

Rail Enhancement Fund

Application Procedures

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Rail Enhancement Fund

Program Overview

Under §33.1-221.1:1.1 of the Code of Virginia (Appendix E), the General Assembly declared it to be in the public interest that the preservation and development of railway transportation facilities are important elements of a balanced transportation system in the Commonwealth. It further declares “it to be in the public interest that the retention, maintenance, improvement and development of the railways are essential to the Commonwealth’s continued economic growth, vitality, and competitiveness in national and world markets. There is hereby created in the state treasury a special non-reverting fund to be known as the Rail Enhancement Fund which shall be considered a special fund within the Transportation Trust Funds, hereafter referred to as ‘the Fund.’”

The Code states that the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) “shall administer and expend or commit, subject to the approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, the Fund for acquiring, leasing, and/or improving railways or railroad equipment, rolling stock, rights-of-way or facilities, or assisting other appropriate entities to acquire, lease, or improve railways or railroad equipment, rolling stock, rights-of-way or facilities, for freight and/or passenger rail transportation purposes whenever the Board shall have determined that such acquisition, lease, and/or improvement is for the common good of a region of the Commonwealth or the Commonwealth as a whole.”

The Code further states that “Projects undertaken pursuant to this section shall be limited to those the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall have determined will result in public benefits to the Commonwealth or to a region of the Commonwealth that are equal to or greater than the investment of funds under this section. Such projects shall include a minimum of 30 percent cash or in-kind matching contribution from a private source, which may include a railroad, a regional authority, or a local government source, or a combination of such sources.”

This document describes the policies and procedures applicable to the consideration of requests for expenditures from the Rail Enhancement Fund.

General

Note: For the Fiscal Year 2014 (FY2014) and future years, all Rail Enhancement Fund Grant Applications shall be submitted and processed through the DRPT Online Grant Application (OLGA) system accessible at the following link:

<https://olga.drpt.virginia.gov>

1. The Director of DRPT administers and, subject to CTB approval, expends or commits funds from the Rail Enhancement Fund for the purpose of acquiring, leasing, and/or improving railways or railroad equipment, rolling stock, rights-of-way or facilities for freight and/or passenger rail transportation purposes.

2. Projects undertaken are limited to those determined by the CTB to result in public benefits to the Commonwealth or to a region of the Commonwealth equal to or greater than the public investment.
3. All projects receiving funds from the Rail Enhancement Fund must include a minimum of 30% cash or in-kind matching contribution from a private source, which may include a railroad, a regional authority, a local government source, or a combination of such sources. Funds may also be used as matching funds for federal grants to support passenger or freight rail projects.
4. All Grantees receiving funds from the Rail Enhancement Fund are contractually required to seek out and utilize Small, Women, and Minority (SWAM) owned enterprises in relation to projects funded. A goal of 40% of total eligible grant expenditures is established by execution of the Rail Enhancement Fund Agreement by the parties. Grantee must report such SWAM activity quarterly beginning at the end of the first three month period from the date of Agreement and ending at the close of the last quarter that includes the project completion, final invoice and acceptance by DRPT.

Program Policy Goals

The following Program Policy Goals were adopted by the Commonwealth Transportation Board on 10/20/2005. Goals 1, 2, 3 and 5 are minimum policy criteria for project consideration. Compliance with these minimum criteria must be demonstrated before further consideration will be given to funding a project.

- 1. Projects will provide an additional or accelerated investment in Virginia rail projects, which are determined to have a substantial public benefit equal to or greater than the public investment.**

The Rail Enhancement Fund provides funding for the development and improvement of rail infrastructure in Virginia and also for the acquisition of rolling stock, signal systems and equipment. The Rail Enhancement Fund will be used to fund projects and proposals found to have a public benefit that is equal to or greater than the public investment, and which are not likely to be completed in a timely manner without use of Rail Enhancement Funds.

- 2. Projects will address the needs identified in the applicable state, regional and/or local plans, developed in consultation with public and private partners.**

Projects will generally address the needs identified in the applicable state, regional and/or local plans to the extent such plans exist, including VTrans 2035, The Virginia State Rail Plan and those goals adopted by Governor Warner's Commission on Rail Enhancement for the 21st Century. In addition, DRPT is developing statewide rail plans for rail initiatives in the Commonwealth, which will be referenced upon completion.

3. Projects will encourage competition and economic development by promoting, or not precluding, access by more than one rail operator and whenever possible joint access by freight and passenger operators to optimize the Commonwealth's investment.

Projects should maximize rail usage and promote competition whenever feasible. Projects in corridors that are utilized for both freight and passenger service must demonstrate that both types of service will benefit from the improvement. Where feasible, rail infrastructure-related projects should not be designed to preclude access by more than one operator.

4. The use of Rail Enhancement Funds will evolve from a focus on quick turn-around, high impact projects to a multi-year strategic program of projects that leads to an integrated six-year rail (passenger/freight) improvement program.

The Director of DRPT will develop recommendations for an annual program of projects that will be incorporated into the Commonwealth's Six-Year Improvement Plan. In addition to considering applications, the Director of DRPT may also recommend specific projects for consideration. Individual projects will be viewed in terms of how they benefit the overall rail network in Virginia.

5. The Program will limit long term Commonwealth funding liability through the development of achievable project schedules and budgets. Consideration will be given to funding major projects over a period of several years.

Projects will limit the long term liability of the Rail Enhancement Fund by proposing and adhering to achievable schedules and budgets. Well-defined project budgets and schedules will be developed prior to submission of applications and projects will be completed within a specified time frame. Applications for projects will include detailed cost, schedule and budget information. For construction projects, applications that include preliminary engineering completed to 30% will receive more positive weight and consideration during the review process. Some large projects will require funding over several years. DRPT will identify those projects that, due to their size and complexity, require funding over an extended period. The CTB will give consideration to the duration of funding for multi-year projects. Project progress will be closely monitored to ensure that they continue to move toward completion in accordance with their proposed schedules and budgets.

6. Where feasible, projects will optimize public benefits by leveraging funds from sources other than the Rail Enhancement Fund.

The law creating the Rail Enhancement Fund requires a minimum of a 30 percent cash or in-kind matching contribution from a private source, which may include a railroad, a regional authority, a local government source, or a combination of such sources. Projects are likely to receive more favorable consideration if a higher match ratio is proposed. Projects that are part of a larger package of improvements funded from other sources are encouraged and are likely to receive more favorable consideration. Additional investments above the minimum match requirement broaden the sharing of the risk and improve the chances of project success.

7. Projects will protect the Commonwealth's public interest in private facilities.

The Commonwealth will ensure that any improvements made with public funds remain available for the proposed public use for the useful life of the project. Contractual agreements will be written to protect the Commonwealth's public interest in the private facilities and to require compensation for the residual value of the investment if the public use ceases within the period of useful life.

8. Projects will contribute to the effectiveness of the entire transportation system.

Projects will promote congestion relief, encourage economic development, enhance the competitiveness of Virginia ports, airports, and multi-modal facilities, and promote safety, health and environmental benefits, and improve mobility or any combination of these objectives.

9. At least 90 percent of program funds will be spent on capital improvements.

At least 90% of the Rail Enhancement Fund in any fiscal year will be expended on acquiring, leasing, and/or improving railways or railroad equipment, signals and communication improvements, rolling stock, rights-of-way or facilities, including design and construction engineering. Up to 10% of the Fund in any fiscal year may be spent on planning and environmental evaluation leading to capital project improvements.

Program Implementation

The Rail Enhancement Fund Program is administered by the Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation in accordance with decisions of the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Listed below are the program roles, selection process and execution requirements for the administration of the Rail Enhancement Fund Program.

Program Roles

Role of the Commonwealth Transportation Board

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is the policy board for the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). This role includes the formulation and adoption of program development guidelines, policies, procedures, and allocation of funds for programs of projects. In accordance with §33.1-221.1:1.1, the CTB must determine that projects undertaken pursuant to the Rail Enhancement Fund result in public benefits to the Commonwealth or to a region of the Commonwealth that are equal to or greater than the level of investment of Rail Enhancement funds.

Role of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Through its Director, DRPT is responsible for the analysis of projects and proposals and development of information necessary to assess the proposals. The agency is also responsible for developing the program of projects, implementing the program and providing periodic progress reports to the CTB. The agency is responsible for executing necessary agreements and ensuring program compliance for projects, including compliance with applicable environmental review and public involvement requirements.

Relationship to Transportation Plans

Rail Enhancement Fund Program development includes the coordination of projects to address the needs identified in applicable statewide, regional and/or local transportation plans. Existing plans and initiatives include the VTrans 2035 Statewide Transportation Plan and its rail component, the Virginia State Rail Plan, as well as the Governor's Commission on Rail Enhancement for the 21st Century Report. In addition, DRPT is developing statewide rail plans and upon completion, these plans will help guide the selection of future projects.

Eligible Recipients

The following organizations are eligible to apply for Rail Enhancement funding:

1. Commuter and Intercity Passenger Rail Operators
2. Freight Rail Operators
3. Private Businesses or Industries that currently utilize rail or are planning to develop railway facilities in the future
4. Regional Authorities
5. Local Governments
6. Non-profit Organizations
(or any combination of the above)

Eligible Project Expenses

Eligible expenses may include the following:

1. Preliminary service, engineering, or feasibility study
2. Final engineering
3. Permitting
4. Acquisition, lease, or improvement of rights of way or facilities
5. Environmental mitigation directly related to the project
6. Site preparation including grading, drainage and relocation of utilities
7. Acquisition, lease, or improvement of railways, including signal and communications equipment
8. Acquisition, lease, or improvement of railroad equipment
9. Acquisition, lease, or improvement of rolling stock
10. Public involvement expenses, as agreed

Project Selection Process

The process of identifying projects to be funded will evolve over time. To the extent feasible, submitted proposals and candidate projects will be consistent with the priorities defined in the DRPT statewide rail plans and other state transportation plans. All selected projects will be integrated into the Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) upon approval and allocation by the CTB.

1. Projects will be advanced for consideration following the procedures developed by DRPT.
 - Applications for specific projects will be accepted through an annual solicitation process. Projects of urgent significance will be considered for funding on a case by case basis, and may be considered outside of the annual solicitation.
 - Upon completion, DRPT's statewide rail plans will be considered as part of the evaluation process for candidate projects.
 - All rail projects will be fully integrated into the Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) upon approval and allocation by the CTB.
2. Applicants will be permitted an opportunity to respond to questions concerning their application submittals.
3. The Director of DRPT will work cooperatively with any affected railroad in identifying, developing, and advocating projects and policies to enhance the quality and utility to the public of rail transportation in the Commonwealth.
4. DRPT will develop recommendations within a Program of Projects to be presented to the CTB regarding all proposed allocations of funds from the Rail Enhancement Fund as part of the annual Six-Year Improvement Program process.
5. DRPT will present a program of projects to the CTB for their consideration on an annual basis. This presentation will include a determination that the projects are for the common good of a region of the Commonwealth or the Commonwealth as a whole and that the public benefits are equal to or greater than the investment of the Rail Enhancement funds.
6. The CTB will approve the annual program of projects for the Rail Enhancement Fund, allocate funds, and incorporate projects into the SYIP. Projects of urgent significance, or multi-year projects under construction, may be considered throughout the year on a case by case basis.
7. The Director of DRPT will develop and negotiate an agreement with each applicant for each project approved by the CTB that is based on the standard agreement in Appendix C. The agreement will stipulate the time frame for implementation and completion of each project, and each agreement will include applicable environmental and public involvement requirements.
8. Periodic status reports will be provided to the CTB on all projects.

Project Execution Requirements

In any year of the program, projects that are selected for funding will follow the procedures listed below to ensure compliance with program requirements:

Administrative Process

1. DRPT will undertake a review of applications and conduct a critical screening for compliance with the minimum policy criteria for project consideration. Those applications that pass will be subjected to a public benefit/cost analysis (see Appendix B). The time frame for analysis will be determined by the Director of DRPT with a baseline planning horizon of 15 years. The applicant may suggest an alternate time frame for the project being submitted.
2. Following CTB approval of Rail Enhancement Fund allocations, the Director of DRPT will notify the successful applicant(s).
3. The Director of DRPT will develop and negotiate an agreement with each applicant for each project approved by the CTB that is based on the standard agreement in Appendix C. The agreement will stipulate the time frame for implementation and completion of each project. Each agreement will include applicable environmental and public involvement requirements.
4. DRPT will develop procedures for projects involving work to be completed beyond the existing boundaries of railroad property. These projects will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
5. Payments will be made on a reimbursement basis. Grantee shall submit invoices with no greater than six (6) months of accrued charges (generally monthly) for that portion of the work that has been completed. Invoices containing accrued charges of greater than six (6) months will not be paid. DRPT will review the project progress and approve invoice payments according to the agency's Grants Management procedures. Invoice backup documentation should clearly show matching fund requirements for DRPT's compliance review. Invoice backup shall also include all certifications and test reports required by the project plans and specifications. Certifications and test reports required may be submitted under separate covers prior to submitting the invoice.
6. The grantee will maintain separate financial records for the project.
7. After the completion of work, all of the grantee's records on the project are subject to an audit. Records are to be retained for five years after completion of the project.

Monitoring and Evaluation

1. Grantee shall submit monthly progress reports during the planning and construction period.

2. Completed work will be subject to inspection by DRPT and the owning and/or operating railroad. The grantee will be required to replace any work which does not meet applicable standards, criteria or specifications at the grantee's expense.
3. DRPT will provide periodic status reports to the Commonwealth Transportation Board.
4. Annual reporting of project performance and a follow-up review will be conducted on all funded and completed projects for fifteen years at the end of the performance period. This review will include a comparison of the public benefits of the project identified in the original application to the actual results demonstrated by the project. A periodic program review will be conducted to ensure that program goals are being met.

DRPT Plan Review Requirements and Process

The Grantee shall submit to DRPT a copy of the design plans and specifications for the project in both electronic (CAD files plus pdf files) and hard copy formats, if applicable. DRPT will review plans for completeness and accuracy in the following areas, as they apply:

- Proper Title Sheet and Key Plan
- Right-of-Way Lines
- Sheet List and Legend
- Utility Identification
- General Notes
- Typical Sections
- Track Diagram (if applicable)
- Existing and Proposed Track Centers
- Limits of Construction
- Adjacent Property Owners
- Title Block Information
- Adjacent Structures and Railroad Infrastructure
- Potential or Confirmed Wetlands
- Mileposts and Valuation Stations
- Valuation Map References
- Information Regarding Anticipated Conflicts
- Survey Control (if applicable)
- Other Applicable Areas

1. The Grantee shall submit design plans and specifications (where applicable) at the 30% level of completion for review and acceptance by DRPT prior to commencing Final Design.
2. The Grantee shall submit the design plans and specifications (where applicable) used as portions of the bid package for review and acceptance by DRPT prior to bidding.

DRPT Bid Review Requirements and Process

The Grantee shall submit to DRPT a copy of the bid results and tabulation for the project in both electronic (pdf files) and hard copy formats, if applicable. The Grantee shall also provide an evaluation of the bids identifying differences from the grant estimate, and recommending bid award to a specific bidder. DRPT will review the bid information and provide comments or concurrence with the recommendation to award the bid. The Grantee shall not award the bid or start construction until it has received concurrence from DRPT.

1. The bid evaluation shall include:
 - A copy of each bidder's response.
 - A tabulation of the Grant estimates for each item in the Schedule of Values, and each bidder's bid for the each item on the Schedule of Values
 - An analysis of the results, typically containing a calculation of the high, low, and average bid prices and percentage difference for the apparent low bidder for each item on the Schedule of Values.
 - An explanation for any items deviating significantly either from the average or the grant estimate for each item in the Schedule of Values.
2. The Grantee shall provide a commitment to provide additional funds to perform the project if the total bid amount exceeds the total grant estimate for the bid items.

