



Agenda

Regional Connectors Study

Joint Steering (Policy) Committee and Working Group Meeting

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

9:30 AM

The Regional Building, Regional Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Public Comment Period** (Limit 3 minutes per individual)
4. **Minutes (Action Requested)**
Summary Minutes from June 30, 2021, Joint Steering (Policy) Committee and Working Group Meeting

Attachment 4

Recommended Action: For Approval

5. **Regional Connectors Study: Background and Recommended Path Forward (Action Requested)**
Robert Crum, HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director

The Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) initiated the Regional Connectors Study (RCS) in June 2018 with funding from the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC). The study focuses on connectivity between the Peninsula and the Southside through the lenses of congestion relief, economic vitality, resiliency, accessibility, and quality of life, to assist in creating a long-term vision for the Hampton Roads region.

At the last Joint Steering (Policy) Committee/Working Group Meeting on June 30, 2021, there was a considerable discussion regarding the importance of all five mandated

segments. A strong interest in favor of considering all mandated segments was expressed such that the Steering (Policy) Committee deferred the selection of preliminary alternatives. Since that meeting, while the RCS came to a temporary pause, Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director, has been working with the Steering (Policy) Committee Chair, members, and stakeholders to resolve notable issues and develop a path forward for the RCS. These discussions have resulted in a new direction for the completion of the Study.

Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director, will brief the Joint Committee members with the background and a recommended path forward for the study.

Recommended Action: For Approval
Steering (Policy) Committee/Working Group Approval and Endorsement of the RCS Path Forward.

6. Regional Connectors Study: Proposed Approach to Study Completion

Lorna Parkins (MBI), RCS Co-Project Manager

The RCS is a multi-phased study. Phases 1 and 2 are complete and the study is currently in Phase 3 (final phase). Since the June 30, 2021, Joint Steering (Policy) Committee/Working Group meeting, a new direction to complete the study has evolved. This potential RCS path forward would require a modification to the study methodology along with an amendment to the remaining portions of the Phase 3 scope of work.

Ms. Lorna Parkins (MBI), RCS Co-Project Manager, will brief the Joint Committee members with the proposed approach to the RCS completion.

Recommended Action: For Information and Discussion

7. For Your Information

RCS Diary of Key Decision Points: 2017 to Present

Attachment 7

The attached diary includes a summary of key decision points from 2017 to the present time. The purpose of this document is to provide a quick reference for members and the public. This is a living document and will be updated with future key action items.

8. RCS Next Meeting: To Be Determined

9. Other Items of Interest

10. Adjournment