



## NVRC FAST FERRY PASSENGER SERVICE

**Date:** December 1, 2022

**Subject:** Stakeholder Meeting #5 (virtual meeting)

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### AGENDA

- Introduction & Overview
- Review of Additional Tasks
- New Route & Market Assessment
- Investor Sounding
- Project Governance

## INTRODUCTION / REVIEW OF ADDITIONAL TASKS

### MEETING FORMAT

The meeting was held entirely virtual. The meeting was kicked off with introductions and updates on how the current and future meeting would be conducted.

### REVIEW OF TASKS

When the report is completed, the goal is to have a successor organization to pick up the concept once NVRC portion is completed.

Phase 1 and phase 2 reports will hopefully result in headlines and news and social media for the region – to help stimulate additional interest

## NEW ROUTE SELECTION

- Goal for the meeting is to establish a subset of remaining routes under consideration – identify a smaller group to review at a high level before we select one. So, the group outcome will not be to pick one route but to narrow down the focus. Then, by mid-December, we will have a route to study.
- If there is a significant number of people that live in Charles County and work at either Quantico or Fort Belvoir, that's a very good opportunity for ferry service, but we should keep in mind that Charles County doesn't have an existing terminal site that is viable, so it will be important to consider the startup costs for a route starting/ending there.
- During Phase 1 work, the Charles County to JBAB route determined that, although there was some amount of ridership - they couldn't get a travel time that was competitive to driving.

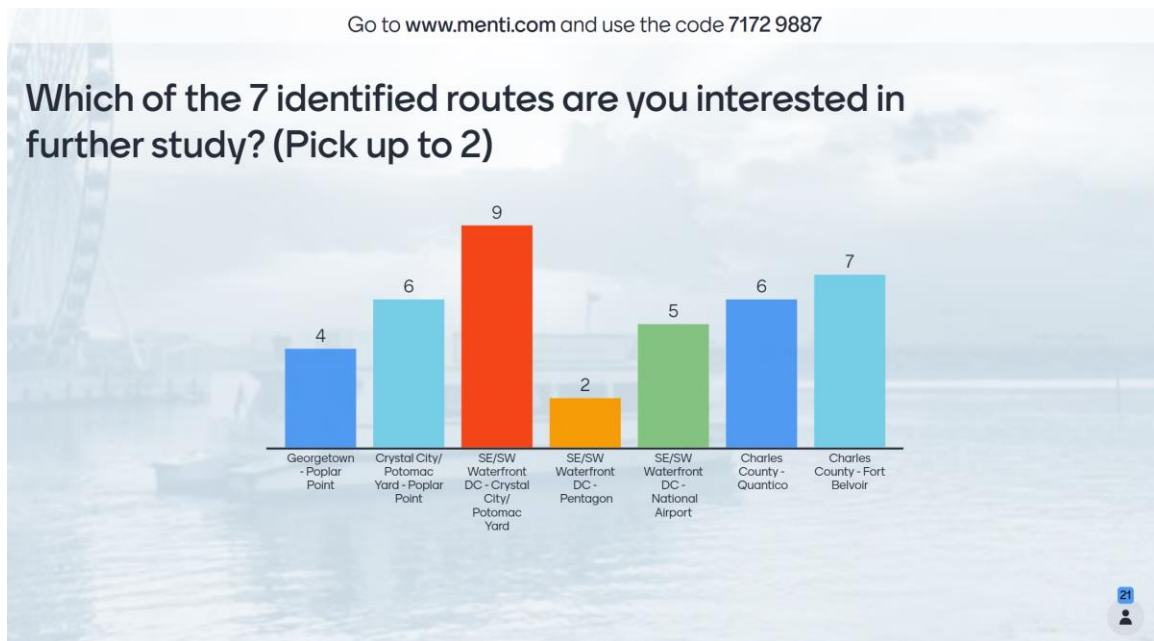
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- The project team recommends eliminating routes that run alongside or parallel to the river because they don't show a good deal of promise in time savings/time competitiveness. Additionally, once the routes get too long, it also become less competitive from a time savings point of view.

Additional Route input

- Pentagon lagoon – there is no existing terminal site, and the lagoon is limited by height, width and depth of water at current time
- Crystal City/Potomac Yard – there is no existing terminal site here as well; also worth noting that the new metro station wasn't designed with a ferry terminal in mind; our study would incorporate those considerations as part of route feasibility

**VOTING EXERCISE**



**SOUNDING SESSIONS**

- In addition to the two BIDs listed (Southwest and Crystal City, there are other BIDs that we have spoken with and could meet with again, including: Capitol Riverfront BID and Georgetown BID

**VOTING EXERCISE**

- Teaming Engagements Session stakeholder top priorities were DDOT, WMATA, Prince William County's DOT, and the Southwest BID