APPENDIX A
PROJECT APPLICATION



Rail Enhancement Fund Project Application Form

To be completed online at <https://olga.drpt.virginia.gov>

Rail Enhancement Fund Program Application

Applicant: The name of the railroad, business, or organization applying for Grant funding from the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (the Department).

Application Number: Automatically assigned by the Department. This number is used to reference the application throughout the Grant Application Period. If funded, this number may be referenced in an Agreement with the Department.

Fiscal Year: The year in which the Applicant is applying for grant funding from the Department. The Department operates on a fiscal year from July 1 ending on June 30.

Last Updated: Automatically fills. This date marks the time an applicant logged into the -OLGA system and altered the application.

Contact Person: This is the person who the Department will contact if there are questions regarding the application.

Project Details

Project Manager – The Project Manager is not necessarily the same person filling out the application. This individual will be working on the implementation of the project, if funded, and will be the main contact for reporting to the Department, scheduling field inspections, resolving invoice issues, etc.

Project Title – The Project Title will be the name of the project used when presenting the application to the Commonwealth Transportation Board and, if funded, the name used in the Six Year Improvement Plan, on the Agreements and on any other legally significant references to the Rail Enhancement Fund project activities.

Project Location – The Project Location describes the limits/boundaries of the proposed improvements or study for which the application is seeking Rail Enhancement Funding. Specificity is preferred, such as mile post numbers, but also include the localities and any other significant names of landmarks, roads, etc. which describe the project location.

Owner of Property – The Owner of the Property is the person, company, or organization with the vested property rights to the land where Rail Enhancement Funds will study or construct capital improvements. For example, in the case of a Shortline Railroad applicant for Rail Enhancement Funds, CSX or Norfolk Southern may be the Owner of the Property from which the land is leased by the applicant.

Responsible party for Maintenance of Project – This field lets the Department know who is responsible for the general maintenance of any improvements funded by the Rail Enhancement Fund. Rail Enhancement Funds do not pay for maintenance of improvements once a funded project is complete.

Scope of Work – The Scope of Work identifies the study methodology or construction activities which will require Rail Enhancement Funds to complete.

Project Components

Rail Infrastructure – Check this box if project activities for which the application seeks grant funding involves improvement or construction of rail infrastructure on which passenger or freight trains will operate.

Rail Facility/Station – Check this box if project activities for which the application seeks grant funding involves construction or an accessory building, passenger station, etc.

Equipment/Rolling Stock – Check this box if project activities for which the application seeks grant funding involves the purchase of rail cars (freight or passenger), track construction/maintenance equipment, hy-rail vehicle, etc.

Signals/Communication Equipment – Check this box if project activities for which the application seeks grant funding involves purchase and/or installation of signal system/communication equipment.

Other – Check this box if any of the above categories for “Project Components” do not describe the project for which the application seeks grant funding. Please clearly state the Project Components in the Description of Project narrative.

Type of Project

Study – Check this box if the project seeks to perform a study on capacity improvements, speed improvements, or otherwise improving freight or passenger rail services.

Preliminary Engineering – Check this box if grant funding would be used to complete preliminary engineering of a proposed project.

Final Design – Check this box if grant funding would be used to complete the final design of a proposed project.

New Construction – Check this box if grant funding would be used to undertake construction activities of a proposed project.

Rehabilitation – Check this box if grant funding would be used to undertake the rehabilitation of an abandoned or existing line to improve passenger or freight rail service.

Project Budget Summary – The total requested amount in the application, if approved and allocated by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, will remain the same in the Agreement.

Please ensure costs entered are as accurate as possible, as any cost overruns, if the project receives grant funding, will be the responsibility of the Grantee.

Preliminary Service, Engineering, or Feasibility Study – Enter the total cost of the Preliminary Service, Engineering or Feasibility Study activities associated with this grant application.

Environmental Evaluation – Enter the total cost of Environmental Evaluation activities associated with this grant application.

Design Engineering - Enter the total cost of the Design Engineering activities associated with this grant application.

Right of Way Acquisition – Enter the total cost of Right of Way acquisition associated with this grant application. Please note, the Department prefers not to use grant funds for acquisition of land. Option: Application can include the cost of the acquisition in the Total Project Budget, but specify that the total acquisition of Right of Way cost will be part of the required 30% match.

Construction – Enter the total cost of Construction associated with this grant application.

Construction Management – Enter the total cost of Construction Management associated with this grant application.

Lease/Acquisition of Equipment – Enter the total cost of Lease/Acquisition of Equipment associated with this grant application.

Public Involvement (if applicable) – Enter the total cost of involving the public in the finalization of planning and approval of project activities associated with this grant application.

Other – Enter the total cost of any project activities for which this application seeks funding and were not addressed in the cost categories listed above.

Total Project Budget – This field will calculate automatically. It should equal the total cost of the project for which the application seeks 70% funding from the Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

State Rail Enhancement Fund Requested – This field is the amount of funding for which the application seeks funding from the Department of Rail and Public Transportation. It cannot exceed 70% of the Total Project Budget.

Local Match Required – This field will calculate automatically. This is the amount of local match required of the applicant if the project receives grant funding. If the project does not meet a Benefit Cost Ratio of 1.0 or higher, the local match may be increased by the applicant.

Provider of Local Match – This field tells the Department the source of the required matching funds.

Local Confirmed – Checking this box means that the applicant has confirmed with the source of

local match that the funds will be designated to this project if approved and allocated grant funding by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. A resolution or document from the governing body, which has the authority to obligate matching funds must be submitted with the application if this box is checked.

Fund Request Breakdown

FY 2014 – Enter the budget for requested grant funding for FY2014

FY 2015 – Enter the budget for requested grant funding for FY2015

FY 2016 – Enter the budget for requested grant funding for FY2016

FY 2017 – Enter the budget for requested grant funding for FY2017

FY 2018 – Enter the budget for requested grant funding for FY2018

FY 2019 – Enter the budget for requested grant funding for FY2019

Project Information

Description of Project – Describe the overall project in a narrative. This is the opportunity to introduce the concept behind the project, what it is, where it is located, how it relates to a larger initiative or effort. Specify any public-private partnerships, past or future phases, and the intended success the complete project will have for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Project Objective – Describe the objective of this project and the outcomes it hopes to achieve in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Relationship to Other Projects under Development by Applicant or Previously Funded by this Program – Describe the relationship to any past, current or future projects by the applicant and specify if any funding has been provided by the Rail Enhancement Fund.

Describe the Public Benefit of the Project – Provide narrative which emphasizes the public benefits and outcomes which warrant the investment of public funds from the Commonwealth of Virginia. Further elaborate on how the project will achieve economic, operational, or public benefits as well as improve the operations of freight and/or passenger rail service.

Statement of how this Project promotes or does not preclude dual/multi-access use – The Commonwealth encourages and invests in dual/multi-access use projects. Describe how this project either improves dual/multi-access, or at least how it does not preclude it.

List additional users of rail line, facility, and/or equipment – List additional users of the proposed project improvements, if any.

Identify any possible environmental or other issues/concerns within the scope of this Project – Notify the Department of possible environmental issues resulting from this project, and/or describe any positive environmental impacts as a result of the project proposed in the application.

Estimated Milestone Dates: The following fields for date entry are used by the Department in programming funds and management of the programs. These dates can be estimates, and there is no penalty for having to adjust dates at a later date.

Planning, design, and engineering completion: The date when the Applicant expects to have final planning, design, and engineering complete for submission to the Department; the Applicant would typically then request a Notice to Proceed for the proposed project.

Construction start date: The date when the Applicant expects to begin proposed project construction. NOTE: Only *after* the Department has approved the final scope, budget and schedule and issued a Notice to Proceed will approved project expenses be eligible for reimbursement.

Construction completion date: The date when the Applicant expects to complete construction of the proposed project. This date sets Department expectations for inspecting completed work, processing invoices, and setting grant expiration dates in the Department's accounting system.

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**Rail Enhancement Fund
Project Application Form**

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To be completed online at <https://olga.drpt.virginia.gov>

Date: _____

A. Name of Applicant (Name and Address)

Applicant type:

- Passenger Railroad
- Freight Railroad
- Locality
- Business
- Other _____

B. Contact Information:

Responsible Person/Title: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Project Manager/Title: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

C. Project Title: _____

D. Project Location: (City/County, Rail line, Railroad Mile Post, attach map)

E. Owner of Property/Right-of-Way/Facility/Personal Property: _____

F. Responsible Party for Continuous Maintenance of Project: _____

G. Project Information:

1) Description of Project:

2) Project Objective:

3) Relationship to Other Projects under Development by Applicant or Previously Funded by this Program:

4) Describe the Public Benefit of Project. Identify significant types of benefits and beneficiaries from this project. (See Attachment A)

5) Attachment A – Project Data Information Form – Must be completed by Applicant and submitted with this application.

H. Type of Project:

- 1) ___ New Construction ___ Rehabilitation ___ Study

- 2) ___ Rail Infrastructure ___ Rail Facility/Station
 ___ Equipment/Rolling Stock ___ Signals/Communication Equipment

- 3) Other _____

I. Application Scope of Work Covers:

___ Entire Project ___ A Phase of a Multi-Phase Project ___ Completion Phase

J. Project Budget Summary:

Preliminary Service, Engineering, or Feasibility Study	\$_____
Environmental Evaluation	_____
Design Engineering	_____
Right of Way Acquisition	_____
Construction	_____
Construction Management	_____
Lease/Acquisition of Equipment	_____
Public Involvement (if applicable)	_____
Other _____	_____
 Subtotal Project Budget	 \$_____
 Total Project Budget	 \$_____

K. Attach detailed budget and schedule information. If the project is for final design, construction or procurement; then plans, specifications and reports to a preliminary engineering level (approximately 30%) should be provided to support the project cost and major features (if applicable). A sample budget and schedule is included in Appendix D.

L. Rail Enhancement Funds Requested in this Application: \$
Maximum 70% of Total Project Budget. Do not include any previous allocations or future phases.

M. Local Match Required by Applicant: \$ _____
At least a minimum 30% of Total Project Budget

If Overmatch, Provide Percentage _____

1) Match Breakdown by Source (Including any in-kind match)

a. Provider of Local Match _____

b. Status (confirmed/anticipated) _____

c. Attach justification for value of in-kind match.

2) Other Funding Sources Beyond Match Requirement

a. Provider of Overmatch _____

b. Status (confirmed/anticipated) _____

N. Project implementation schedule (based in months). List major milestones of the project, including environmental review and public involvement points if applicable.

O. Statement of how this project promotes or does not preclude dual/multi-access use.

P. List additional users of rail line, facility, and/or equipment.

Q. Identify any possible environmental or other issues/concerns within the scope of this project.

Required Attachments:

Application is not complete without items 1-6 completed by the Applicant and submitted with the Application. Items 1-4 can be found on the DRPT website:

<http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/projects/ref.aspx>

- 1. Attachment A - Project Data Information Form (Provided)**
- 2. Attachment B - Application Checklist (Provided)**
- 3. Data Request Form (Provided electronically in Excel)**
- 4. Detailed cost, budget and schedule. Include preliminary engineering to 30% report, if applicable (Sample in Appendix D)**
- 5. Certification of Match/% of Match/Documentation of Source of Match Including Defined Match Source (To be provided by Applicant)**
- 6. Certification of Additive Investment (To be provided by Applicant)**
- 7. Statement from the Applicant/Owner of the facility that the SWAM participation goals will be achieved by the project.**
- 8. Statement from the owner of the facility that acknowledges the Commonwealth will have a public interest in the facilities, materials, equipment and improvements funded or impacted by this project (To be provided by Applicant/Owner)**

Application and Attachment Certification

To the best of my knowledge all information contained in this application and its attachments is true. The information provided to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is subject to full disclosure except where protected by Virginia Code. Any additional documentation related to this application will be provided to DRPT upon request.

Authorized Signature and Title:

_____ Date: _____



**Rail Enhancement Fund
Project Application
Completed Application Submission Information**

One signed original, twelve copies, and an electronic copy in pdf format of the completed application and required documentation must be mailed under applicant cover to:

Director
Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
600 East Main Street, Suite 2102
Richmond, VA 23219



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Attachment A Project Data Information Form

Date: _____

Name of Applicant and Project

General Instructions: Please complete the following forms that apply to the project application.

- For Freight Service projects, complete forms A1, A2 and A5
- For Intercity/Amtrak passenger projects, complete forms A1, A3 and A5
- For Commuter/VRE passenger projects, complete forms A1, A4 and A5
- For projects that involve benefits to both freight and passenger projects, form A1 and forms A2-A4 that apply must be completed. For each completed form A2-A4, a form A5 must be completed for each category for projects resulting in multiple project benefits.

Terms:

Project Cost and Construction Period: Form A1 shall be completed with total project cost by year of expenditure with total DRPT cost identified by year of expenditure. This section must be completed for all project applications.

Demand Characteristics: This category of information relates to the additional demand for rail service (including freight and passenger) due to the project. This additional demand must be over and above baseline conditions that currently exist. The specific data to enter here defines initial demand, steady state demand, and the years until steady state demand is achieved.

Steady State Demand: This term refers to the point at which the project benefits/demand have reached a long-term, sustainable level.

Project Impact on Travel Distance: This category of information includes the distance that would be traveled by vehicle or train. All distances should be limited to miles within Virginia. The distance should relate directly to the project-impacted area.

Demand Characteristics for a 15-year Performance Period: This term refers to the project output by performance year, which will be utilized to determine the public benefits and to determine the performance requirements over the 15-year Performance Period of the Grant Agreement.

**Attachment A
Form A1 – Project Cost and Construction Period**

First Construction Year:

Last Construction Year:

Year	Total Project COST	Total DRPT COST
Year 1		
Year 2		
Year 3		
Year 4		
Year 5		
Total		

Use Form A-5 to provide demand characteristics for the 15-Year Performance Period.

**Attachment A
Form A2 – Freight Service**

Demand Characteristics	CATEGORY	UNITS	VALUE
	Steady state demand – diversion of freight to rail (from trucks)	Carloads/Year	
	First year of diversion	Carloads/Year	
	Number of years until steady state	Number of Years	

Project Impact on Travel Distance	CATEGORY	UNITS	VALUE
	Rail miles in Virginia (Existing routing before project)	Miles	
	Rail miles in Virginia (routing after project completion)	Miles	
	Number of years until steady state	Miles	

Conversions	CATEGORY	UNITS	VALUE
	Railcars per Train	Railcars/Trains	
	Rail tons per Railcar	Tons/Railcar	
	Trucks per Railcar	Trucks/Railcar	

Other	CATEGORY	UNITS	VALUE
	Change in Daily Delay for Freight Trains	Railcars/Trains	
	Reduction in Number of Rail At-Grade Crossings	Tons/Railcar	

Use Form A-5 to provide demand characteristics for the 15-Year Performance Period.

**Attachment A
Form A3 – Passenger Service – Intercity/Amtrak**

Demand Characteristics	CATEGORY	UNITS	VALUE
	Annual Amtrak Passengers (Existing)	Passengers/Year	
	Steady State Demand – Additional Amtrak Passengers	Passengers/Year	
	First Year Number of Additional Passengers	Passengers/Year	
	Number of Years Until Steady State	Number of Years	

Project Impact on Travel Distance & Time	CATEGORY	UNITS	VALUE
	Amtrak Passenger Trip Length (Existing)	Miles	
	Amtrak Passenger Trip Length (After Project Completion)	Miles	
	Amtrak Travel Time Per Trip (Existing)	Minutes	
	Amtrak Travel Time Per Trip (After Project Completion)	Minutes	

Use Form A-5 to provide demand characteristics for the 15-Year Performance Period.

