

June 3, 2020

Memorandum #2020-63

TO: Regional Connectors Study (RCS) Working Group

BY: Camelia Ravanbakht, RCS Project Coordinator

RE: Regional Connectors Study Working Group Meeting – June 11, 2020

Attached is the agenda for the **Regional Connectors Study Working Group** meeting scheduled for **Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.**

Pursuant to Governor Northam's Executive Order 53 issued on March 23, 2020 and Executive Order 61 issued on May 8, 2020 prohibiting all public and private in-person gatherings of ten or more individuals, the Regional Connectors Study Working Group meeting will be held electronically.

Members of the public are invited to address the RCS Working Group. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, interested persons may submit comments to the RCS Working Group in advance of the meeting by email to kmiller@hrtpo.org or phone (757) 366-4370. Each comment is limited to three minutes. All comments received by noon on June 10, 2020 will be provided to the RCS Working Group Members and included in the official record.

Members of the public may listen to the RCS Working Group meeting via telephone using toll-free Dial-In 1-866-345-9178.

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Attachments

Regional Connectors Study (RCS) Working Group

RCS WG Voting Members:

Earl Sorey (CH)
Jason Mitchell (HA)
Bryan Stilley (NN)
Brian Fowler (NO)

James Wright (PO)
Jason Souders (SU)
Phil Pullen (VB)

RCS WG Nonvoting Members:

Jason Flowers (Army Corps)
George Janek (Army Corps)
Robert Pruhs (Army Corps)
Ivan Rucker (FHWA)
Kevin Page (HRTAC)
Tim Dolan (US Coast Guard)

Gene Leonard (US Coast Guard)
Michael King (US Navy)
Pamela Phillips (VDOT)
Jennifer Salyers (VDOT)
Kit Chope (VPA)
Barbara Nelson (VPA)

RCS WG Other:

Pat Jones (CH)
Amy Inman (NO)
Anne Doyle (NO)
Robert Brown (NO)
Deborah Mangiaracina (NO)
Evandro Santos (NO)
Angela Rico (NN)

Carl Jackson (PO)
Tara Reel (VB)
Rick Dwyer (HRMFFA)
Lori Sharp (PRRBIZ)
COL Patrick Kinsman (US Army)
Steve Jones (US Navy)
Eric Stringfield (VDOT)

Staff:

Bob Crum (HRTPO)
Mike Kimbrel (HRTPO)
Rob Case (HRTPO)
Kendall Miller (HRTPO)
Keith Nichols (HRTPO)
Dale Stith (HRTPO)
Sharon Lawrence (HRPDC)
Keith Cannady (HRPDC)

Project Coordinator:

Camelia Ravanbakht

Project Consultants:

Craig Eddy
Lorna Parkins



Agenda

Regional Connectors Study

Working Group Meeting

June 11, 2020

9:30 AM

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1. Call to Order

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Public Comment Period - Comments submitted by noon on June 10, 2020 will be provided to the Working Group in time for the meeting.

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4. Minutes (Action Requested)

Summary Minutes from March 12, 2020 Working Group Meeting – Attachment 4

Recommended Action: For Approval

5. Regional Connectors Study: Phase 2 Tasks Update - Craig Eddy/Consultant Team, MBI (Action Requested)

- Scenario Planning
- Travel Demand Model -Adjustments and calibrations
- Website
- Schedule – End June 2020
- Deliverables

Recommended Action: For Discussion, Input and Approval of TDM adjustments

6. Regional Connectors Study: Phase 3 Tasks Update – Craig Eddy/Consultant Team, MBI

- Engagement Plan
- Development of Preliminary Alternatives
- Determination of Candidate Alternatives
- Conduct Scenario Planning
- Schedule
- Deliverables

Recommended Action: For Information and Discussion

7. Next Scheduled Meeting –

- RCS Working Group Electronic Meeting, Thursday, July 9, 2020, 9:30 AM

8. Other Items of Interest

9. Adjournment

**Regional Connectors Study
Working Group Meeting
Minutes
March 12, 2020, 9:30 am
Regional Building, Chesapeake**

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

Brian Ballard (Navy) – call-in
Anthony Donald (Michael Baker Intl) – call-in
Rick Dwyer (HRMFFA)
Craig Eddy (Michael Baker Intl.)
Cole Fisher (Va. Beach)
Jason Flowers (USACE)
Brian Fowler (Norfolk) – call-in
Robin Grier (VDOT)
Steve Jones (Navy)
Mike Kimbrel (HRTPO)
Michael King (Navy) – call-in
Claudette Lajoie (Solstice Environmental) – call-in
Deborah Mangiaracina (Norfolk)
Barbara Nelson (POV)
Keith Nichols (HRTPO)
Lorna Parkins (Michael Baker Intl.)
Pam Phillips (VDOT)
Camelia Ravanbakht (RCS Project Coordinator) – call-in
Angela Rico (NN)
Jenny Salyers (VDOT)
Earl Sorey (Chesapeake)
Jason Souders (Suffolk)
Bryan Stilley (NN)
Dale Stith (HRTPO)

1. Call to Order

Bryan Stilley (Chair, Newport News) called the meeting to order at 9:33am.

2. Welcome and Introductions

None

3. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

4. Minutes

The Working Group approved the minutes of the February 13, 2020 Working Group meeting without any corrections or as submitted.

5. RCS Phase 2 Update

Lorna Parkins (Michael Baker Intl.) provided an update on scenario planning, developing inputs for the travel demand and Tredis models, and the performance dashboard. Craig Eddy (Michael Baker Intl.) also provided the status of the project website, Phase 2 schedule, and Phase 2 deliverables.

6. RCS: Review, Discuss, and Finalize Preliminary Alternatives

Craig Eddy provided a status of Phase 3 including preparation for a virtual scenario planning meeting and analysis of Preliminary Alternatives.

For the Preliminary Alternatives discussion, Craig provided a background of the project scope, vision, goals, and objectives. His presentation included maps of the segments from the HRCS SEIS that were specified to be part of the RCS effort, as well as additional candidate segments received through stakeholder interviews. The group discussed the potential segments and alternatives to review and analyze as part of the study. Jason Flowers (USACE) read a statement regarding the Corps' federally mandated position to maintain and protect navigable waterways, channels, and access. After much discussion, there was concurrence among the members of the Working Group that the following candidate segments (shown on map provided at meeting) not be forwarded for analysis:

- Segment 1: New bridge over James River, includes improvements on Rt 10 to US 17
- Segment 4: Ferry service, Hampton to Norfolk
- Segment 5: New bridge tunnel from NIT to Hampton

The Working Group also discussed at length the potential future need and scope of the VA-164 Connector and whether it should remain an RCS segment for consideration. For now,

VA-164 will remain a potential segment since it is one of the mandated segments to analyze. Future discussions with all impacted stakeholders will continue at future meetings.

Bryan Stilley asked if the Corps could provide more information/data on widths/depths/etc. for navigable channels for the consultants to use as a resource in this study. Jason Flowers stated that he could get data to the consultant team.

7. Next Meetings/Events

Brian Stilley discussed the proposed meetings and activities:

- Weekly Coordination Call: Thursday March 19, 2020, 9:00 am
- Weekly Coordination Call: Thursday March 26, 2020, 10:00 am
- Weekly Coordination Call: Thursday April 2, 2020, 10:00 am
- Working Group Meeting: Thursday April 9, 2020, 1:30 pm, Regional Building
- Proposed 4th Marine Terminal Site Visit: Spring 2020

8. Other Items of Interest

No other items were discussed.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.