funding request has been submitted to Congress for the Craney Island Access Study. He further requested the Chair to include Alternatives 5 and 7 in the final list of Preliminary Alternatives. Following some discussions and the absence of several members of the Policy Committee, Chair Price directed the staff to schedule a 30-minute electronic meeting the following week for the joint group to reconvene and act on this one item: selection of Preliminary Alternatives.

Mr. Craig Eddy, Project Manager, will be available to brief the Joint Committee on this item.

Recommended Action: Discussion and Approval of Working Group Recommended Preliminary Alternatives (2, 3, 6, and 8) under Two Design Options (A and B) for the MMMBT.

Attachments:

- Attachment 5A – Five Mandated Segments
- Attachment 5B – Typical Sections for Design Options A and B
- Attachment 5C – Graphics of Alternatives 1 through 8
- Attachment 5D – VA 164 Connector Constraints Map
- Attachment 5E – Working Group Recommended Preliminary Alternatives 2, 3, 6, and 8 under both design options A and B

6. Adjournment