



Northern Virginia Regional Commission

REGIONAL COMMUTER FAST FERRY INFRASTRUCTURE GAP ANALYSIS

# Project Initiation

Fast Ferry Policy Committee Meeting

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# Today's Agenda

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- **Welcome & Self-Introductions**
- **Major Project Elements**
- **Role of the Policy Committee**
- **Coordination with FTA**
- **Public Awareness**
- **Project Schedule – Steering Committee Meeting – date and agenda**
- **Technical Discussion**
- **Other Matters of Interest**

# Major Project Elements

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- Infrastructure Gap Analysis – focused on potential terminal sites
- Inclusion in WMCOG Metropolitan Transportation Plan, including TIP/STIP and regional travel demand model
- NEPA documentation to FTA to make determination on class of action
- FTA Grant amendment including project description, schedule, and budget
- Outreach – website, workshops, technical committee, steering committee

# Role of the Policy Committee

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- Decision-making authority for implementation of the preferred alternative
- Approve project deliverables

- Lead agency to make decision on executing grant award
- Will be decision-maker on the “class of action”
- Project will coordinate with FTA
- Project will produce documents necessary for FTA to decide “class of action” – identified in project scope as a categorical exemption worksheet.

# Organizational Project Needs

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- Eligible grantee for FTA funds
- Responsible to FTA for NEPA documentation necessary pending “class of action” decision
- Responsible for project delivery, project control, grant accounting, and local match

- Project Website
- Open Houses
- Policy and Technical Committee Meetings
  
- Website:
  - Library for all historical project documents
  - Information on current project
  - Agendas and minutes of Steering Committee
  - On-Line open house
  - Project Documents upon acceptance first draft then final
  - Project Schedule

# Project Schedule



		2017																														
		May				June				July					August				September				October					November				
Task	Description	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27
<b>1</b>	<b>PUBLIC OUTREACH</b>																															
1.1	Develop Website and Populate with Initial Information																															
1.2	Regional Fast Ferry Steering Committee																															
1.3	Regional Fast Ferry Technical Committee																															
1.4	Develop a Project Brochure																															
1.5	Conduct Area Open Houses																															
1.6	Summary of Outreach																															
<b>2</b>	<b>INFRASTRUCTURE GAP ANALYSIS AND SUPPORTING ACITIVITIES</b>																															
2.1	Infrastructure Gap Analysis																															
2.2	DRAFT Final Report																															
2.3	NEPA Documentation Preparation																															
2.4	Incorporation of Project into STIP/TIP																															
2.5	Final FTA Grant Scope, Schedule and Budget																															
2.6	Final Report																															



# Next Steering Comm. Meetings

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- #2 Proposed June 29 or 30
- #3 Proposed July 24
- #4 Proposed September 21 or 22
- #5 Proposed Week of October 23
- #6 Proposed Week of November 13
  
- Discussion

- Terminal sites being evaluated:
  - Woodbridge, VA – Belmont Bay and Occoquan Marina
  - National Harbor, MD
  - Joint Base Anacostia/Bolling, DC
  - Diamond Teague Park - Navy Yard/Ballpark, DC

- Vessel Considerations for Project
  - Design envelope of possible vessels and vessel loading characteristics
  - Viable range of vessel speeds
  - Hull design envelope for draft and wake/wash propagation
  - May also explore wave attenuation technologies
  - Not determine actual vessel or vessel design

- Gap Analysis
  - Difference between what exists today and what needs to exist to support the intended service and vessel design envelope

# Other Matters of Interest

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- Around the room



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