



THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION HOSTS A REGIONAL CONNECTORS STUDY VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Open House extended to March 3, 2021

The Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) is examining alternate ways to cross the harbor in Hampton Roads as part of the Regional Connectors Study, and would like community input on the future of travel in the region. A virtual open house will be available to view and provide feedback on through March 3, 2021 by visiting connectorstudy.org/get-involved.

Hampton Roads relies on a network of roadways, tunnels, and bridges that connect residents to jobs, vital services, and recreational activities. However, heavy congestion can slow economic activity and travel in the region. Recent highway system improvements are addressing gaps in the region's connectivity, and the Regional Connectors Study is examining remaining gaps, ultimately producing a long-term vision for improved connectivity, mobility, and accessibility in the Hampton Roads region.

The virtual open house is an invitation to all Hampton Roads residents, workers, and commuters to participate in envisioning how to better travel the region, particularly between the Peninsula and the Southside. During the open house, participants will view a video outlining four potential visions for the future of transportation in the Hampton Roads region, and then take a brief survey to provide feedback. To access the online open house any time until March 3rd, visit connectorstudy.org/get-involved.

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About the HRTPO: The HRTPO is a regional organization established to encourage and facilitate cooperation among local, state and federal governments and agencies to address, on a regional basis, transportation problems or issues that transcend jurisdictional boundaries. Comprised of local elected officials, administration officials and state and federal government representatives, the HRTPO serves the 1.7 million residents and the 17 jurisdictions of the Hampton Roads region as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Hampton Roads area. As such, it is a federally mandated transportation policy board responsible for transportation planning and programming for the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Area. Visit hrtpo.org for more information.

About the HRTPO Regional Connectors Study: The HRTPO Regional Connectors Study (RCS) will look at crossings and supporting roadways to encourage regional growth and congestion relief at known trouble spots. The RCS kicked-off in June 2018 and will explore projects previously identified in studies dating back to the late 1990s, as well as new potential crossings and supporting roadways. Potential alternatives will be evaluated with stakeholder input and scenario planning. Visit connectorstudy.org for more information.