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**For Immediate Release:** Today, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC), in partnership with the Regional Broadband Steering committee, elected officials for the cities of Norfolk and Virginia Beach and representatives of Old Dominion University and Virginia Wesleyan University, gathered to announce the first connection point to the Regional Ring, a fiber optic backbone system that will connect all five Southside localities to the transatlantic cable landings. This landmark event underlines the region's efforts to plan, design and build an interconnected fiber ring that will ultimately result in the creation of job opportunities for all Hampton Road communities and will offer the region fast, reliable and affordable access to data and technology transfer.

While the first connection point occurs in the Region's South Side, future phases will include the Peninsula as well.

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