

**Regional Connectors Study  
Working Group Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2020, 1:30 pm**

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 members, staff, and general public, this meeting was held electronically via Webex. These electronic meetings are required to complete essential business on behalf of the region. A recording of the meeting will be available on the website.

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

Troy Eisenberger (Chesapeake)  
Brian Fowler (Norfolk)  
Lynne Keenan (Hampton)  
Ric Lowman (VB)  
Jason Souders (Suffolk)  
Bryan Stilley (NN)  
James Wright (Portsmouth)

The following voting members were absent (alphabetically by last name): n.a.

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

Nick Britton (Michael Baker Intl.)	Pamela Phillips (VDOT)
Rob Case (HRTPO)	Camelia Ravanbakht (RCS Coordinator)
Rick Dwyer (HRMFFA)	Angela Rico (Newport News)
Craig Eddy (Michael Baker Intl.)	Ivan Rucker (FHWA)
Jason Flowers (US Army)	Jenny Salyers (VDOT)
Vlad Gavrilovic (EPR)	Evandro Santos (Norfolk)
Carl Jackson (Portsmouth)	Naomi Stein (EBP)
Barbara Nelson (POV)	Dale Stith (HRTPO)
Keith Nichols (HRTPO)	Eric Stringfield (VDOT)
Lorna Parkins (Michael Baker Intl.)	Bill Thomas (Michael Baker Intl.)

## **1&2. Call to Order; Welcome and Introductions**

Bryan Stilley (Chair, Newport News) called the meeting to order shortly after 1:30pm. No introductions.

## **3. Public Comment Period**

There were no public comments.

## **4. Minutes**

The Working Group approved the minutes of the July 9, 2020 Working Group meeting.

## **5&6&7. RCS Phase 2&3 Updates; Status of Deliverables**

Craig Eddy (MBI) provided an update of the status of deliverables and Phase 3 (with slides).

Concerning Phase 2, Lorna Parkins (MBI), Vlad Gavrilovic (EPR), Bill Thomas (MBI) presented inputs and outputs of travel demand model runs for various growth scenarios (with slides). Craig asked the working group to confirm that the Greater Growth forecasts provide adequate differentiation in results.

Brian Fowler (Norfolk) said that Greater Growth's 5% growth in population is too low. (Population, not employment, dictates the number of work trips.)

Barb Nelson (POV): The Port desires for this study to move forward.

Carl Jackson (Portsmouth): I see uncertainty but desire to move ahead.

Troy Eisenberger (Chesapeake): I'm okay moving forward

Ric Lowman (VB): Keep moving forward.

Jason Souders (Suffolk): Prefer to move forward.

Lynne Keenan (Hampton): We support moving forward.

## **8. Next Meetings/Events**

The following meetings were discussed:

- Working Group Meeting: Thursday August 27, 2020, 9:30 am
- Joint Working Group and Steering (Policy) Committee: Tues. Sept. 15, 2020, 2:00 pm

## **9. Other Items of Interest**

No other items were discussed.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned approximately at 3:10 pm.