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# Project Implementation Schedule

Valley Line LRT - Stage 1



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Description	Timing
RFQ Initiation	April 2014
RFQ Evaluation	July 2014
Proponent Shortlist Approval by LRT Governance Board	August 2014
RFP Initiation	August 2014
Technical Submissions Evaluation	April 2015 to July 2015
Technical Evaluation Report Approval by LRT Governance Board	August 2015
Financial Bid Submission & Evaluation	August 2015
Preferred Proponent Approval by LRT Governance Board	September 2015
Financial Close of Project Agreement	January 2016
Substantial Construction Completion	August 2020
Revenue Service / Commencement of Operations	December 2020

<sup>\*</sup> Initiation of the project implementation is subject to securing commitments for the full project funding.

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#### **RFQ**

- A 3 month process to short-list 3 proponent teams
- Starting at the end of April 2014, interested parties will have the first 2 months to reply to the RFQ.
- The project team will take 1 month to evaluate the RFQ submissions and develop a short-list of the top 3 qualified proponent teams.
- Governance Board (GB) approval of the short-list in August 2014.

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#### **RFP**

- The RFP will be release by late August 2014, initiating the 16 month RFP process.
- The RFP technical phase will take approx. 12 months and include:
  - reviews of proponent designs to ensure compliance with the technical performance specifications
  - meetings with key stakeholders (eg. Edmonton Design Committee, Provincial and Federal regulators, utility agencies and heavy freight rail agencies)
  - commercially confidential meetings regarding the terms of the Project Agreement

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#### RFP (cont'd)

- Financial bid submissions will follow approval of the technical submissions and a preferred proponent will be identified by the end of September 2015.
- Following the necessary GB and Council approvals, financial close of the project agreement will occur no later than January 2016.
  - The length of time between financial bid submission and financial close will be as short as possible (target of 2 months) in order to ensure the preferred proponent's lender pricing commitments can be maintained.



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#### Construction & Operations

- Construction is anticipated to take 4.5 years (early spring 2016 to summer 2020), with testing and commissioning of the system occurring through the second half of 2020.
- Commencement of revenue operations is targeted before the end of 2020.
  - The project agreement will allow ProjectCo to commence operations early, with appropriate advanced notice.

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## Questions?

