



Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Virginia Beach Light Rail: MOU and LRT Vehicle Acquisition Agreement

Commonwealth Transportation Board Meeting

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MOU



Highlights

- Outlines roles of the 3 project partners, including coordination where responsibilities overlap
- Delineates the two separate but required DRPT grants:
 - DRPT grant to HRT for light rail vehicle purchase
 - DRPT grant to City of Virginia Beach for larger extension project

MOU between City, DRPT and HRT (cont.)

Highlights

- Identifies City of VA Beach as lead agency for extension project implementation
- Requires development of separate funding schedule between VA Beach and DRPT regarding amounts and timing of funds
 - The City and HRT are also to develop a funding plan to meet the requirements of the grant



MOU between City, DRPT and HRT (cont.)



Highlights

- Authorizes HRT to continue its efforts towards 30% design and directs the City to work with HRT to prepare bridging documents to work towards an RFP for design-build procurement
- Should the City choose to include a plan for shared use path/sidewalk on either side of the light rail extension, it will be at its own expense, responsibility and oversight as a separate project

MOU between City, DRPT and HRT (cont.)



Highlights

- Vehicle procurement:
 - HRT is lead agency
 - City will authorize HRT to request grant funding from DRPT
 - City will provide to DRPT local match (50%) and DRPT will provide state match (50%) for HRT's use
- Directs HRT to plan for enhanced bus service to complement light rail extension through a separate grant application to DRPT

Vehicle Acquisition Agreement



Terms included in current draft:

- Binding agreement for City to provide its 50% of funding for the LRT vehicles
- Payments will be made by City within 10 business days and are subject to appropriation of sufficient funds by City Council
 - City manager's proposed CIP to include request for sufficient funds to pay local match payments for FY17

Vehicle Acquisition Agreement (cont.)



Other Potential Considerations:

- Responsibility for penalties, claims or outstanding payments if the City does not move forward with the LRT Extension or does not appropriate funds for further milestone payments
- Reimbursement for any part of the \$155 M expended by the Commonwealth on Vehicles
- Confirming that any City funding expended on vehicles is not subject to reimbursement by Commonwealth

Next Steps

Anticipated Next Steps:

- Ongoing: Review and Revisions to Draft LRT Vehicle Reimbursement Agreement
- March 15: City Council Briefing on MOU and LRT Vehicle Bids
- April 4: City Council Decision on MOU, LRT Vehicle Reimbursement Agreement and Authorization of HRT Grant Application
- April 19: Update at CTB Workshop
- April 30: CTB established deadline
- May - November: Development of Construction Grant Agreement Between DRPT and City
- Late November: City to Issue RFP for Design Build

