

# *Hampton Roads Regional Connectors Study*

*Presented to the Freight Transportation Advisory Committee*

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# Background

## Regional Connectors Study

October 20, 2016

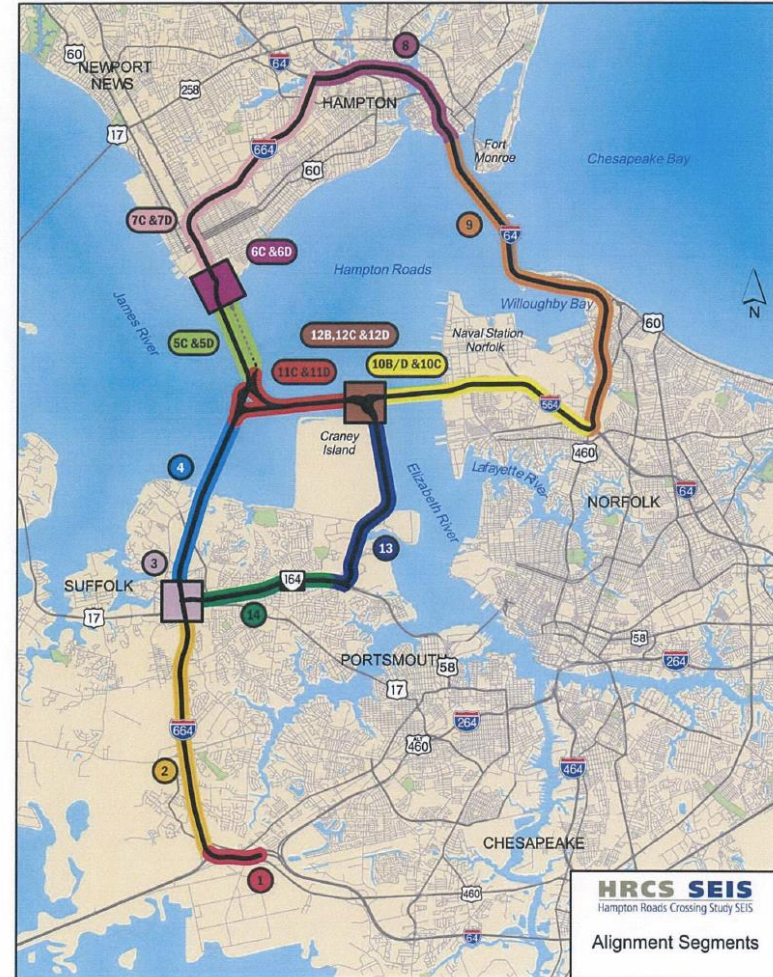
- The HRTPO unanimously approved HRCS Alternative A and Bowers Hill Interchange as the Preferred Alternative
- HRTAC unanimously supported the HRTPO's selection of Alternative A and Bowers Hill, and allocated up to \$7 million to be applied toward studying the feasibility of the unselected alternatives

December 7, 2016

- The CTB approved Alternative A

May 1, 2017

- A **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** was signed between the HRTPO, VDOT, and HRTAC to advance the study effort in two separate components:
  - \$4 million for Bowers Hill Interchange
  - \$3 million for Additional Feasibility Studies, with a contingency of \$4 million