Attachment A
Form A4 – Passenger Service – Commuter/VRE

Demand Characteristics	CATEGORY	UNITS	VALUE
	Annual VRE Passengers (Existing)	Passengers/Year	
	Steady State Demand – Additional VRE Passengers	Passengers/Year	
	First Year Number of Additional Passengers	Passengers/Year	
	Number of Years Until Steady State	Number of Years	

Project Impact on Travel Distance & Time	CATEGORY	UNITS	VALUE
	VRE Passenger Trip Length (Existing)	Miles	
	VRE Passenger Trip Length (After Project Completion)	Miles	
	VRE Travel Time Per Trip (Existing)	Minutes	
	VRE Travel Time Per Trip (After Project Completion)	Minutes	

Use Form A-5 to provide demand characteristics for the 15-Year Performance Period.

Attachment A
Form A5 – Demand Characteristics for 15-Year Performance Period

Performance Year	Performance Value*
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	
10	
14	
12	
13	
14	
15	
Total	

* For Freight Service Projects – car loads or containers per year
 For Inter-City / Amtrak Passenger Projects – passengers per year
 For Commuter / VRE Passenger Projects – passengers per year



**Rail Enhancement Fund
Project Application Checklist
Attachment B**

Internal Use

DRPT Tracking #

Date: _____

Name of Applicant and Project:

Checklist for Application

1. Project is consistent with goals of applicable adopted state, regional and/or local plans.

Yes No

2. Project is an Additive Investment to Virginia.

Yes No

3. Project provides for, or does not preclude, shared or dual access opportunity.

Yes No

4. Applicant has provided documentation and certification of at least a minimum 30% match.

Yes No

5. Applicant has provided an environmental review plan and/or public involvement plan, if applicable, and required budget for this activity as outlined in Appendix D.

Yes No

6. Application is complete, including signature and specified number of hard copies and an electronic (pdf file) copy; and Applicant has reviewed the Standard Agreement as provided in Appendix C.

Yes No

APPENDIX B
MEASURES FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT/COST ANALYSIS

Public Benefit/Cost Measures Methodology

Measure	Description of Methodology
Passenger Benefits	
Reduction in Highway Construction Costs	Reduction in public expenditures for the construction of new highway lanes due to a reduction in the demand for vehicular use of roads
Reduction in Pavement Maintenance	Reduction of public costs for pavement maintenance due to fewer vehicle miles traveled as a result of drivers shifting to passenger trains
Congestion Relief	Congestion relief for the general public due to fewer vehicle miles traveled as a result of drivers shifting to passenger trains
Environmental Improvements	Reduction in pollution costs for the general public due to fewer vehicle miles traveled as a result of drivers shifting to passenger trains
Reduced Passenger Transportation Costs	Reduction in transportation costs for drivers shifting to passenger trains as represented by the difference in vehicle operating cost per mile and passenger train fare (per mile)
Reduced Crash and Accident Cost	Difference in vehicle accident costs and passenger train accident costs attributable to the shifting of drivers to trains
Travel time savings	Value of time saved for new and existing passengers that is associated with a rail infrastructural change that reduced travel times or delays
Freight Benefits	
Reduction in Highway Construction Costs	Reduction in public expenditures for the construction of new highway lanes due to a reduction in the demand for truck use of roads
Reduction in Pavement Maintenance Costs	Reduction of public costs for pavement maintenance due to fewer truck miles traveled as a result of shipping patterns shifting to freight trains
Congestion Relief	Congestion relief for the general public due to fewer truck miles traveled as a result of shipping patterns shifting to freight trains
Environmental Improvements	Reduction in pollution costs for the general public due to fewer truck miles traveled as shipping patterns shift to freight trains
Reduced Crash and Accident Cost	Difference in truck accident costs and freight train accident costs attributable to a shift in truck hauling to freight trains
Shipping Cost Reduction	Difference in the cost of shipping goods by rail due to a change in the track length
Reduced Inventory Costs	Reduction in the average cost of a delay in shipments of all goods including consumer staples and production inputs

Measure	Description of Methodology
Additional Benefits	
Reduction in Cars and Trucks on Highway	Reduction in number of highway vehicles as a result of drivers shifting to passenger trains and/or a reduction in number of trucks on highways as a result of truck diversion to freight trains
Added Capacity	This measure tracks the increased rail capacity based in terms of numbers of passengers or units of freight traveling by rail
Fuel/Pollution Savings	Fuel savings and associated reduction in greenhouse gases due to fewer vehicle miles traveled as a result of drivers shifting to passenger trains, freight shipments shifting to rail, or service distance changes that could affect either passenger or freight traffic
Increased Choices / Competition	This measure computes the reduction in total shipping costs for all rail carloads of freight that shifted from truck over a common distance traveled
Increased Employment	Public benefit fraction of the total compensation for employees that were either directly hired through the project or indirectly hired through project expenditures
Retained Employment	Public benefit fraction of the total compensation for employees that were retained because of the project or indirectly retained because of project expenditures on retained employees
Carbon Equivalent	This measure captures the reduced amount of carbon emitted due to diversion of freight and passengers to rail. Measures are in tons of CO ₂ equivalent and number of cars removed from the highway

APPENDIX C

RAIL ENHANCEMENT FUND SAMPLE AGREEMENTS

C1. PLANNING/DESIGN STUDY AGREEMENT

C2. CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT

C-1

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

**PLANNING/DESIGN STUDY
RAIL ENHANCEMENT FUND GRANT AGREEMENT**

Subject to review and agreement by all parties

GRANTEE: *insert name of grantee*
PROJECT: *insert name of project*

AGREEMENT NUMBER: *insert number*

APPLICATION NUMBER: *insert number*

RAIL ENHANCEMENT FUND GRANT AGREEMENT
insert name of project

Agreement Number: *insert number*

THIS RAIL ENHANCEMENT FUND GRANT AGREEMENT *insert name of project*, hereinafter referred to as “Agreement,” is made and executed as of the _____ day of _____, 20____ between the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, hereinafter referred to as the “Department,” acting by and through its Director, and the *insert name of grantee*, hereinafter referred to as the “Grantee.”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Grantee proposes to *insert general description of project and location* as set out in its Application dated *insert date of application* (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with §33.1-221.1:1.1 and §58.1-2425 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (“CTB”), on *insert date*, approved funding for said Project, and determined the Project is for the common good of a region of the Commonwealth or the Commonwealth as a whole and that the Project will result in public benefits to the Commonwealth or to a region of the Commonwealth that are equal to or greater than the investment of funds; and

WHEREAS, the future completion of construction and initiation of operations of the Project will provide public benefits by enhancing the movement of passengers and freight by rail, reducing highway congestion, and promoting fuel efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Grantee acknowledges that this grant is to fund only *insert type of study* and the direct costs associated with the Work, and that the funding shall not be used for any other purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Grantee understands and acknowledges that the Department shall have an ownership interest in the Work produced pursuant to this Agreement commensurate with the investment of grant funding awarded in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is desired by the parties hereto to define the extent of the Project addressed herein, the responsibilities of each party, the manner of performing the necessary Work, the method and time of payment, and to set out additional conditions associated with the Project; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to procure the Project using the Department’s guidelines which include, but are not limited to, advertising, a goal for SWAM solicitation, and procurement of professional services as specified in § 2.2-4301(a) of the *Code of Virginia* unless the Work is done by the Grantee’s own forces.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, it is agreed and bound between the parties hereto as follows:

DEFINITIONS

Contractor(s) means private contractor(s), including consultants, which may be engaged by Grantee to perform the Work.

Designated Representative(s) means a person or persons appointed by the Grantee or the Department to represent, in whole or in part, the party in issues associated with the Work or this Agreement.

Eligible Project Costs means a cost directly associated with the Work.

Force Majeure Event(s) means fire, flood, war, rebellion, riots, strikes, or acts of God, which may effect or prevent either party from timely or properly performing its obligations under this Agreement.

Grantee Contribution means, for the purpose of the statutory match for this Project, a contribution of at least 30 percent cash or in-kind matching contribution from a private source, which may include a railroad, a regional authority, a local government source, or a combination of such sources of total Project costs. For the purpose of this Agreement, the Department's accepted value of Grantee Contribution is shown in Section 1.2.

Letter of No Prejudice means formal acknowledgement of the Project by the Department that allows the Grantee to perform the Work or portions thereof as agreed to by the Department at the Grantee's own risk prior to the execution of the Agreement and issuance of Notice to Proceed.

Monthly Progress Report means a monthly written progress report including any changes or updates to the Project Schedule, Project Budget, and information as provided in Attachment A.

Notice to Proceed means written notice issued by the Department authorizing the Grantee to commence a particular portion of the Work.

Project Benefit means the public benefit to the Commonwealth of Virginia as described in Article 3 of this Agreement, as well as the public benefit of contributing to the Commonwealth's continued economic growth, vitality, and competitiveness in national and world markets through the establishment of a viable statewide transportation system which has a rail system with the capability of carrying increased amounts of freight and passengers..

Project Budget means the budget for the Work in single or multiple years as broken into total costs, Department and Grantee participation, and any subsequent amendments.

Project Invoice means the form provided by the Department to the Grantee to use for submission for reimbursement of Eligible Project Costs incurred and paid by the Grantee. This form is Attachment B.

Project Schedule means the milestone schedule for completing the Work as agreed to by the parties and any subsequent amendments.

Project Scope means the description of the Work including plans, specifications, schedule of values, cost estimates, and any other documents necessary to complete the Work relating to the Project and any subsequent amendments.

Re-work means work required to correct deficiencies in the Project brought about by incomplete Work, incorrect Work, failure to comply with the provisions of this Agreement, or state or federal regulations.

Work means any and all tasks, duties, obligations, services, requirements, and activities of whatever kind or nature, express or implied, direct or incidental, to be performed, and all items tangible and intangible, to be provided by the Grantee as defined as part of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 1
SCOPE OF WORK, BUDGET, AND MILESTONE SCHEDULE**

Section 1.1 The Work under the terms of this Agreement is as follows:

- A. Development of final Project Scope, Project Budget, and Project Schedule for the Work for approval by the Department.
- B. The list of Work to be accomplished is as follows:
 - 1. *insert list of Work to be accomplished*

Section 1.2 The initial Project Budget and Project Schedule as an estimate at date of Agreement are as follows:

Total Project Budget	\$ <i>insert figure</i>
Maximum Department Participation:	\$ <i>insert figure</i>
Grantee Contribution at a minimum of ___ percent of Project Budget:	\$ <i>insert figure</i>

It is agreed that the maximum funding for reimbursement by the Department as provided for in its Fiscal Year 20__ Program of Projects shall be as follows:

Fiscal Year 20__	\$ <i>insert figure</i>
Maximum Department Participation:	\$ <i>insert figure</i>
Grantee Contribution at a minimum of ___ percent of Project Budget:	\$ <i>insert figure</i>

<u>Project Schedule by Category</u>	<u>Date of Milestone</u>
Milestone dates are estimates only and there shall be no penalty for non-compliance	

<i>insert general type of study (EIS, PE, etc.)</i>	<i>insert date</i>
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Project Acceptance by Department	<i>insert date</i>
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Project Closeout Date

insert date

Amounts not spent in Fiscal Year 20__ shall be carried over into subsequent years, so that the entire \$ *insert figure* is available for reimbursement for Eligible Project Costs as defined herein. The Grantee shall have *two* years from the date of the CTB's approval of the Project to complete the Work and final invoice the Department, unless the Department agrees to an extension. It is understood by the parties that the initial Project Budget as stated above is an estimate as of the date of contracting only, and may be lower or higher by the time of the Work and/or completion of the Work. The Grantee acknowledges that the Commonwealth's share of the Project Cost cannot exceed the amount allocated by the CTB.

Section 1.3 The Grantee is responsible for completing the Project or having the Project proposed under the application completed. In the event that the Grantee is not performing the Work as described in Section 1.1, the Work being performed by others shall be approved by the Grantee and the Department. All Work shall be requested and awarded in accordance with the procurement of professional services as specified in § 2.2-4301(a) of the *Code of Virginia*, as amended, unless the Work is performed by the Grantee's own forces.

Section 1.4 In the event that the Grantee receives subsequent allocation(s) of state funding from another source or federal funding applicable to this Project, the allocation(s) from the Rail Enhancement Fund shall be reduced by the amount of the subsequent allocation(s). The Grantee will notify the Department of any such subsequent allocation(s) within 30 calendar days. Failure of the Grantee to notify the Department under the terms of this section is a material breach of this Agreement which will invoke the provisions of Section 9.3.

Section 1.5 Any cost of completing the Work in excess of the Project Budget shall be the responsibility of the Grantee. However, the Grantee has the right to revise the Project at its discretion, subject to approval by the Department, so that total Project expense does not exceed the Project Budget, provided that the Work is completed as described in Article 1. Project Benefit pursuant to this Agreement shall remain unchanged by changes to the Work.

Section 1.6 A Monthly Progress Report, using the format as provided in Attachment A, including any changes or updates to the Project Budget and Project Schedule, and information as provided will be submitted to the Department by no later than the tenth day of the following month. The report will make particular reference to progress towards completing milestones contained in the Progress Schedule as provided herein.

Section 1.7 Funding availability is subject to annual appropriation by the General Assembly and allocation by the CTB.

Section 1.8 The Grantee certifies that it has the financial and technical capability to complete the Work in accordance with this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2 PLANNING, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, AND CONSTRUCTION

Section 2.1 By execution of this Agreement, the Department is providing approval of the initial Project Scope specified in the Grantee's application. Accordingly, the Grantee may incur Eligible Project Cost(s) from the date of execution of this Agreement to support the Work specified in Section 1.1.A for submission to and approval by the Department. The Department does not make any warranty as to the accuracy or suitability of the information submitted, nor does it relieve the Grantee of any liability under this Agreement. Any submissions made by an entity representing the Grantee shall contain the Grantee's written approval of the submission.

Section 2.2 The Grantee shall not commence the Work described in Section 1.1.B until the Department has issued in writing a Notice to Proceed for this Work. Prior to issuing the Notice to Proceed, the Grantee must submit a final Project Scope, Project Budget, and Project Schedule for the Work to the Department for approval.

Section 2.3 In the event the Grantee desires to perform the Work specified in Section 1.1.B, prior to receiving Notice to Proceed from the Department, the Grantee shall formally request a Letter of No Prejudice from the Department (Attachment C). The costs for such Work will only be considered Eligible Project Costs if the costs are incurred after issuance of the Department's Letter of No Prejudice and upon the issuance of Notice to Proceed. However, nothing shall obligate the Department to reimburse the Grantee for any portion of the cost of such Work in the absence of the Department's Letter of No Prejudice (in its event), executed Agreement, and Notice to Proceed.

Section 2.4 The Department reserves the right to reject any Project Scope items, Project Budget, or Project Schedule because the Department's own analysis reveals that significant cost or schedule savings could be achieved through other contracting means than Grantee proposes, and meet the Grantee's performance and/or Project requirements.

Section 2.5 The Grantee shall design the Project according to the most recently Department approved Project Scope, Project Budget, and Project Schedule.

Section 2.6 The Grantee shall examine or shall have examined the Work to:

- A. Ensure that it complies with the contract documents; and
- B. Verify labor and material charges for contracts providing for payment on an actual cost basis.

Section 2.7 If either the Grantee or the Department determines that the design is not in accordance with the standards as delineated by the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association (AREMA), or any applicable federal, state, or local law, the Grantee shall correct any workmanship necessary to cure the deficiency. The Grantee shall not use any funds provided under this Agreement to pay for a correction required under this subsection.