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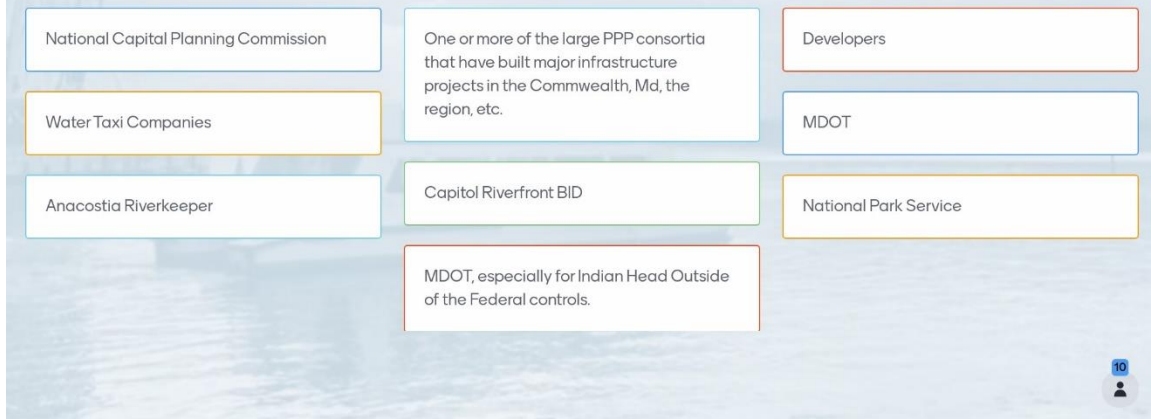
For the "Teaming Engagements Session", which of these agencies or organizations should our study team meet and engage with? (pick up to 2)



▪ **Teaming Engagements Session stakeholder recommendations:**

- National Capital Planning Commission
- Water Taxi Companies
- Anacostia Riverkeeper
- Capitol Riverfront BID
- MDOT & National Parks
- Developers
- MWCOG

For the "Teaming Engagements Session", do you have recommendations as to who else our study team should meet and engage with?



## QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Antoine M Thompson– Working on a Port’s meeting for the first quarter of 2023. Trying to look at a site in Maryland but will have it at DC Water sometime in Q1. Focused on Port’s in Maryland and Virginia. Meeting will be more like a listening session with people from US Dept of Energy and Port Leaders. Most listening to challenges and seeing how GWRCC can be a partner. Interested in seeing how they can be useful and share Federal funding opportunities.
  - Tim – Will you be inviting anyone from Southern California Ports since they have worked on Carbon-free initiatives.
  - Antoine – Haven’t thought about it but open to suggestions and asked Tim to forward names to Peggy. Work closely with the Dept of energy and DOT. Everyone is interested in what stakeholders have to say.
  - Tim – Since there is no port authority in the Potomac area, who is representing the port interest?
  - Antoine – Nobody claims ownership for the area right now. Would love to facilitate work on establishing governance in the DC area. Will chat with Tim more about this in 2023 during TRB.
- Daniel Flores – Met with folks to talk about different transportation projects in the region. The ferry project is in the back of people’s mind but will continue conversation on this.
- Terry Clover – Would require some entity that can access public funding. Creating authorities might be very time consuming. This project should be taken up by an existing authority. WMATA has other issues to deal with. For economic development entities, this ferry might not be a big project for them. Maybe local transit agencies might be a better fit.
  - Tim said will have a conversation with WMATA to gauge their interest. Maybe not as a leader but as a contributor. Will continue to explore more opportunities.

## NEXT STEPS

- We will notify the group our selected route in mid-December.
- We will convene again in late January to present the final ferry route market study.

## MEETING DETAILS

### Meeting Attendees

Adam Baron, DC Water  
Anh Phan, Sen Mark Warner  
Antoine M Thompson , GWRCC  
Carla Longshore, DDOT  
Chris Williams Anacostia Watershed Society  
Colleen Regotti, MWAA  
Daniel Flores, Board of Trade  
David McGettigan, PWC Planning Office  
Ed Welch, Passenger Ferry Assoc  
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Jeffrey King, MWCOG  
Jen Wise  
Laura MacNeil  
Mark Rinaldi, Bush Corporation  
Meagan Landis, Prince William County  
Olaf Pedersen III,  
Peyton Smith  
Seth A Hendler-Voss, PWC  
Stan Jackson, Anacostia Economic Development Corporation  
Steven Bieber, MWCOG  
Terri Crockett-Augustine  
Terry Clower, GWU, Director, Center for Regional Analysis  
Thomas Hamed, City of Alexandria  
Thomas Hastings, NSA South Potomac  
Thomasina Coates, Charles County Commissioner  
Willem Polak, Maritime Consultant  
Yi Shao, Capitol Riverfront  
Yolanda Hipski , Tri County Council for Southern Maryland  
Zachary Baldwin, SW BID

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Chris Landgraf, NVRC

## Chat record

[12/1 10:03 AM] Peggy Tadej  
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[12/1 10:05 AM] McGettigan, David  
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[12/1 10:05 AM] Thomas Hamed  
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[12/1 10:05 AM] Landis, Meagan  
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[12/1 10:05 AM] Mark (Guest)  
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[12/1 10:05 AM] Regotti, Colleen  
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[12/1 10:06 AM] MacNeil, Laura (DDOT)  
Laura MacNeil - DDOT

[12/1 10:06 AM] Epanty, Efon M. (Guest)  
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[12/1 10:07 AM] Thomasina Coates  
Thomasina Coates - Charles County Commissioner

[12/1 10:11 AM] Adam Baron  
Adam Baron, DC Water

[12/1 10:36 AM] Peggy Tadej

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Reminder to put your name and contact information into the chat. Thanks.

[12/1 10:36 AM] Yolanda Hipski  
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[12/1 10:36 AM] Longshore, Carla (DDOT) (Guest)  
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[12/1 10:39 AM] Thomas Hamed  
Could you share survey link in chat please?

[12/1 10:56 AM] Yolanda Hipski  
You may want to include someone from Maryland?

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