# Guidance for Scope of Work

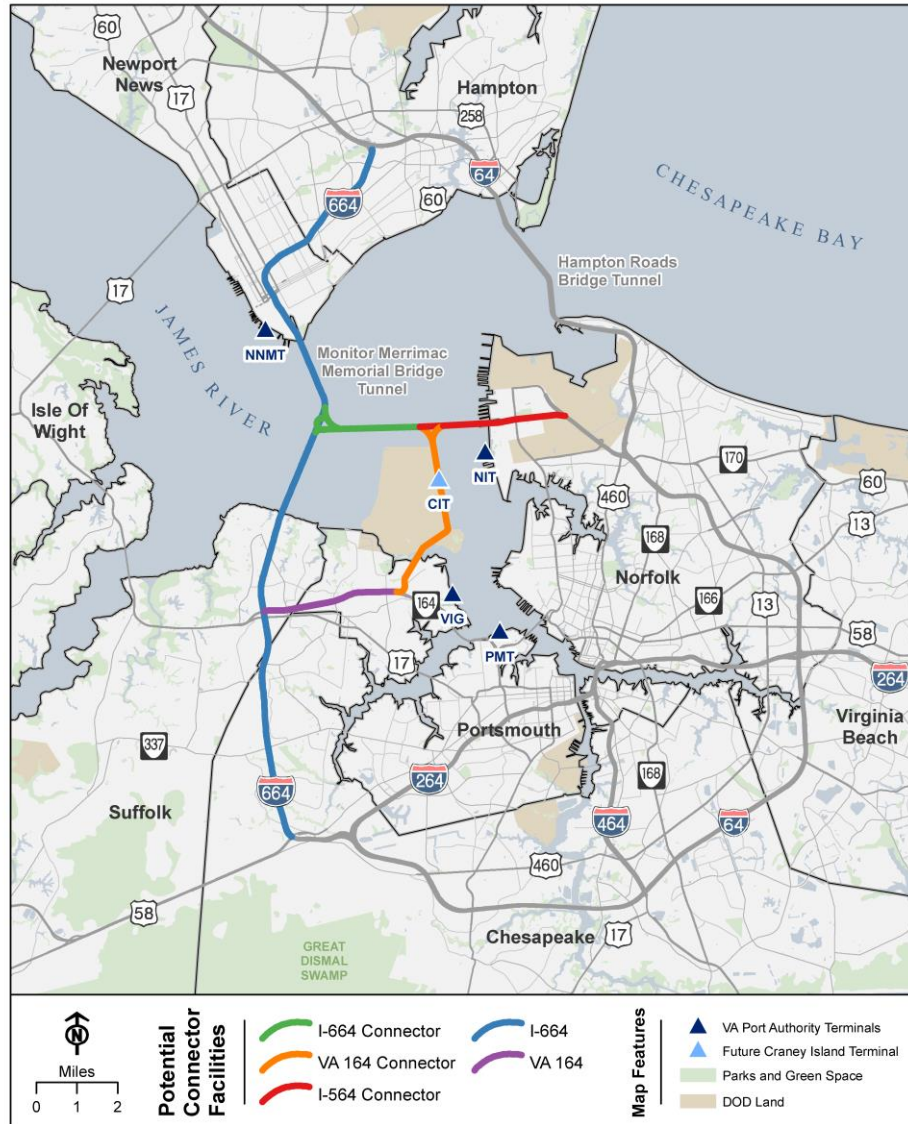
## Study Purpose

- Evaluate the “**feasibility, permitability, and transportation benefits**” of remaining segments from the HRCS SEIS
- For the purpose of furthering the study’s specific goals and objectives, additional roadway segments may be added for evaluation
- Study should establish a **regional long-term vision** that investigates 21<sup>st</sup> century transportation options that:
  - Connect the Peninsula and the Southside across the Hampton Roads Harbor
  - Enhance Economic Vitality
  - Improve the Quality of Life in the Region



# Study Area

## Hampton Roads Regional Connectors Study



# Steering (Policy) Committee

## Members

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# Working Group

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# Phase 1 Scope

- ***Develop & Initiate Engagement Program***
  - *Stakeholder Interviews*
  - *Engagement/Outreach Plan*
  - *Study Website*
  - *Regional Survey*
- ***Evaluate Regional Travel Demand Model***
- ***Determine Scenario Planning Effort***
- ***Update Existing Conditions Information***
- ***Develop Scope for Phase 2***

# Next Steps

- ***Go-live with Website***
- ***Review/Approve Scope and Budget for Phase 2***