Section 2.8 The Department may take any action, including the inspection of all Project books and records of the Grantee, any Contractor or subcontractor, relating to any project or task receiving funds under this Agreement, to review activities under this Agreement and the adequacy of the Grantee's monitoring efforts.

ARTICLE 3 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Section 3.1 The Grantee will complete the Work described in Section 1.1 within the time period and the budget detailed in the final Project Scope, Project Budget, and Project Schedule as specified in Section 2.1. The Project Benefit will be fully achieved upon the completion of the construction of the Project and initiation of operations.

ARTICLE 4 SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Section 4.1 Where the Grantee is acting as overall Project Manager, employee payroll and indirect costs may be charged directly to the Project. The Department will approve reasonable Project charges for the employees, their rates and surcharges.

Section 4.2 Not Used.

Section 4.3 All funds granted under this Agreement shall be expended by the Grantee in accordance with the Department's regulations, standard procurement procedures, applicable Virginia law, and accepted good business practices. All plans, specifications, estimates of costs, award of contracts, performance and acceptance of the Work, and procedures in general are subject at all times to all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and orders.

Section 4.4 Funding provided pursuant to this Agreement shall be for the reimbursement of Eligible Project Costs and for no other purpose. All purchases made as a matter of this Agreement shall be charged at the actual cost(s) to the Grantee with no markups.

ARTICLE 5 REIMBURSEMENT OF GRANTEE

Section 5.1 The Grantee shall render Project Invoices no more frequently than once every 30 calendar days for reimbursement of Eligible Project Costs. Each Project Invoice must reflect the percentage of financial participation agreed to by the Department and the Grantee in Article 1.

Section 5.2 Project Invoices shall be submitted using the forms provided as Attachment B of this Agreement. Upon approval by the Department for payment, Project Invoices will be paid within 30 calendar days. Project Invoices shall be accompanied by the most recent Monthly Progress Report.

Section 5.3 Project Invoices or line item(s) in invoices not found to be complete as to form or in accordance to the provisions of this Agreement will be separated and a partial payment may be made by the Department on eligible reimbursable expenditures upon approval by the Department.

Section 5.4 The Department shall have the right to request an accounting or more detailed statement of invoices. Upon such a request, the Grantee shall provide the requested information within 30 calendar days.

Section 5.5 Any items of Work reimbursed to the Grantee by the Department and found not to be in accordance with the agreed Work or any applicable federal, state, or local law or regulation by the Department in its final audits will be repaid to the Department by the Grantee within 60 calendar days upon submission of the items so disapproved.

Section 5.6 The Grantee is responsible for payment of all Contractors. The Grantee shall attach to each Project Invoice copies of Contractor's paid invoices.

Section 5.7 If the statutory funding source for this Agreement is found to be unconstitutional or otherwise unlawful, the Department agrees use its best efforts to reimburse Grantee its Eligible Project Costs up to the amount of the Project Budget from other state funding sources.

ARTICLE 6 COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE

Section 6.1 By marking the final Project Invoice "Final" the Grantee is certifying in writing that the Work has been completed.

Section 6.2 The Department shall have 60 calendar days after Grantee's certification of completion of the Work in which to provide final acceptance of or reject any portion of the Work in writing.

Section 6.3 Not Used.

Section 6.4 If Work is accepted by the Department, the final Project Invoice shall be paid within 30 days of acceptance.

Section 6.5 Sixty calendar days after payment of the Final Project Invoice, the Department will withdraw any remaining Commonwealth funds as outlined in Article 9.

Section 6.6 Acceptance of the Work by the Department shall not be construed to benefit any third parties or create any additional liability to the Commonwealth, nor does it relieve the Grantee of its liability under this Agreement.

Section 6.7 If the Department rejects the Work, the Grantee shall have 30 days from the date of written rejection to submit a written plan for remedying any identified problem(s) to the Work. The problem(s) shall be remedied according to a schedule approved by the Department.

Section 6.8 Any work necessary in connection with the Project, which is not specifically provided for as Work by this Agreement, including but not limited to Re-work, shall be the responsibility of the Grantee.

ARTICLE 7 INTEREST IN COMPLETED WORK

Section 7.1 The parties acknowledge and agree that the Department has an ownership interest in the completed Work for the public benefit of contributing to the Commonwealth's continued economic growth, vitality, and competitiveness in national and world markets through the establishment of a viable statewide transportation system which has a rail system with the capability of carrying increased amounts of freight and passengers. The Department's approval must be given before any portion of the Work is shared with any other person or entity beyond the Grantee. The Grantee agrees to supply *insert number* hard copies and one electronic copy of the completed Work to the Department. For purposes of this Agreement, the value of that interest shall be the value of the payments made by the Department to the Grantee as of the time of acceptance of the Project by the Department.

ARTICLE 8 SMALL, WOMEN, AND MINORITY (SWAM)

Section 8.1 The Grantee is encouraged to seek and use Small, Women, and Minority (SWAM) enterprises in relation to this Agreement. A SWAM achievement goal of 40 percent of total eligible grant expenditures is established by execution of this Agreement by the parties. Information regarding the SWAM code section can be found in Attachment D.

ARTICLE 9 TERMINATION

Section 9.1 The Grantee may terminate the Project at any time by notifying the Department in writing 30 calendar days in advance. If such termination occurs, the Grantee shall repay the Department for all funds received according to the provisions of this Article.

Section 9.2 The Grantee may terminate the Agreement at any time it is determined by Virginia law that the Department has materially breached this Agreement and has failed to cure such breach within 90 calendar days. Should such occur, the Grantee shall be entitled to whatever remedies may be provided for by law. Furthermore in such event, the Grantee will not be required to repay any funds that have been provided by the Department pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 9.3 Upon 30 calendar days notice to the Grantee, the Department may terminate, in whole or in part, the funding under this Agreement, or the Agreement if funding is complete at any time it is determined that Grantee has materially breached this Agreement and has failed to cure said breach after 90 calendar days notice or if compliance within 90 calendar days is not

reasonable as solely determined by the Department, then within such time period as the Department may agree.

The Department shall notify the Grantee promptly in writing of such a determination and the effective date of the termination. The Grantee may request reconsideration by notifying the Department within 30 calendar days of the date of the Department's notification. The Department shall not terminate funding until after the request has been reconsidered but may withhold funds in the interim in the event that initial payment by the Department to the Grantee has not been made. Following reconsideration, if requested, the decision of the Department will be final. If this Agreement is terminated by the Department for the Grantee's material breach, the Grantee will repay the Department all funds received for the Project plus the statutory legal rate of interest as detailed in Section 9.7. Such payment shall be made within 60 calendar days following notification by the Department of the amount to be repaid.

Section 9.4 Upon 30 calendar days notice to the Grantee, the Department may terminate, in whole or in part, the funding under this Agreement at any time if (1) the Department fails to secure the necessary budgetary appropriation to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, (2) the Grantee becomes insolvent, (3) the Grantee fails to apply provided funds as intended under this Agreement, or (4) statutory changes affecting the Program under which these funds were provided render funding with this Agreement impossible. The Department shall notify the Grantee promptly in writing of such a determination and the effective date of the termination. The Grantee may request reconsideration by notifying the Department within 30 calendar days of the date of the Department's notification. The Department shall not terminate funding until after the request has been reconsidered but may withhold funds in the interim. Following reconsideration, if requested, the decision of the Department will be final.

Section 9.5 Should the Project be terminated by the Department because of a lack of funds or statutory changes, the Department will exercise best efforts to seek funds to be used to defray costs of shutting down and the Grantee need not repay any funds already paid to the Grantee if such funds represent eligible Project Costs that the Grantee has incurred. The Grantee shall repay the Department for all funds paid associated with this Agreement should the Grantee become insolvent or fails to apply funds as intended under this Agreement.

Section 9.6 Delays caused by Force Majeure Events during the Work shall not be deemed a breach or default under this Agreement. Upon the occasion of a Force Majeure Event, as determined by the Department, which makes it impossible for the Project to be completed and/or moots the need for the Project, the Department may terminate this Agreement at its discretion. Force Majeure Events occurring during the Project Schedule of this Agreement will automatically result in day-for-day extension(s) to the Project Schedule specified in this Agreement.

The Grantee shall notify the Department within five working days of its opinion that a Force Majeure Event(s) has occurred and provide the Department with information to support its opinion. The Department will complete its review based on the information submitted by the Grantee within 10 working days of receipt of such information, and notify the Grantee of its opinion. Both parties must agree that a Force Majeure Event has occurred before an event will be deemed a Force Majeure Event.

Section 9.7 All reimbursement of funds granted by the Department under any Article of this Agreement shall also require the payment of interest using the prevailing statutory legal rate of interest established by the Virginia General Assembly, calculated from the date payment is made by the Department to date of repayment by the Grantee.

ARTICLE 10 ASSIGNMENT

Section 10.1 The Grantee may not assign any portion of this Agreement without the prior written approval of the Department.

ARTICLE 11 TERM, ENTIRE AGREEMENT, AND AMENDMENT

Section 11.1 This Agreement shall be effective immediately upon its execution.

Section 11.2 This Agreement and the application on which it is based and any Amendments thereto constitute the entire and exclusive agreement between the parties relating to all specific matters covered herein. All other prior or contemporaneous verbal or written agreements, understandings, representations, and/or practices relative to the foregoing are hereby superseded, revoked and rendered ineffective for any purpose except for any Letter of No Prejudice issued by the Department, which shall remain in effect.

Section 11.3 This Agreement may be altered, amended, or revoked only by an instrument in writing signed by both of the parties.

ARTICLE 12 NOTICES AND DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE

Section 12.1 All notices or communications with respect to this Agreement, shall be in writing and shall be deemed delivered upon delivery by hand, upon the next business day if sent prepaid overnight delivery service, or on the third business day following mailing by U.S. Mail, certified, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the addresses set forth below or such other addresses as may be specified by delivery of prior notice by a party to the other parties.

Department: Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
600 East Main Street, Suite 2102
Richmond, VA 23219
Attention: William S. Pittard, Chief Financial Officer
steve.pittard@drpt.virginia.gov

Kevin B. Page, Chief Operating Officer
Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
600 East Main Street, Suite 2102
Richmond, VA 23219

kevin.page@drpt.virginia.gov

Nancy C. Auth, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
900 East Main Street
Richmond, VA 23219
nauth@oag.state.va.us

Grantee: *insert grantee representative's name, title,
address, and email address*

Designated
Representative: Kevin B. Page, Chief Operating Officer
Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
600 East Main Street, Suite 2102
Richmond, VA 23219
kevin.page@drpt.virginia.gov

Grantee: *insert grantee representative's name, title,
address, and email address*

ARTICLE 13 NON-DISCRIMINATION

Section 13.1 In the solicitation or awarding of any contracts directly related to this Agreement, the Grantee shall not discriminate against a bidder or offeror because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by Virginia law.

Section 13.2 During the performance of this Agreement, the Grantee agrees as follows: (a) the Grantee will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or other basis prohibited by Virginia law relating to discrimination in employment. The Grantee agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause; (b) the Grantee, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Grantee, will state that the Grantee, where applicable, is an equal opportunity employer. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.

ARTICLE 14 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 14.1 The Grantee agrees that its plans will incorporate statewide plans or projects that support freight and/or passenger rail growth or to make every reasonable attempt in its designs not to preclude specified statewide passenger and or freight projects in the future.

Section 14.2 The Grantee shall at all times observe and comply with all federal, state and local laws, regulations, ordinances, orders, and decrees applicable to the Work or subsequent operation. The obligations of this section shall survive the termination or completion of this Agreement.

Section 14.3 Data or information provided by the Grantee to the Department that is protected under federal or state law, or otherwise deemed by the Grantee and the Department as proprietary, will be marked by the Grantee on each document prior to its submission. The Department shall hold and protect said documents identified by the Grantee as proprietary in accordance to law. For the purposes of this Agreement, proprietary items are so specified in Attachment E.

Section 14.4 The Grantee shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and any other evidence, showing actual time devoted and supporting the cost incurred. Such books, documents, papers, accounting records, etc. shall be kept in accordance with commonly accepted business/industry accounting procedures. Such information shall be made available at their respective offices at all reasonable times during the Agreement period and for a period of three years from the date of final payment and acceptance by the Department to the Grantee for audit and inspection. Copies of such information shall be furnished to the Department upon request. The Department shall have the absolute right to audit to determine compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

Section 14.5 The Grantee shall be responsible for all damage to life and property due to its activities and those of its Contractors, subcontractors, agents or employees, in connection with the Work performed under this Agreement. In the event that the Grantee obtains insurance to cover this risk, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Department, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and the officers or agents and employees of these entities shall be listed as additional insureds. Acceptance of the Work by the Department shall not waive any of the rights of the Department contained in this section nor release the Grantee from any responsibilities or duties contained in this Agreement. Further, it is expressly understood that the Grantee shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, the Virginia Department of Transportation, their officers, agents, and employees from and against all damages, claims, suits, judgments, expenses, actions and costs of every name and description, arising out of or resulting from any negligent act or omission in the performance by the Grantee and its Contractors and subcontractors of the Work covered by this Agreement and, if applicable, the subsequent operation of rail service over this Project. The obligations of this section shall survive the termination or completion of this Agreement.

Section 14.6 During the performance of this Agreement, the Grantee agrees to (a) provide a drug-free workplace for its employees; (b) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (c) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Grantee that the Grantee maintains a drug-free workplace; and (d) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. For the purposes of this section, “drug-free workplace” means a site for the performance of Work done

in connection with a specific contract awarded to a Contractor in accordance with this chapter, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of any controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the Agreement.

Section 14.7 No member, officer, or employee of the Department, during his tenure or one year thereafter, shall have any interest, direct or indirect, that is prohibited by Virginia law in this Agreement.

Section 14.8 This Agreement shall, in all respects, be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Section 14.9 If any term or provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, it shall not affect the legality or validity or enforceability of any other part of this Agreement, and the remaining parts of this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties to this Agreement.

Section 14.10 This Agreement, when properly executed, shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

ARTICLE 15 ILLEGAL ALIENS

Section 15.1 The Grantee certifies that it does not, and that it and its contractors shall not, during the performance of this contract knowingly employ an unauthorized alien as defined in the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (“the Act”). Unauthorized alien means, with respect to the employment of an alien (which is defined as any person not a citizen or national of the United States), at a particular time, that the alien is not at that time either (a) an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, or (b) authorized to be so employed by the Act or by the United States Attorney General.

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IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed, each by its duly authorized officers, all as of the day, month, and year hereinabove first written.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF RAIL
AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

WITNESS

BY: _____
Thelma Drake
Director

insert grantee name

WITNESS

BY: _____
NAME: _____
TITLE: _____

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DRPT Voucher: _____

**Department of Rail and Public Transportation
Reimbursement Form**

Organization Name: _____
EIN: _____

Invoice Date _____
Invoice # _____

New Address, If applicable

Project Agreement Name: _____
Project Number: _____

	Federal	State	Local	Total
Total Contract Amount	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total of Previous Payments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expended This Period	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Balance Remaining After This Invoice	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Total Reimbursable Amount for This Invoice

I certify that the grantee agency has incurred expenses in accordance with the project agreement and that these funds have not been previously requested.

Grantee Authorized Signature _____ Title _____

Note: Percentage calculations are rounded to the nearest dollar.

THIS AREA FOR DRPT USE ONLY:

Grant Manager Signature _____ Date _____

Check here to close project after this request. _____

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Payment Number	Total Expended This Period	Date of Request	Previous Total
1	\$ -		\$0.00
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
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Attachment B - Project Invoice Page 3

Summary Sheet

(sample for individual Grantee and/or Contractor invoices within a Project Invoice)

Vendor Invoice Number	Vendor Name	Work Performed	Dollar Value of Work	Invoice Paid Date
			TOTAL	

Attachment C - Letter of No Prejudice

Month Day, Year

Name

Title

Railroad Name

Railroad Address Line 1

Railroad Address Line 2

Re: *Project Name*

Letter of No Prejudice

Dear *Name*:

The Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is in receipt of your letter dated *Month Day, Year* in which you requested a Letter of No Prejudice to proceed with the *Project Description*.

