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or for future updates, please visit the project website at: www.hamptonroadscrossingstudy.org

Project Schedule

TASK	2015	2016	2017
Project Initiation	June-July		
Agency/Public Scoping	July-August		
Environmental studies/Impact analysis/Additional public input	August 2015 - August 2016		
Draft SEIS and Location Public Hearings		September	
CTB Decision		November	
Final SEIS			June
First Record of Decision (ROD)			August

FHWA cannot issue a ROD on this project until funding is identified for construction in the MPO's Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and the next subsequent (i.e. post-NEPA) phase is funded in the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Once addressed, a ROD can be issued and the project can proceed to the next phase. A separate ROD would be issued for each project section that is advanced.

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Citizen Information Meeting

Hampton Roads Crossing Study (HRCS) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)

Tuesday, July 21, 2015
The Academy of Discovery
at Lakewood School
1701 Alsace Avenue
Norfolk, VA 23509
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, July 22, 2015
St. Mary's Star of the Sea School
14 North Willard Avenue
Hampton, VA 23663
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Welcome

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Citizen Information Meeting (CIM) for the Hampton Roads Crossing Study (HRCS) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). This CIM is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens and organizations to give VDOT comments on the study. Specifically, VDOT is seeking input from the public on the alternatives previously considered in the 2001 HRCS, as well as additional alternatives that may be analyzed in the SEIS.

Comment sheets are available at this meeting and your input is encouraged. Please provide suggestions on the proposed project and the scope of issues to be addressed in the SEIS with respect to the purpose and need, alternatives, and environmental issues. To view the meeting materials, comment online, or for future updates, please visit the study website at: www.HamptonRoadsCrossingStudy.org

Project Overview

Purpose

This study is reviewing transportation alternatives that can work together to improve multimodal accessibility, mobility, and goods movement in the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Area, and to help relieve congestion at the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel. VDOT, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration and other federal partners, is re-evaluating the EIS for the HRCS which was completed in 2001.

This SEIS will re-examine the alternatives, assumptions, and findings of the 2001 HRCS Final EIS and Record of Decision. This SEIS will also draw from findings of two subsequent re-evaluations, as well as the 2012 Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Draft EIS.

Three alternatives retained for analysis in the 2001 study, are discussed on the following pages.

Public Meeting Schedule

- Citizen Information Meeting – July 2015
- Tentative Alternatives Citizen Information Meeting - Winter 2015/2016
- Publication of Draft SEIS and Location Public Hearings: Fall 2016



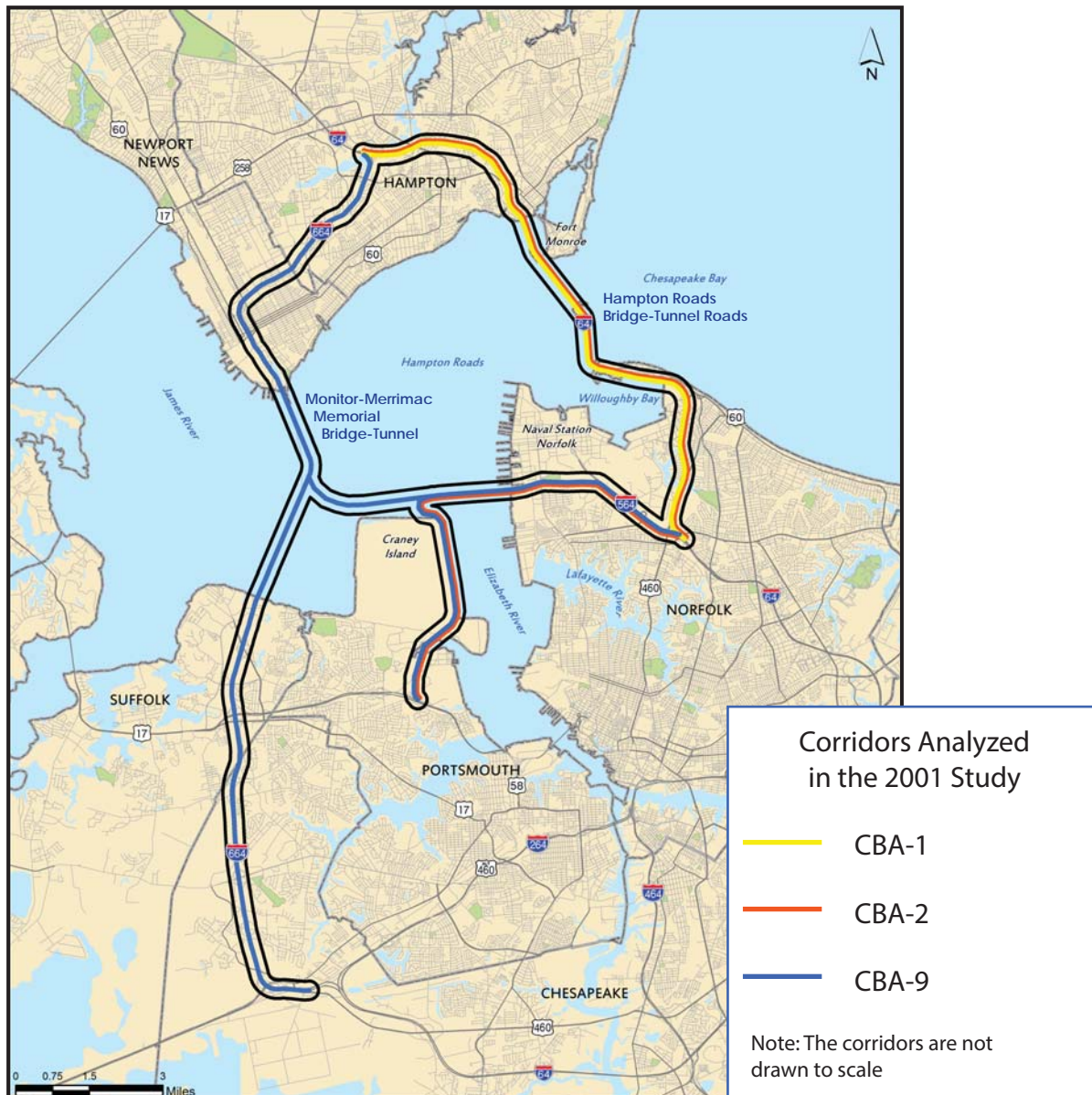
HRCS SEIS
Hampton Roads Crossing Study SEIS

