

**Regional Connectors Study
Working Group Meeting
Minutes
September 18, 2019, 10:00am
Regional Board Room, Chesapeake**

The following were in attendance (alphabetically by last name):

Rob Case (HRTPO)
Craig Eddy (Michael Baker Intl.)
Brian Fowler (Norfolk)
Robin Grier (VDOT)
Carl Jackson (Portsmouth)
Robert Lewis (Suffolk)
Mike Kimbrel (HRTPO)
Deborah Mangiaracina (Norfolk)
Kendall Miller (HRTPO)
Barbara Nelson (Port of Va.)
Keith Nichols (HRTPO)
Lorna Parkins (Michael Baker Intl.)
Camelia Ravanbakht (RCS Project Coordinator)
Tara Reel (Va. Beach)
Angela Rico (Hampton)
Jennifer Salyers (VDOT)
Evandro Santos (Norfolk)
Earl Sorey (Chesapeake)
Jason Sounders (Suffolk)
Bryan Stilley (NN)
Dale Stith (HRTPO)
James Wright (Portsmouth)

1. Call to Order

Bryan Stilley (Newport News) called the meeting to order at 9:10am.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves around the table.

3. Public Comment Period

No public comments.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the June 13, 2019 meeting were approved.

5. Phase 2 Update

Lorna Parkins (MBI) presented slides concerning this matter.

Brian Fowler (Norfolk) asked to see the number of work trips generated under the Greater Growth scenario.

6. Draft Phase 3 Scope of Work

Craig Eddy (MBI) presented slides concerning this matter.

Bryan Stilley (Newport News, chair) led attendees in orally presenting/summarizing their written comments on the Phase 3 scope (by agency), included in the agenda package.

Camelia Ravanbakht (Project Coordinator) asked the group whether or not they wanted the study to analyze benefits of un-permittable candidates. A discussion of how to determine permissibility ensued. Based on the written comments by Mr. Fowler, Mr. Eddy proposed using Freeval software (instead of VISSIM) to analyze alternative projects. Mr. Stilley gave the working group an opportunity to object to this proposal, and the working group did not object. Mr. Eddy asked whether the study should be finished in one scope (Phase 3) or several. Ms. Ravanbakht said one scope.

7. Meetings and Planned Activities

- Tour of the Navy Fuel Depot: September 30, 2019, 9:30am
- Regional Economic Development Directors meeting: October 3, 2019, 9:00am
- HRPDC Planning Directors meeting: October 2019
- RCS Working Group meeting, October 10, 2019, 9:00am
- Tour and Presentation of the Proposed 4th Marine Terminal: TBD
- RCS Steering Committee meeting: November 5, 2019, 9:30am
- HRTAC meeting: December 12, 2019, 12:30pm
- HRTPO meeting: January 16, 2019, 10:30am

8. Other Items

No other items were discussed.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.