Total project costs of \$*Amount* will be shared at *Percent%* DRPT Rail Enhancement funds of \$*Amount* and *Percent%* *Railroad Name* funds of \$ *Amount*.

Although the pre-agreement has not been concluded nor the grant agreement executed, the importance of the timing of this project dictates that work begin. Accordingly, you are hereby authorized to begin incurring expenses towards this Project, pending the execution of a project agreement. Eligible expenses incurred towards this project will be eligible for reimbursement when a project agreement is executed between *Railroad Name* and DRPT. However, if for some reason an agreement is not executed, then DRPT has no obligation to reimburse any expense that may have been incurred. All expense will be subject to audit and reporting requirements, which will be described in the project agreement.

Members of my staff are currently working with the Office of the Attorney General to develop a project agreement which will include all of the conditions and requirements of the grant program. DRPT anticipates providing the project agreement to you within the next 30 days.

Sincerely,

Name

Director

Attachment D - SWAM Information

SWAM Code Section

§ [2.2-4310](#). Discrimination prohibited; participation of small, women- and minority-owned business.

A. In the solicitation or awarding of contracts, no public body shall discriminate against a bidder or offeror because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment. Whenever solicitations are made, each public body shall include businesses selected from a list made available by the Department of Minority Business Enterprise.

B. All public bodies shall establish programs consistent with this chapter to facilitate the participation of small businesses and businesses owned by women and minorities in procurement transactions. The programs established shall be in writing and shall comply with the provisions of any enhancement or remedial measures authorized by the Governor pursuant to subsection C or, where applicable, by the chief executive of a local governing body pursuant to § [15.2-965.1](#), and shall include specific plans to achieve any goals established therein. State agencies shall submit annual progress reports on small, women- and minority-owned business procurement to the Department of Minority Business Enterprise in a form specified by the Department of Minority Business Enterprise.

C. Whenever there exists (i) a rational basis for small business enhancement or (ii) a persuasive analysis that documents a statistically significant disparity between the availability and utilization of women- and minority-owned businesses, the Governor is authorized and encouraged to require state agencies to implement appropriate enhancement or remedial measures consistent with prevailing law.

D. In the solicitation or awarding of contracts, no state agency, department or institution shall discriminate against a bidder or offeror because the bidder or offeror employs ex-offenders unless the state agency, department or institution has made a written determination that employing ex-offenders on the specific contract is not in its best interest.

E. As used in this section:

"Minority individual" means an individual who is a citizen of the United States or a non-citizen who is in full compliance with United States immigration law and who satisfies one or more of the following definitions:

1. "African American" means a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Africa and who is regarded as such by the community of which this person claims to be a part.

2. "Asian American" means a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands, including but not limited to Japan, China, Vietnam, Samoa, Laos, Cambodia, Taiwan, Northern Mariana, the Philippines, a U.S. territory of the Pacific, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, or Sri Lanka and who is regarded as such by the community of which this person claims to be a part.

3. "Hispanic American" means a person having origins in any of the Spanish-speaking peoples of Mexico, South or Central America, or the Caribbean Islands or other Spanish or Portuguese cultures and who is regarded as such by the community of which this person claims to be a part.

4. "Native American" means a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and who is regarded as such by the community of which this person claims to be a part or who is recognized by a tribal organization.

"Minority-owned business" means a business concern that is at least 51% owned by one or more minority individuals or in the case of a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company or other entity, at least 51% of the equity ownership interest in the corporation, partnership, or limited liability company or other entity is owned by one or more minority individuals and both the management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more minority individuals.

"Small business" means an independently owned and operated business which, together with affiliates, has 250 or fewer employees, or average annual gross receipts of \$10 million or less averaged over the previous three years.

"State agency" means any authority, board, department, instrumentality, institution, agency, or other unit of state government. "State agency" shall not include any county, city, or town.

"Women-owned business" means a business concern that is at least 51% owned by one or more women who are citizens of the United States or non-citizens who are in full compliance with United States immigration law, or in the case of a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company or other entity, at least 51% of the equity ownership interest is owned by one or more women who are citizens of the United States or non-citizens who are in full compliance with United States immigration law, and both the management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women who are citizens of the United States or non-citizens who are in full compliance with United States immigration law.

SWAM Reporting Form

Grantee Quarterly SWAM Expenditure Report

Fiscal Year 20XX Quarter 1st From Date of Agreement

Agreement Date: _____

Grantee Name: _____
Grant Type: **Rail Enhancement FY20XX**
Name of Contact Person: _____
Title of Contact Person: _____
Phone number: _____
Email address: _____

Report only dollars of actual payments to vendors or expenditures of eligible Grantee force work, provided that Grantee.

I. Table A: Total DRPT Grant Expenditures And SWAM Prime Contracting & Purchasing Expenditures

SWAM PRIME CONTRACTING & PURCHASING EXPENDITURES: The amount spent with DMBE certified SWAM businesses OR eligible Grantee work force, provided Grantee is a SWAM, for work directly traceable to the fulfillment of a Grantee’s contract or purchase order.

A. Total DRPT Grant Expenditures	B. Total Expenditures with Certified MBE	C. Total Expenditures with Certified WBE	D. Total Expenditures with Certified SBE
\$	\$	\$	\$

(MBE) Minority Business Enterprise, (WBE) Women-owned Business Enterprise, (SBE) Small Business Enterprise

Percentage of SWAM participation for this report period. (B+C+D)/A= _____

II. Table B: SWAM Contracting Expenditure Worksheet

List below the names of contractors, Federal Tax IDs, SWAM designation, Contract Number, and payment amounts to the contractor

Name of Contractor	Federal Tax ID	MBE, WBE or SBE	Description of Work	Contract NO/PO	Dollar Amount
Total Expenditures					

Completed forms must be submitted to:

**Department of Rail and Public Transportation
 Attention: Chief Operating Officer
 600 East Main Street, Suite 2102
 Richmond, VA 23219**

Developed by DRPT October 2007 from DMBE Supplier Diversity Expenditure Report: Revised December 5, 2005

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**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
RAIL ENHANCEMENT FUND MULTIPLE YEAR/CONSTRUCTION
GRANT AGREEMENT**

GRANTEE: *insert name of grantee*
PROJECT: *insert name of project*

AGREEMENT NUMBER: *insert number*

APPLICATION NUMBER: *insert number*

**RAIL ENHANCEMENT FUND MULTIPLE YEAR/CONSTRUCTION
GRANT AGREEMENT**
insert name of project

Agreement Number: *insert number*

THIS RAIL ENHANCEMENT FUND MULTIPLE YEAR GRANT AGREEMENT
insert name of project, hereinafter referred to as “Agreement,” is made and executed as of the _____ day of _____, 20__ between the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, hereinafter referred to as the “Department,” acting by and through its Director, and the *insert name of grantee*, hereinafter referred to as the “Grantee.”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Grantee proposes to *insert general description of project and location* as set out in its Application dated *insert date of application* (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with §33.1-221.1:1.1 and §58.1-2425 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (“CTB”), on *insert date*, approved funding for said Project, and determined the Project is for the common good of a region of the Commonwealth or the Commonwealth as a whole and that the Project will result in public benefits to the Commonwealth or to a region of the Commonwealth that are equal to or greater than the investment of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Project provides public benefits by enhancing the movement of passengers and freight by rail, reducing highway congestion, and promoting fuel efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Grantee acknowledges that this grant is to fund only capital improvements and the direct costs associated with this construction, and that the funding shall not be used for any other purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Grantee understands and acknowledges that the Department shall have an ownership interest in the Work produced pursuant to this Agreement commensurate with the investment of grant funding awarded in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is desired by the parties hereto to define the extent of the Project addressed herein, the responsibilities of each party, the manner of performing the necessary Work, the method and time of payment, and to set out additional conditions associated with the Project; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to procure the Project using the Department’s guidelines which include, but are not limited to, advertising, a goal for SWAM solicitation, procurement of services as specified in § 2.2-4301 of the *Code of Virginia* unless the Work is done by the Grantee’s own forces.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, it is agreed and bound between the parties hereto as follows:

DEFINITIONS

Carloads mean the total number of revenue rail cars handled by the Grantee in this Project during the Department's fiscal year from July 1 through June 30 (counted and reported for purposes of Sections 2.10 and 3.2 and Attachment A).

Container means a standardized intermodal freight cargo unit (counted as a Container for purposes of Sections 2.10 and 3.2 and Attachment A) that can be loaded onto ships, railroad cars, and trucks. There are several different common standard lengths and heights, with approximate dimensions of 40 to 53 feet in length and 8.5 to 9.5 feet in height.

Contractor(s) means private contractor(s), including consultants, which may be engaged by Grantee to perform the Work.

Designated Representative(s) means a person or persons appointed by the Grantee or the Department to represent, in whole or in part, the party in issues associated with the Work or this Agreement.

Eligible Project Costs means a cost directly associated with the Work.

Force Majeure Event(s) means fire, flood, war, rebellion, riots, strikes, or acts of God, which may effect or prevent either party from timely or properly performing its obligations under this Agreement.

Grantee Contribution means, for the purpose of the statutory match for this Project, a contribution of at least 30 percent cash or in-kind matching contribution from a private source, which may include a railroad, a regional authority, a local government source, or a combination of such sources of total Project costs. For the purpose of this Agreement, the Department's accepted value of Grantee Contribution is shown in Section 1.2.

Intermodal Unit means a Container or semi-truck trailer (counted as a Container for purposes of Sections 2.10 and 3.2 and Attachment A) moved on at least part of its trip by railcar. For the purposes of this Agreement, one railcar load is equivalent to four Intermodal Units.

Letter of No Prejudice means formal acknowledgement of the Project by the Department that allows the Grantee to perform the Work or portions thereof as agreed to by the Department at the Grantee's own risk prior to the execution of the Agreement and issuance of Notice to Proceed.

Monthly Progress Report means a monthly written progress report including any changes or updates to the Project Schedule, Budget, and information as provided in Attachment B.

Notice to Proceed means written notice issued by the Department authorizing the Grantee to commence a particular portion of the Work.

Performance Period means the 15-year period of the Department's ownership interest in the completed Work beginning July 1 after acceptance of the Work by the Department.

Project Benefit means the public benefit to the Commonwealth of Virginia which is described in Article 3 and Attachment A of this Agreement, as well as the public benefit that the improvements created by the Project continue to be operated or used for their intended purpose for the public benefit of contributing to the Commonwealth's continued economic growth, vitality, and competitiveness in national and world markets through the establishment of a viable statewide transportation system which has a rail system with the capability of carrying increased amounts of freight and passengers.

Project Budget means the budget for the Work in single or multiple years as broken into total costs, Department and Grantee participation, and any subsequent amendments.

Project Invoice means the form provided by the Department to the Grantee to use for submission for reimbursement of Eligible Project Costs incurred and paid by the Grantee. This form is Attachment C.

Project Schedule means the milestone schedule for completing the Work as agreed to by the parties and any subsequent amendments.

Project Scope means the description of the Work including plans, specifications, schedule of values, cost estimates, and any other documents necessary to complete the Work relating to the Project and any subsequent amendments.

Re-work means work required to correct deficiencies in the Project brought about by incomplete Work, incorrect Work, failure to comply with the provisions of this Agreement, or state or federal regulations.

Work means any and all tasks, duties, obligations, services, requirements, and activities of whatever kind or nature, express or implied, direct or incidental, to be performed, and all items tangible and intangible, to be provided by the Grantee as defined as part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 1 SCOPE OF WORK, BUDGET, AND MILESTONE SCHEDULE

Section 1.1 The Work, by year, under the terms of this Agreement is as follows:

A. Fiscal Year 20__:

1. Development of final Project Scope, Project Budget, and Project Schedule for the Work for approval by the Department for mileposts _____.
2. The list of Work to be accomplished is as follows:
 - a. *insert list of Work to be accomplished*

B. Fiscal Year 20__:

1. Development of final Project Scope, Project Budget, and Project Schedule for the Work for approval by the Department for mileposts _____.
2. The list of Work to be accomplished is as follows:
 - a. *insert list of Work to be accomplished*

Section 1.2 The initial Project Budget and Project Schedule as an estimate at date of Agreement are as follows:

Total Project Budget	\$ <i>insert figure</i>
Maximum Department Participation:	\$ <i>insert figure</i>
Grantee Contribution at a minimum of __ percent of Project Budget:	\$ <i>insert figure</i>

It is agreed that the maximum funding for reimbursement by the Department as provided for in its Fiscal Years 20__ through 20__ Program of Projects shall be as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year 20__</u>	\$ <i>insert figure</i>
Maximum Department Participation:	\$ <i>insert figure</i>
Grantee Contribution at a minimum of __ percent of Project Budget:	\$ <i>insert figure</i>

<u>Fiscal Year 20__</u>	\$ <i>insert figure</i>
Maximum Department Participation:	\$ <i>insert figure</i>
Grantee Contribution at a minimum of __ percent of Project Budget:	\$ <i>insert figure</i>

<u>Project Schedule by Category</u>	<u>Date of Milestone</u>
Milestone dates are estimates only and there shall be no penalty for non-compliance	

Planning, Design, and Engineering Completion	<i>insert date</i>
Construction Start Date	<i>insert date</i>
Construction Completion Date	<i>insert date</i>
Project Acceptance by Department	<i>insert date</i>
Performance Period Start Date	<i>insert date</i>
Performance Period Completion Date	<i>insert date</i>
Project Closeout Date	<i>insert date</i>

Amounts not spent in Fiscal Years 20__ through 20__ shall be carried over into subsequent years, so that the entire \$ *insert figure* is available for reimbursement for Eligible Project Costs as defined herein. The Grantee shall have two years from the last multiple year date of allocation of funds by the CTB to complete the Work and final invoice the Department. In the event that grant funding is not available to fulfill the multiple year Agreement, the Grantee shall have two years from the last date of allocation of funds by the CTB to complete the funded portion of the Work and final invoice the Department. It is understood by the parties that the initial Project Budget as stated above is an estimate as of the date of contracting only, and may be lower or higher by the time of construction and/or completion of construction. The Grantee acknowledges that the Commonwealth's share of the Project Cost cannot exceed the amount allocated by the CTB.

Section 1.3 The Grantee is responsible for constructing or having the Project proposed under the application constructed. In the event that the Grantee is not performing the Work as described in Sections 1.1.A and 1.1.B *add other sections*, the plans and specifications being performed by others shall be approved by the Grantee and the Department. All Work requiring professional or nonprofessional services shall be procured in accordance with § 2.2-4301 of the *Code of Virginia*, a copy of which is attached as Attachment D, unless the Work is performed by the Grantee's own forces.

Section 1.4 In the event that the Grantee receives subsequent allocation(s) of state funding from another source or federal funding applicable to this Project, the allocation(s) from the Rail Enhancement Fund shall be reduced by the amount of the subsequent allocation(s). The Grantee will notify the Department of any such subsequent allocation(s) within 30 calendar days. Failure of the Grantee to notify the Department under the terms of this section is a material breach of this Agreement which will invoke the provisions of Section 9.3.

Section 1.5 Any cost of completing the Work in excess of the Project Budget shall be the responsibility of the Grantee. However, the Grantee has the right to revise the Project at its discretion, subject to approval by the Department, so that total Project expense does not exceed the Project Budget, provided that the Work is completed as described in Article 1. Project Benefit pursuant to this Agreement shall remain unchanged by changes to the Work.