Project Description

VDOT, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has initiated an SEIS to re-evaluate the assumptions, data, and decisions made in the Final EIS (FEIS) completed for the HRCS study in 2001. The three alternatives retained for analysis in the FEIS include:

- Candidate Build Alternative 1 (CBA-1):**
 This alternative would provide a new crossing parallel to the existing I-64 Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel (HRBT). On the Peninsula, this alternative begins at the I-664 interchange in Hampton and would widen I-64 to the I-564 interchange in Norfolk. A parallel bridge-tunnel to the west of the existing HRBT would cross Hampton Roads. Improvements would be confined largely to the existing I-64 right of way.
 - Candidate Build Alternative 2 (CBA-2):**
 CBA 2 would involve all of Candidate Build Alternative 1 as well as additional improvements in Norfolk and Portsmouth. This includes widening I-564 west from the I-64 interchange; a new connection across the Elizabeth River; and the Craney Island Connector along the east side of Craney Island that would connect to the Western Freeway.
 - Candidate Build Alternative 9 (CBA-9):**
 Candidate Build Alternative 9 includes the improvements to I-564, the connection across the Elizabeth River, and the Craney Island Connector. It would also provide a new bridge-tunnel parallel to the existing I-664 Monitor-Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel, and a new connection from the bridge-tunnel to Craney Island (locally referred to as Patriot's Crossing). On the Peninsula, this alternative would begin at the I-64/I-664 interchange in Hampton and would widen I-664 to the I-64/I-264 interchange in Chesapeake.
- This alternative was identified as the preferred alternative in the 2001 study, but is not currently considered the preferred alternative for this SEIS.

Study Location Map



Environmental Review

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR Part 771, a Draft SEIS will be prepared. Information concerning the potential effects of the proposed improvements on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be included in the SEIS in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and 36 CFR 800.

The SEIS will be made available for public review and comment. Following the public review, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will identify a Preferred Alternative. The Preferred Alternative will be presented in a Final SEIS, along with the Federal Highway Administration and the Virginia Department of Transportation's response to public comments.

Civil Rights

Representatives from VDOT are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. It is the responsibility of VDOT to ensure that all members of the community are afforded the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and programs affecting them. VDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT's Civil Rights Office at 757-925-2519 (TTY/TDD users call 711).

Right-of-Way

Information about right-of-way purchase is discussed in VDOT's brochure, "Right-of-Way and Utilities: A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." The document is available at: www.vdot.virginia.gov/business/resources/Right_of_way/A_Guide_for_Property_Owners_and_Tenants.pdf

Study Process

