

AGENDA

HRCS SEIS Additional Corridors Study

Working Group – September 15, 2017

10:00 AM

723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Public Comment Period (limit 3 minutes per individual)
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Membership – Working Group and Steering (Policy) Committee
6. Scope of Work: Review and Approve
7. Next Steps
8. Adjournment

HRCS SEIS Additional Feasibility Studies

Working Group

14 July 2017 @ Regional Building

Summary Notes

1. Call to Order
 - a. Bob Crum (HRTPO) called the meeting to order.
2. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Bob Crum welcomed members and audience.
3. Public Comment Period
 - a. [none]
4. Chronology of Events / Purpose of Study
 - a. Camelia Ravanbakht (HRTPO) presented a chronology of recent events (handout), highlights:
 - i. HRTPO transmitted invitations for this working group on 13 June 2017, one day after FHWA issued Record of Decision (ROD).
 - b. Camelia presented an overview of the 1 May 2017 MOU between HRTAC, HRTPO, and VDOT, highlights:
 - i. HRTPO to lead a working group
 - ii. HRTPO to lead the formation of a steering committee
5. Review Working Group membership and potential additions
 - a. Additional members
 - i. Bob Crum proposed adding members to the Working Group.
 - ii. Brian Fowler (Norfolk) stated a desire to limit the Working Group to cities.
 - iii. Earl Sorey (Chesapeake) suggested the Port Authority and others be added.
 - iv. Bob Baldwin (Portsmouth) proposed that cities be voters and others be advisors.
 - v. Crum reiterated Baldwin's proposal.
 - b. Project manager
 - i. Brian Fowler proposed an independent project manager, perhaps a full- or half-time-job, perhaps from a consulting firm (different from firm doing the studies).
 - ii. Bob Crum: MOU says HRTPO to lead, Camelia would be point of contact.
 - iii. Brian Fowler: TPO is federally funded, tied to FHWA and VDOT.
 - iv. Bob Baldwin: TPO has local jurisdiction bosses; proposed non-TPO project manager; does not want TPO pushback on requested technical analyses.
 - v. Earl Sorey: I trust Camelia as project manager.
 - vi. Lynn Allsbrook (Hampton): I agree, TPO staff good at dealing with politics.
 - vii. Sherry Early (Suffolk) proposed starting with TPO as p.m. then revisit later if necessary.
 - viii. Bob Crum: Revisit p.m. after getting consultant on board; asked for show of hands; several hands raised.

- c. Process
 - i. Bob Baldwin suggested that the study take a fresh look, without preconceived conclusions.
 - ii. Kevin Page (HRTAC): Given that SEIS moved Alt A forward, we have a clean slate concerning the omitted segments.
 - d. Working Group non-voting members
 - i. Bob Crum proposed adding VPA, Navy, and Corps
 - ii. Lynn Allsbrook (Hampton): FHWA
 - iii. Bob Baldwin: Coast Guard
 - iv. Kevin Page: VMA?
 - v. Bob Crum: VPA, Navy, Corps, FHWA, and Coast Guard as non-voting members.
 - vi. Kevin Page: HRT?
 - vii. Bob Crum: Show of hands on list of 5 (VPA, Navy, Corps, FHWA, and Coast Guard); show of hands; hands raised.
 - viii. Bob Crum: Cities are only voting members (not VDOT, HRTAC, TPO).
6. Scope
- a. Bob Crum asked for input before staff prepares a draft scope.
 - b. Lynn Allsbrook: Prioritize order of implementation so that a phase does not negatively impact the network, including local streets.
 - c. Brian Stilley (NN): Moving people back and forth across the harbor.
 - d. Sherry Early (Suffolk): Examine US 17 interchange at Harbor View.
 - e. Kevin Page: Transit usage is down 15% year over year.
 - f. Brian Fowler:
 - i. I submitted written thoughts on scope.
 - ii. HRBT widening makes a new base network.
 - iii. A project is not feasible if it does not have enough benefits to be environmentally permit-able.
 - g. Kevin Page: HRTF is limited to congestion relief.
 - h. Phil Pullen (Virginia Beach):
 - i. How does sea level rise impact this?
 - ii. Ports are important.
 - iii. Supports prioritization mentioned by Allsbrook.
 - i. Bob Baldwin:
 - i. Rte. 164 has been impacted by changes wrought by Midtown Tunnel widening, MLK construction, and PMT re-birth.
 - ii. Do not ignore rail coming from Craney Island port.
 - iii. Consider Portsmouth being trapped by tolls.
 - j. Scott Smizik (VDOT):
 - i. Consider the next steps for a project, i.e. NEPA.
 - k. Tony Gibson (VDOT):
 - i. I like the idea of interim improvements
 - l. Earl Sorey:

- i. Consider unintended consequences
- ii. Provide simulation for the public.

7. Procurement Options

- a. Bob Crum: We will send a draft scope to you.
- b. Camelia Ravanbakht: We will send draft scope in the next couple of weeks, and work with Nancy Collins (HRTPO) on an RFP.
- c. Bob Crum: High-level scope for RFP. Next Working Group meeting in August (policy group meeting after that).
- d. Bob Crum: RFP to TPO Board in September.
- e. Brian Fowler: I would love to have the best people in the country do this project.
- f. Bob Crum: We will take the time to find them.