Section 1.6 A Monthly Progress Report, using the format as provided in Attachment B, including any changes or updates to the Project Budget and Project Schedule, and information as provided will be submitted to the Department by no later than the tenth day of the following month. The report will make particular reference to progress towards completing milestones contained in the Progress Schedule as provided herein.

Section 1.7 Funding availability is subject to annual appropriation by the General Assembly and allocation by the CTB.

Section 1.8 The Grantee certifies that it has the financial and technical capability to complete the Work in accordance with this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2 PLANNING, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, AND CONSTRUCTION

Section 2.1 By execution of this Agreement, the Department is providing approval of the initial Project Scope specified in the Grantee's application. Accordingly, the Grantee may incur Eligible Project Cost(s) from the date of execution of this Agreement to support the Work specified in Sections 1.1.A.1 and 1.1.B.1 *add other sections* for submission to and approval by the Department. The Department does not make any warranty as to the accuracy or suitability of the information submitted, nor does it relieve the Grantee of any liability under this Agreement. Any submissions made by an entity representing the Grantee shall contain the Grantee's written approval of the submission.

Section 2.2 The Grantee shall not commence the Work described in Sections 1.1.A.2 and 1.1.B.2 *add other sections* until the Department has issued in writing a Notice to Proceed for this Work. Prior to issuing the Notice(s) to Proceed, the Grantee must submit a final Project Scope, Project Budget, and Project Schedule for the Work to the Department for approval.

Section 2.3 In the event the Grantee desires to perform the Work specified in Sections 1.1.A.2 and 1.1.B.2 *add other sections*, prior to receiving Notice(s) to Proceed from the Department, the Grantee shall formally request a Letter of No Prejudice from the Department (Attachment E). The costs for such Work will only be considered Eligible Project Costs if the costs are incurred after issuance of the Department's Letter of No Prejudice and upon the issuance of Notice to Proceed. However, nothing shall obligate the Department to reimburse the Grantee for any portion of the cost of such Work in the absence of the Department's Letter of No Prejudice (in its event), executed Agreement, and Notice to Proceed.

Section 2.4 The Department reserves the right to reject any Project Scope items, Project Budget, or Project Schedule because the Department's own analysis reveals that significant cost or schedule savings could be achieved through other contracting means than Grantee proposes, and meet the Grantee's performance and/or Project requirements.

Section 2.5 The Grantee shall design and construct the Project according to the most recently Department approved Project Scope, Project Budget, and Project Schedule.

Section 2.6 The Grantee shall inspect or shall have inspected the Work to:

- C. Ensure that it complies with the contract specifications;
- D. Verify quantitative measures of materials installed, such as tie counts; and
- E. Verify labor and materials charges for contracts providing for payment on an actual cost basis.

Section 2.7 If the Grantee, the Department, or inspectors duly authorized to uphold applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding construction and operating practices, determines that any material or construction is not in accordance with the Grantee's standards as informed by the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association (AREMA), or any applicable federal, state, or local law, the Grantee shall replace materials or correct any

workmanship necessary to cure the deficiency. The Grantee shall not use any funds provided under this Agreement to pay for a replacement or correction required under this subsection. The Department encourages that the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the Project are produced in the United States.

Section 2.8 The Department may take any action, including the inspection of the Project site and all books and records of the Grantee, any Contractor or subcontractor, relating to any project or task receiving funds under this Agreement, to review activities under this Agreement and the adequacy of the Grantee's monitoring efforts.

Section 2.9 The Department shall have access to the Project at all times to inspect the Project, to protect its interest in the Project, and to ensure that the Project is being developed consistently with the terms of this Agreement. The Department representatives will contact the Grantee's representative prior to entering the Grantee's right-of-way, and the Grantee will provide any necessary protection from train movements. The Department's representatives will comply with all safety rules and regulations of the Grantee, and safety instructions from the Grantee's representatives. If requested by the Grantee in writing, the Department and any of its agents who perform inspections will complete the Grantee's standard right-of-entry form prior to entering the Grantee's property, but entry shall be provided at no cost to the Department.

Section 2.10 The Grantee shall submit monthly by the tenth day of every month from date of this Agreement, to the Department, in writing or electronically, a report detailing information relating to the Project concerning the Grantee's carload and container performance, information on full-time employee equivalent positions and, if applicable, revenue intercity or commuter rail passengers or cars carried over the rail line. The purpose of this section is solely to assist the Department in reporting performance trends in the Commonwealth. Reporting will continue throughout the Department's Interest Period.

Section 2.11 All efforts relating to reporting monthly performance under this Article shall be non-auditable and at the Grantee's expense.

ARTICLE 3 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Section 3.1 Project Benefit for the Work described in Article 1 shall be *insert type of benefit* throughout the Performance Period as detailed in Attachment A, per the Grantee's application.

Section 3.2 The Grantee shall provide annually, by no later than July 10th of each reporting period beginning July 1 after acceptance of the Work by the Department, the performance relative to the Project Benefit levels detailed in Attachment A throughout the Performance Period. The annual reporting period shall be from July 1 of the preceding year to June 30 of the report year, which relates to the Department's Fiscal Year.

Section 3.3 All efforts related to reporting annual Project Benefit performance under this Article shall be auditable and at the Grantee's expense.

Section 3.4 Failure by the Grantee to meet the Project Benefit, shall entitle the Department to reimbursement as prorated over the Performance Period based on the percentage of the Project Benefit not achieved plus interest using the prevailing statutory legal rate of interest established by the Virginia General Assembly calculated from the date when payment is made by the Department to date of payment of any reimbursement amount. Reimbursement calculation is described in Attachment A.

Section 3.5 In no event shall reimbursement, as defined in this Article, exceed the sums granted by the Department to Grantee under this Agreement as per Attachment A plus interest using the prevailing statutory legal rate of interest established by the Virginia General Assembly calculated from the date when payment is made by the Department to date of payment of any reimbursement amount.

ARTICLE 4 SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Section 4.1 Where the Grantee is acting as overall Project Manager, employee payroll and indirect costs may be charged directly to the Project. The Department will approve reasonable Project charges for the employees, their rates and surcharges.

Section 4.2 Where applicable, the Grantee agrees to provide or have provided continuous maintenance, at no cost to the Department, of the Project for the duration of the Performance Period in accordance with the Grantee's standards (as informed by AREMA recommended practices) and, as between the Grantee and the Department, to assume all liability in connection with the implementation and operation of the Project.

Section 4.3 All funds granted under this Agreement shall be expended by the Grantee in accordance with the Department's regulations, standard procurement procedures, applicable Virginia law, and accepted good business practices. All plans, specifications, estimates of costs, award of contracts, performance and acceptance of the Work, and procedures in general are subject at all times to all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and orders.

Section 4.4 Funding provided pursuant to this Agreement shall be for the reimbursement of Eligible Project Costs and for no other purpose. All purchases made as a matter of this Agreement shall be charged at the actual cost(s) to the Grantee with no markups.

ARTICLE 5 REIMBURSEMENT OF GRANTEE

Section 5.1 The Grantee shall render Project Invoices no more frequently than once every 30 calendar days for reimbursement of Eligible Project Costs. Each Project Invoice must reflect the percentage of financial participation agreed to by the Department and the Grantee in Article 1.

Section 5.2 Project Invoices shall be submitted using the forms and summary provided as Attachment C of this Agreement. Upon approval by the Department for payment, Project

Invoices will be paid within 30 calendar days. Project Invoices shall be accompanied by the most recent Monthly Progress Report.

Section 5.3 Project Invoices or line item(s) in invoices not found to be complete as to form or in accordance to the provisions of this Agreement will be separated and a partial payment may be made by the Department on eligible reimbursable expenditures upon approval by the Department.

Section 5.4 The Department shall have the right to request an accounting or more detailed statement of invoices. Upon such a request, the Grantee shall provide the requested information within 30 calendar days.

Section 5.5 Any items of Work reimbursed to the Grantee by the Department and found not to be in accordance with the agreed Work or any applicable federal, state, or local law or regulation by the Department in its final audits will be repaid to the Department by the Grantee within 60 calendars days upon submission of the items so disapproved.

Section 5.6 The Grantee is responsible for payment of all Contractors. The Grantee shall attach to each Project Invoice copies of Contractor's paid invoices.

Section 5.7 If the statutory funding source for this Agreement is found to be unconstitutional or otherwise unlawful, the Department agrees use its best efforts to reimburse Grantee its Eligible Project Costs up to the amount of the Project Budget from other state funding sources.

ARTICLE 6 COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE

Section 6.1 By marking the final Project Invoice "Final" the Grantee is certifying in writing that the Work has been completed.

Section 6.2 The Department shall have 60 calendar days after Grantee's certification of completion of the Work in which to provide final acceptance of or reject any portion of the Work in writing.

Section 6.3 If no rejection is sent by the Department within the 60 calendar-day period, the Performance Period begins the next July 1.

Section 6.4 If Work is accepted by the Department, the final Project Invoice shall be paid within 30 days of acceptance.

Section 6.5 Sixty calendar days after payment of the final Project Invoice, the Department will withdraw any remaining Commonwealth funds.

Section 6.6 Acceptance of the Work by the Department shall not be construed to benefit any third parties or create any additional liability to the Commonwealth, nor does it relieve the Grantee of its liability under this Agreement.

Section 6.7 If the Department rejects the Work, the Grantee shall have 30 days from the date of written rejection to submit a written plan for remedying any identified problem(s) to the Work. The problem(s) shall be remedied according to a schedule approved by the Department.

Section 6.8 Any work necessary in connection with the Project, which is not specifically provided for as Work by this Agreement, including but not limited to Re-work, shall be the responsibility of the Grantee.

ARTICLE 7 INTEREST IN COMPLETED WORK

Section 7.1 The parties acknowledge and agree that the Department has an ownership interest in ensuring that the improvements created by the Project continue to be operated or used for their intended purpose for the public benefit as detailed in Article 3 and Attachment A as well as the public benefit of contributing to the Commonwealth's continued economic growth, vitality, and competitiveness in national and world markets through the establishment of a viable statewide transportation system which has a rail system with the capability of carrying increased amounts of freight and passengers for 15 years after payment of Department and acceptance of the improvement by the Department. For purposes of this Agreement, the value of that interest shall be the value of the payments made by the Department to the Grantee with respect to that improvement less any reimbursement paid by the Grantee to the Department over the fifteen-year Performance Period. This section shall be binding on Grantee's successors and assigns.

Section 7.2 If within 15 years of the date of payment and acceptance of the improvement(s) created by this Agreement by the Department, the Grantee does not continue to utilize the improvements as defined herein, which may include but are not limited to, discontinuance of service, abandonment of the improvements, then the Department shall be reimbursed the value of its ownership interest in the improvements as determined in accordance with Section 7.1 plus interest using the prevailing statutory legal rate of interest established by the Virginia General Assembly calculated from the time of acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Grantee, upon written approval of the Director, shall have the right to expand, modify, rearrange, and/or remove any part of the improvements as it deems necessary provided that such expansion, modification, rearrangement, or removal is consistent with the continued operation of the improvements within the 15-year period. Any cost involved in the relocation or removal of said Project shall be borne by the Grantee or using business. In the event that the Grantee modifies, expands, rearranges, and/or removes any part of the improvements as deemed necessary, the value of the Commonwealth's ownership interest shall remain in the Project as described in Section 7.1.

Section 7.3 The Grantee may, with the Director's written approval, purchase, sell or transfer, remove, or otherwise dispose of the Project constructed under this Agreement. If the Grantee wishes to sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the Project, the Grantee must notify the Department of its intent to sell or transfer the Project in sufficient time for the Department to participate in negotiations concerning the preservation of its contingent interest. In the event of sale or transfer of the Project, the Department must be provided with a contingent interest in the Project by the Grantee's successor or assign in accordance with Section 7.1. Such contingent interest must be approved by the Department prior to the sale or transfer. In case purchase of the

Department's contingent interest by the Grantee or the Grantee's successors or assigns, the Department will be reimbursed the value of its ownership interest as determined in Section 7.1 plus interest using the prevailing statutory legal rate of interest established by the Virginia General Assembly calculated from the time of acceptance.

Section 7.4 The Grantee hereby certifies either owns, controls, or has executed an agreement to purchase or lease the real property upon which the Project will occur and that it will protect and respect the Department's interest in the Project. This section shall be binding on the Grantee's successors and assigns. The Grantee certifies that it has received approvals relative to easements and encroachments that occur as a result of this Project.

ARTICLE 8 SMALL, WOMEN, AND MINORITY (SWAM)

Section 8.1 The Grantee is encouraged to seek and use Small, Women, and Minority (SWAM) enterprises in relation to this Agreement. A SWAM achievement goal of 40 percent of total eligible grant expenditures is established by execution of this Agreement by the parties. Information regarding the SWAM code section can be found in Attachment F.

ARTICLE 9 TERMINATION

Section 9.1 The Grantee may terminate the Project at any time by notifying the Department in writing 30 calendar days in advance. If such termination occurs, the Grantee shall repay the Department for all funds received according to the provisions of this Article.

Section 9.2 The Grantee may terminate the Agreement at any time it is determined by Virginia law that the Department has materially breached this Agreement and has failed to cure such breach within 90 calendar days. Should such occur, the Grantee shall be entitled to whatever remedies may be provided for by law. Furthermore in such event, the Grantee will not be required to repay any funds that have been provided by the Department pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 9.3 Upon 30 calendar days notice to the Grantee, the Department may terminate, in whole or in part, the funding under this Agreement, or the Agreement if funding is complete at any time it is determined that Grantee has materially breached this Agreement and has failed to cure said breach after 90 calendar days notice or if compliance within 90 calendar days is not reasonable as solely determined by the Department, then within such time period as the Department may agree.

The Department shall notify the Grantee promptly in writing of such a determination and the effective date of the termination. The Grantee may request reconsideration by notifying the Department within 30 calendar days of the date of the Department's notification. The Department shall not terminate funding until after the request has been reconsidered but may

withhold funds in the interim in the event that initial payment by the Department to the Grantee has not been made. Following reconsideration, if requested, the decision of the Department will be final. If this Agreement is terminated by the Department for the Grantee's material breach, the Grantee will repay the Department all funds received for the Project plus the statutory legal rate of interest as detailed in Section 9.7. Such payment shall be made within 60 calendar days following notification by the Department of the amount to be repaid.

Section 9.4 Upon 30 calendar days notice to the Grantee, the Department may terminate, in whole or in part, the funding under this Agreement at any time if (1) the Department fails to secure the necessary budgetary appropriation to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, (2) the Grantee becomes insolvent, (3) the Grantee fails to apply provided funds as intended under this Agreement, or (4) statutory changes affecting the Program under which these funds were provided render funding with this Agreement impossible. The Department shall notify the Grantee promptly in writing of such a determination and the effective date of the termination. The Grantee may request reconsideration by notifying the Department within 30 calendar days of the date of the Department's notification. The Department shall not terminate funding until after the request has been reconsidered but may withhold funds in the interim. Following reconsideration, if requested, the decision of the Department will be final.

Section 9.5 Should the Project be terminated by the Department because of a lack of funds or statutory changes, the Department will exercise best efforts to seek funds to be used to defray the costs of shutting down and the Grantee need not repay any funds already paid to the Grantee if such funds represent eligible Project Costs that the Grantee has incurred. The Grantee shall repay the Department for all funds paid associated with this Agreement should the Grantee become insolvent or fails to apply funds as intended under this Agreement.

Section 9.6 Delays caused by Force Majeure Events during the Work shall not be deemed a breach or default under this Agreement. Upon the occasion of a Force Majeure Event, as determined by the Department, which makes it impossible for the Project to be constructed and/or moots the need for the Project, the Department may terminate this Agreement at its discretion. Force Majeure Events occurring during the performance period of this Agreement will automatically result in day-for-day extension(s) to the Performance Period specified in this Agreement. Force Majeure Events occurring during construction will result in day-for-day extension(s) to the Project Schedule unless agreed otherwise by the Parties.

The Grantee shall notify the Department within five working days of its opinion that a Force Majeure Event(s) has occurred and provide the Department with information to support its opinion. The Department will complete its review based on the information submitted by the Grantee within 10 working days of receipt of such information, and notify the Grantee of its opinion. Both parties must agree that a Force Majeure Event has occurred before an event will be deemed a Force Majeure Event.

Section 9.7 All reimbursement of funds granted by the Department under any Article of this Agreement shall also require the payment of interest using the prevailing statutory legal rate of interest established by the Virginia General Assembly, calculated from the date payment is made by the Department to date of repayment by the Grantee.

**ARTICLE 10
ASSIGNMENT**

Section 10.1 The Grantee may not assign any portion of this Agreement without the prior written approval of the Department.

**ARTICLE 11
TERM, ENTIRE AGREEMENT, AND AMENDMENT**

Section 11.1 This Agreement shall be effective immediately upon its execution.

Section 11.2 This Agreement and the application on which it is based and any Amendments thereto constitute the entire and exclusive agreement between the parties relating to all specific matters covered herein. All other prior or contemporaneous verbal or written agreements, understandings, representations, and/or practices relative to the foregoing are hereby superseded, revoked, and rendered ineffective for any purpose except for any Letter of No Prejudice issued by the Department, which shall remain in effect.

Section 11.3 This Agreement may be altered, amended, or revoked only by an instrument in writing signed by both of the parties.

**ARTICLE 12
NOTICES AND DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE**

Section 12.1 All notices or communications with respect to this Agreement, shall be in writing and shall be deemed delivered upon delivery by hand, upon the next business day if sent prepaid overnight delivery service, or on the third business day following mailing by U.S. Mail, certified, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the addresses set forth below or such other addresses as may be specified by delivery of prior notice by a party to the other parties.

Department: Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
600 East Main Street, Suite 2102
Richmond, VA 23219
Attention: William S. Pittard, Chief Financial Officer
steve.pittard@drpt.virginia.gov

Kevin B. Page, Chief Operating Officer
Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
600 East Main Street, Suite 2102
Richmond, VA 23219
kevin.page@drpt.virginia.gov

Nancy C. Auth, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

900 East Main Street
Richmond, VA 23219
nauth@oag.state.va.us

Grantee: *insert grantee representative's name, title,
address, and email address*

Designated
Representative: Kevin B. Page, Chief Operating Officer
Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
600 East Main Street, Suite 2102
Richmond, VA 23219
kevin.page@drpt.virginia.gov

Grantee: *insert grantee representative's name, title,
address, and email address*

ARTICLE 13 NON-DISCRIMINATION

Section 13.1 In the solicitation or awarding of any contracts directly related to this Agreement, the Grantee shall not discriminate against a bidder or offeror because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by Virginia law.

Section 13.2 During the performance of this Agreement, the Grantee agrees as follows: (a) the Grantee will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or other basis prohibited by Virginia law relating to discrimination in employment. The Grantee agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause; (b) the Grantee, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Grantee, will state that the Grantee, where applicable, is an equal opportunity employer. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.

ARTICLE 14 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 14.1 The Grantee agrees that its plans will incorporate statewide plans or projects that support freight and/or passenger rail growth or to make every reasonable attempt in its designs not to preclude specified statewide passenger and or freight projects in the future.

Section 14.2 The Grantee shall at all times observe and comply with all federal, state and local laws, regulations, ordinances, orders, and decrees applicable to the work or subsequent operation. The obligations of this section shall survive the termination or completion of this Agreement.

Section 14.3 Data or information provided by the Grantee to the Department that is protected under federal or state law, or otherwise deemed by the Grantee and the Department as proprietary, will be marked by the Grantee on each document prior to its submission. The Department shall hold and protect said documents identified by the Grantee as proprietary in accordance to law. For the purposes of this Agreement, proprietary items are so specified in Attachment G.

Section 14.4 The Grantee shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and any other evidence, showing actual time devoted and supporting the cost incurred. Such books, documents, papers, accounting records, etc. shall be kept in accordance with commonly accepted business/industry accounting procedures. Such information shall be made available at their respective offices at all reasonable times during the Agreement period and for a period of three years from the date of final payment and acceptance by the Department to the Grantee for audit and inspection. The Grantee shall maintain records of the performance levels reported to the Department for three years after the Performance Period Completion Date. Copies of such information shall be furnished to the Department upon request. The Department shall have the absolute right to audit to determine compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

Section 14.5 The Grantee shall be responsible for all damage to life and property due to its activities and those of its Contractors, subcontractors, agents or employees, in connection with the Work performed under this Agreement. In the event that the Grantee obtains insurance to cover this risk, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Department, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and the officers or agents and employees of these entities shall be listed as additional insureds. Acceptance of the Work by the Department shall not waive any of the rights of the Department contained in this section nor release the Grantee from any responsibilities or duties contained in this Agreement. Further, it is expressly understood that the Grantee shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, the Virginia Department of Transportation, their officers, agents, and employees from and against all damages, claims, suits, judgments, expenses, actions and costs of every name and description, arising out of or resulting from any negligent act or omission in the performance by the Grantee and its Contractors and subcontractors of the Work covered by this Agreement and, if applicable, the subsequent operation of rail service over this Project. The obligations of this section shall survive the termination or completion of this Agreement.

Section 14.6 During the performance of this Agreement, the Grantee agrees to (a) provide a drug-free workplace for its employees; (b) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (c) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Grantee that the Grantee maintains a drug-free workplace; and (d) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. For the purposes of this section, “drug-free workplace” means a site for the performance of Work done in connection with a specific contract awarded to a Contractor in accordance with this chapter, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale,

distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of any controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the Agreement.

Section 14.7 No member, officer, or employee of the Department, during his tenure or one year thereafter, shall have any interest, direct or indirect, that is prohibited by Virginia law in this Agreement.

Section 14.8 This Agreement shall, in all respects, be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Section 14.9 If any term or provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, it shall not affect the legality or validity or enforceability of any other part of this Agreement, and the remaining parts of this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties to this Agreement.

Section 14.10 This Agreement, when properly executed, shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

ARTICLE 15 ILLEGAL ALIENS

Section 15.1 The Grantee certifies that it does not, and that it and its contractors shall not, during the performance of this contract knowingly employ an unauthorized alien as defined in the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (“the Act”). Unauthorized alien means, with respect to the employment of an alien (which is defined as any person not a citizen or national of the United States), at a particular time, that the alien is not at that time either (a) an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, or (b) authorized to be so employed by the Act or by the United States Attorney General.

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IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed, each by its duly authorized officers, all as of the day, month, and year hereinabove first written.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF RAIL
AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

WITNESS

BY: _____
Thelma Drake
Director

insert grantee name

WITNESS

BY: _____
NAME: _____
TITLE: _____

**Attachment A: Performance Requirements
Table for use in Calculating Reimbursement**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
Year	Baseline	New Commitment	Total Performance	Percent Of Total	Final Costs to State	Performance Amount	Actual Total Performance Reported	Percent of Units Goal	Amount of Reimbursement	Annual Interest Rate	Total Recovery
			B+C	Year C/Total C		ExF		H/C	G-(GxI)		J+(JxK)
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2											
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11											
12											
13											
14											
15											
Total				*	**	*	*	*	*	*	*

* To be determined through Performance Period reporting process

** To be the value of the Department's total payments after acceptance of the Work by the Department

Attachment B - Monthly Progress Report

Monthly Grant Progress Report

Date: __/__/____

DRPT Project: Number: _____

Grantee Project: _____

Project Type: New Construction Rehabilitation
 Study Rail Infrastructure
 Equipment/Rolling Stock Signals/Communication
 Other: _____

Reporting Period Range: __/__/____ thru __/__/____

Commonwealth Project Funding:

Total Funds Allocated \$ _____
 Amount spent this period: \$ _____
 Total Funds Spent: \$ _____
 Project Fund Balance: \$ _____

Percent Spent to date: ___%

SWAM participation this period: Yes No
 SWAM participation: ___%

Schedule

Project is on schedule:
 Project is not on schedule: Project is ≤ 5% behind schedule
 Project is > 5% behind schedule
 Project is > 10% behind schedule

Percent Project Complete: ___%

Response plan:

Milestones Completed

- Scoping __/__/____
- Construction or Study __/__/____

Project Issue(s) and Update Narrative:

Submitted by: _____

Date: _____

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DRPT Voucher: _____

**Department of Rail and Public Transportation
Reimbursement Form**

Organization Name: _____
EIN: _____

Invoice Date _____
Invoice # _____

New Address, If applicable

Project Agreement Name: _____
Project Number: _____

	Federal	State	Local	Total
Total Contract Amount	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total of Previous Payments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expended This Period	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Balance Remaining After This Invoice	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Total Reimbursable Amt for this Invoice

I certify that the grantee agency has incurred expenses in accordance with the project agreement and that these funds have not been previously requested.

Grantee Authorized Signature _____ Title _____

Note: Percentage calculations are rounded to the nearest dollar.

THIS AREA FOR DRPT USE ONLY:

Grant Manager Signature _____ Date _____

Check here to close project after this request. _____

Form# DRPT06302003F

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Payment Number	Total Expended This Period	Date of Request	Previous Total
1	\$ -		\$0.00
2			
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Attachment C - Project Invoice Page 3

Summary Sheet

(sample for individual Grantee and/or Contractor invoices within a Project Invoice)

Vendor Invoice Number	Vendor Name	Work Performed	Dollar Value of Work	Invoice Paid Date
			TOTAL	

Attachment D - Section 2.2-4301, Code of Virginia
A part of the Virginia Public Procurement Act

§ 2.2-4301. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

"Affiliate" means an individual or business that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another individual or business. A person controls an entity if the person owns, directly or indirectly, more than 10 percent of the voting securities of the entity. For the purposes of this definition "voting security" means a security that (i) confers upon the holder the right to vote for the election of members of the board of directors or similar governing body of the business or (ii) is convertible into, or entitles the holder to receive, upon its exercise, a security that confers such a right to vote. A general partnership interest shall be deemed to be a voting security.

"Best value," as predetermined in the solicitation, means the overall combination of quality, price, and various elements of required services that in total are optimal relative to a public body's needs.

"Business" means any type of corporation, partnership, limited liability company, association, or sole proprietorship operated for profit.

"Competitive negotiation" is a method of contractor selection that includes the following elements:

1. Issuance of a written Request for Proposal indicating in general terms that which is sought to be procured, specifying the factors that will be used in evaluating the proposal and containing or incorporating by reference the other applicable contractual terms and conditions, including any unique capabilities or qualifications that will be required of the contractor.

2. Public notice of the Request for Proposal at least 10 days prior to the date set for receipt of proposals by posting in a public area normally used for posting of public notices and by publication in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the area in which the contract is to be performed so as to provide reasonable notice to the maximum number of offerors that can be reasonably anticipated to submit proposals in response to the particular request. Public notice may also be published on the Department of General Services' central electronic procurement website and other appropriate websites. Effective July 1, 2002, publishing by state agencies, departments and institutions on the public Internet procurement website designated by the Department of General Services shall be required. In addition, proposals may be solicited directly from potential contractors.

3. a. Procurement of professional services. The public body shall engage in individual discussions with two or more offerors deemed fully qualified, responsible and suitable on the basis of initial responses and with emphasis on professional competence, to provide the required services. Repetitive informal interviews shall be permissible. The offerors shall be encouraged to elaborate on their qualifications and performance data or staff expertise pertinent to the proposed project, as well as alternative concepts. In addition, offerors shall be informed of any ranking criteria that will be used by the public body in addition to the review of the professional competence of the offeror. The Request for Proposal shall not, however, request that offerors furnish estimates of man-hours or cost for services. At the discussion stage, the public body may discuss nonbinding estimates of total project costs, including, but not limited to, life-cycle costing, and where appropriate, nonbinding estimates of price for services. Proprietary information from competing offerors shall not be disclosed to the public or to competitors. At the conclusion of discussion, outlined in this subdivision, on the basis of evaluation factors published in the Request for Proposal and all information developed in the selection process to this point, the public body shall select in the order of preference two or more offerors whose professional qualifications and proposed services are deemed most meritorious. Negotiations shall then be conducted, beginning with the offeror ranked first. If a contract satisfactory and advantageous to the public body can be negotiated at a price considered fair and reasonable, the award shall be made to that offeror. Otherwise, negotiations with the offeror

ranked first shall be formally terminated and negotiations conducted with the offeror ranked second, and so on until such a contract can be negotiated at a fair and reasonable price. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the terms and conditions for multiple awards are included in the Request for Proposal, a public body may award contracts to more than one offeror.

Should the public body determine in writing and in its sole discretion that only one offeror is fully qualified, or that one offeror is clearly more highly qualified and suitable than the others under consideration, a contract may be negotiated and awarded to that offeror.

A contract for architectural or professional engineering services relating to construction projects may be negotiated by a public body, for multiple projects provided (i) the projects require similar experience and expertise, (ii) the nature of the projects is clearly identified in the Request for Proposal, and (iii) the contract term is limited to one year or when the cumulative total project fees reach the maximum cost authorized in this paragraph, whichever occurs first. For state public bodies, such contract, except those awarded for environmental, location, design and inspection work regarding highways and bridges by the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner may be renewable for four additional one-year terms at the option of the public body. For local public bodies, such contract may be renewable for four additional one-year terms at the option of the public body. Under such contract, (a) the fair and reasonable prices, as negotiated, shall be used in determining the cost of each project performed, (b) except those awarded for environmental, location, design and inspection work regarding highways and bridges by the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner, the sum of all projects performed in one contract term shall not exceed \$500,000 or, in the case of a state agency, as defined in § [2.2-4347](#), such greater amount as may be determined by the Director of the Department of General Services, not to exceed \$1 million, except that in any locality or any authority or sanitation district with a population in excess of 80,000, the sum of all such projects shall not exceed \$5 million; and (c) except those awarded for environmental, location, design and inspection work regarding highways and bridges by the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner or for architectural and engineering services for rail and public transportation projects by the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, the project fee of any single project shall not exceed \$100,000 or, in the case of a state agency, such greater amount as may be determined by the Director of the Department of General Services not to exceed \$200,000, except that in any locality or any authority or sanitation district with a population in excess of 80,000, such fee shall not exceed \$1 million. Any unused amounts from the first contract term shall not be carried forward to the additional term. Competitive negotiations for such contracts may result in awards to more than one offeror provided (1) the Request for Proposal so states and (2) the public body has established procedures for distributing multiple projects among the selected contractors during the contract term. For contracts for environmental location, design and inspection work regarding highways and bridges by the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner or for architectural and engineering services for rail and public transportation projects by the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, the sum of all projects in one contract term shall not exceed \$2 million and such contract may be renewable for two additional one-year terms at the option of the Commissioner.

Multiphase professional services contracts satisfactory and advantageous to the Department of Transportation for environmental, location, design and inspection work regarding highways and bridges may be negotiated and awarded based on a fair and reasonable price for the first phase only, when completion of the earlier phases is necessary to provide information critical to the negotiation of a fair and reasonable price for succeeding phases.

Multiphase professional services contracts satisfactory and advantageous to a local public body for environmental, location, design and inspection work regarding construction of infrastructure projects may be negotiated and awarded based on qualifications at a fair and reasonable price for the first phase only, when completion of the earlier phases is necessary to provide information critical to the negotiation of a fair and reasonable price for succeeding phases. Prior to the procurement of any such contract, the local

public body shall state the anticipated intended total scope of the project and determine in writing that the nature of the work is such that the best interests of such public body require awarding the contract.

b. Procurement of other than professional services. Selection shall be made of two or more offerors deemed to be fully qualified and best suited among those submitting proposals, on the basis of the factors involved in the Request for Proposal, including price if so stated in the Request for Proposal. Negotiations shall then be conducted with each of the offerors so selected. Price shall be considered, but need not be the sole determining factor. After negotiations have been conducted with each offeror so selected, the public body shall select the offeror which, in its opinion, has made the best proposal, and shall award the contract to that offeror. When the terms and conditions of multiple awards are so provided in the Request for Proposal, awards may be made to more than one offeror. Should the public body determine in writing and in its sole discretion that only one offeror is fully qualified, or that one offeror is clearly more highly qualified than the others under consideration, a contract may be negotiated and awarded to that offeror.

"Competitive sealed bidding" is a method of contractor selection, other than for professional services, which includes the following elements:

1. Issuance of a written Invitation to Bid containing or incorporating by reference the specifications and contractual terms and conditions applicable to the procurement. Unless the public body has provided for prequalification of bidders, the Invitation to Bid shall include a statement of any requisite qualifications of potential contractors. When it is impractical to prepare initially a purchase description to support an award based on prices, an Invitation to Bid may be issued requesting the submission of unpriced offers to be followed by an Invitation to Bid limited to those bidders whose offers have been qualified under the criteria set forth in the first solicitation.

2. Public notice of the Invitation to Bid at least 10 days prior to the date set for receipt of bids by posting in a designated public area, or publication in a newspaper of general circulation, or both. Public notice may also be published on the Department of General Services' central electronic procurement website and other appropriate websites. Effective July 1, 2002, posting by state agencies, departments and institutions on the public Internet procurement website designated by the Department of General Services shall be required. In addition, bids may be solicited directly from potential contractors. Any additional solicitations shall include businesses selected from a list made available by the Department of Minority Business Enterprise.

3. Public opening and announcement of all bids received.

4. Evaluation of bids based upon the requirements set forth in the invitation, which may include special qualifications of potential contractors, life-cycle costing, value analysis, and any other criteria such as inspection, testing, quality, workmanship, delivery, and suitability for a particular purpose, which are helpful in determining acceptability.

5. Award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. When the terms and conditions of multiple awards are so provided in the Invitation to Bid, awards may be made to more than one bidder.

"Construction" means building, altering, repairing, improving or demolishing any structure, building or highway, and any draining, dredging, excavation, grading or similar work upon real property.

"Construction management contract" means a contract in which a party is retained by the owner to coordinate and administer contracts for construction services for the benefit of the owner, and may also include, if provided in the contract, the furnishing of construction services to the owner.

"Design-build contract" means a contract between a public body and another party in which the party contracting with the public body agrees to both design and build the structure, roadway or other item specified in the contract.

"Goods" means all material, equipment, supplies, printing, and automated data processing hardware and software.

"Informality" means a minor defect or variation of a bid or proposal from the exact requirements of the Invitation to Bid, or the Request for Proposal, which does not affect the price, quality, quantity or delivery schedule for the goods, services or construction being procured.

"Multiphase professional services contract" means a contract for the providing of professional services where the total scope of work of the second or subsequent phase of the contract cannot be specified without the results of the first or prior phase of the contract.

"Nonprofessional services" means any services not specifically identified as professional services in the definition of professional services.

"Potential bidder or offeror" for the purposes of §§ [2.2-4360](#) and [2.2-4364](#) means a person who, at the time a public body negotiates and awards or proposes to award a contract, is engaged in the sale or lease of goods, or the sale of services, insurance or construction, of the type to be procured under the contract, and who at such time is eligible and qualified in all respects to perform that contract, and who would have been eligible and qualified to submit a bid or proposal had the contract been procured through competitive sealed bidding or competitive negotiation.

"Professional services" means work performed by an independent contractor within the scope of the practice of accounting, actuarial services, architecture, land surveying, landscape architecture, law, dentistry, medicine, optometry, pharmacy or professional engineering. "Professional services" shall also include the services of an economist procured by the State Corporation Commission.

"Public body" means any legislative, executive or judicial body, agency, office, department, authority, post, commission, committee, institution, board or political subdivision created by law to exercise some sovereign power or to perform some governmental duty, and empowered by law to undertake the activities described in this chapter.

"Public contract" means an agreement between a public body and a nongovernmental source that is enforceable in a court of law.

"Responsible bidder" or "offeror" means a person who has the capability, in all respects, to perform fully the contract requirements and the moral and business integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance, and who has been prequalified, if required.

"Responsive bidder" means a person who has submitted a bid that conforms in all material respects to the Invitation to Bid.

"Reverse auctioning" means a procurement method wherein bidders are invited to bid on specified goods or nonprofessional services through real-time electronic bidding, with the award being made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. During the bidding process, bidders' prices are revealed and bidders shall have the opportunity to modify their bid prices for the duration of the time period established for bid opening.

"Services" means any work performed by an independent contractor wherein the service rendered does not consist primarily of acquisition of equipment or materials, or the rental of equipment, materials and supplies.

"Sheltered workshop" means a work-oriented rehabilitative facility with a controlled working environment and individual goals that utilizes work experience and related services for assisting the handicapped person to progress toward normal living and a productive vocational status.

Attachment E - Letter of No Prejudice

Month Day, Year

Name

Title

Railroad Name

Railroad Address Line 1

Railroad Address Line 2

Re: *Project Name*

Letter of No Prejudice

Dear *Name*:

The Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is in receipt of your letter dated *Month Day, Year* in which you requested a Letter of No Prejudice to proceed with the *Project Description*.

Total project costs of \$*Amount* will be shared at *Percent%* DRPT Rail Enhancement funds of \$*Amount* and *Percent%* *Railroad Name* funds of \$ *Amount*.

Although the pre-agreement has not been concluded nor the grant agreement executed, the importance of the timing of this project dictates that work begin. Accordingly, you are hereby authorized to begin incurring expenses towards this Project, pending the execution of a project agreement. Eligible expenses incurred towards this project will be eligible for reimbursement when a project agreement is executed between *Railroad Name* and DRPT. However, if for some reason an agreement is not executed, then DRPT has no obligation to reimburse any expense that may have been incurred. All expense will be subject to audit and reporting requirements, which will be described in the project agreement.

Members of my staff are currently working with the Office of the Attorney General to develop a project agreement which will include all of the conditions and requirements of the grant program. DRPT anticipates providing the project agreement to you within the next 30 days.

Sincerely,

Name

Director

Attachment F - SWAM Information

SWAM Code Section

§ 2.2-4310. Discrimination prohibited; participation of small, women- and minority-owned business.

A. In the solicitation or awarding of contracts, no public body shall discriminate against a bidder or offeror because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment. Whenever solicitations are made, each public body shall include businesses selected from a list made available by the Department of Minority Business Enterprise.

B. All public bodies shall establish programs consistent with this chapter to facilitate the participation of small businesses and businesses owned by women and minorities in procurement transactions. The programs established shall be in writing and shall comply with the provisions of any enhancement or remedial measures authorized by the Governor pursuant to subsection C or, where applicable, by the chief executive of a local governing body pursuant to § 15.2-965.1, and shall include specific plans to achieve any goals established therein. State agencies shall submit annual progress reports on small, women- and minority-owned business procurement to the Department of Minority Business Enterprise in a form specified by the Department of Minority Business Enterprise.

C. Whenever there exists (i) a rational basis for small business enhancement or (ii) a persuasive analysis that documents a statistically significant disparity between the availability and utilization of women- and minority-owned businesses, the Governor is authorized and encouraged to require state agencies to implement appropriate enhancement or remedial measures consistent with prevailing law.

D. In the solicitation or awarding of contracts, no state agency, department or institution shall discriminate against a bidder or offeror because the bidder or offeror employs ex-offenders unless the state agency, department or institution has made a written determination that employing ex-offenders on the specific contract is not in its best interest.

E. As used in this section:

"Minority individual" means an individual who is a citizen of the United States or a non-citizen who is in full compliance with United States immigration law and who satisfies one or more of the following definitions:

1. "African American" means a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Africa and who is regarded as such by the community of which this person claims to be a part.

2. "Asian American" means a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands, including but not limited to Japan, China, Vietnam, Samoa, Laos, Cambodia, Taiwan, Northern Mariana, the Philippines, a U.S. territory of the Pacific, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, or Sri Lanka and who is regarded as such by the community of which this person claims to be a part.

3. "Hispanic American" means a person having origins in any of the Spanish-speaking peoples of Mexico, South or Central America, or the Caribbean Islands or other Spanish or Portuguese cultures and who is regarded as such by the community of which this person claims to be a part.

4. "Native American" means a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and who is regarded as such by the community of which this person claims to be a part or who is recognized by a tribal organization.

"Minority-owned business" means a business concern that is at least 51% owned by one or more minority individuals or in the case of a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company or other entity, at least 51% of the equity ownership interest in the corporation, partnership, or limited liability company or other entity is owned by one or more minority individuals and both the management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more minority individuals.

"Small business" means an independently owned and operated business which, together with affiliates, has 250 or fewer employees, or average annual gross receipts of \$10 million or less averaged over the previous three years.

"State agency" means any authority, board, department, instrumentality, institution, agency, or other unit of state government. "State agency" shall not include any county, city, or town.

"Women-owned business" means a business concern that is at least 51% owned by one or more women who are citizens of the United States or non-citizens who are in full compliance with United States immigration law, or in the case of a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company or other entity, at least 51% of the equity ownership interest is owned by one or more women who are citizens of the United States or non-citizens who are in full compliance with United States immigration law, and both the management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women who are citizens of the United States or non-citizens who are in full compliance with United States immigration law.

Attachment G - Grantee's Proprietary Items

APPENDIX D

RAIL ENHANCEMENT FUND SAMPLE BUDGET AND SCHEDULE

SAMPLE BUDGET

PROJECT BUDGET - SCHEDULE OF VALUES

Program: Rail Enhancement Fund
 Agreement: 76507-09
 Grantee: XYZ Railroad Company
 Project: Smithville Connecting Track

Scopes	Description of Work	Quantity		Unit Rate	Contract Value	Total To Date		Previous Total		Total This Period	
						Quantity/ Percentage	Value	Quantity/ Percentage	Value	Quantity/ Percentage	Value
Preliminary											
	Study	1	LS	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000						
	Surveying	1	LS	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000						
	Environmental Assessment	1	LS	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000						
	Geotechnical	1	LS	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000						
	Preliminary Engineering	1	LS	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000						
	Subtotal				\$ 50,000						
Design/Contracting											
	Final Design	1	LS	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000						
	Contract Procurement	1	LS	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000						
	Construction Management	1	LS	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000						
	Subtotal				\$ 160,000						
Site Work											
	Clearing & Grubbing	1	Acre	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000						
	Earthwork	1,000	CY	\$ 10	\$ 10,000						
	Drainage	100	LF	\$ 100	\$ 10,000						
	Subballast	1,000	TN	\$ 10	\$ 10,000						
	Subtotal				\$ 31,000						
Structures											
	Bridge	1	LS	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000						
	Tunnel	1	LS	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000						
	Subtotal				\$ 200,000						
Trackwork											
	Track Removal	1,000	TF	\$ 20	\$ 20,000						
	New Track	2,000	TF	\$ 100	\$ 200,000						
	Turnouts	2	EA	\$ 50,000	\$ 100,000						
	Tie Replacement	1,000	EA	\$ 100	\$ 100,000						
	Subtotal				\$ 420,000						
Road Crossing											
	Removal	100	TF	\$ 100	\$ 10,000						
	Earthwork/Aggregate Base	1000	CY	\$ 20	\$ 20,000						
	Crossing Panels	100	TF	\$ 500	\$ 50,000						
	Subtotal				\$ 80,000						
Signaling											
	Signal Building	1	EA	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000						
	Signal Cabinets	1	EA	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000						
	Signal Tower	1	EA	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000						
	Powered and Heated Switch Machine	2	EA	\$ 20,000	\$ 40,000						
	Subtotal				\$ 210,000						
Mechanical											
	Compressed Air System	10,000	LF	\$ 10	\$ 100,000						
	Subtotal				\$ 100,000						
	SUBTOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				\$ 1,251,000						
Contingency											
	Construction Contingency (Approx. 5%)				\$ 60,000						
	AGREEMENT TOTAL				\$ 1,311,000						
	Maximum DRPT Participation	70%			\$ 917,700						
	Local Match Participation	30%			\$ 393,300						

SAMPLE SCHEDULE Page 1

Sample Schedule for Notice to Proceed - Planning and Design

Program: Rail Enhancement Fund
Agreement: 76507-09
Grantee: XYZ Railroad Company
Project: Smithville Connecting Track
Updated Date: 9/1/2007

Scopes	Milestone Dates	2007												2008											
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Notice to Proceed - 1	03/01/07			■																					
Preliminary Engineering					■	■	■	■	■	■															
Permits					■	■																			
Surveying							■																		
ROW Acquisition								■																	
Environmental Assessment									■																
Submit Preliminary Engineering										■															
PE Plan Review by DRPT											■														
Notice to Proceed - 2	11/01/07												■												
Design/Contracting														■	■	■									
Final Design														■	■	■									
Final Design Plan Review by DRPT														■											
Contract Procurement															■	■									
Construction																■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Project Completion	10/31/08																						■		

Note: Grantee shall use activity categories applicable to proposed project.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE Page 2

Sample Schedule for Notice to Proceed - Construction

Program: Rail Enhancement Fund
Agreement: 76507-09
Grantee: XYZ Railroad Company
Project: Smithville Connecting Track
Updated Date: 9/1/2007

Scopes	Milestone Dates	2007												2008											
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Notice to Proceed - 2	02/01/07		■																						
Contract Procurement	04/01/07				■																				
Site Work						■	■	■	■																
Structures							■	■	■	■	■	■													
Trackwork											■	■	■	■	■										
Road Crossing														■	■										
Signaling															■	■	■	■	■						
Mechanical																		■	■	■					
Project Completion	10/31/08																					■			

Note: Grantee shall use activity categories applicable to proposed project.
 Schedule activities shall represent related Schedule of Values categories.

APPENDIX E
RAIL ENHANCEMENT FUND CODE

Rail Enhancement Fund Code

§ 33.1-221.1:1.1. Rail Enhancement Fund.

A. The General Assembly declares it to be in the public interest that railway preservation and development of railway transportation facilities are an important element of a balanced transportation system of the Commonwealth for freight and passengers and further declares it to be in the public interest that the retention, maintenance, improvement and development of freight and passenger railways are essential to the Commonwealth's continued economic growth, vitality, and competitiveness in national and world markets, and there is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Rail Enhancement Fund which shall be considered a special fund within the Transportation Trust Fund, hereafter referred to as "the Fund."

B. (Effective until July 1, 2012) The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller, and shall consist of dedications pursuant to § 58.1-2425 and such funds from other sources as may be set forth in the appropriation act and shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely as provided in this section. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller upon written request signed by the Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation or the Director's designee.

B. (Effective July 1, 2012) The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller, and shall consist of dedications pursuant to § 58.1-1754 and such funds from other sources as may be set forth in the appropriation act and shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely as provided in this section. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller upon written request signed by the Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation or the Director's designee.

C. The Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation shall administer and expend or commit, subject to the approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, the Fund for acquiring, leasing, and/or improving railways or railroad equipment, rolling stock, rights-of-way or facilities, or assisting other appropriate entities to acquire, lease, or improve railways or railroad equipment, rolling stock, rights-of-way or facilities, for freight and/or passenger rail transportation purposes whenever the Board shall have determined that such acquisition, lease, and/or improvement is for the common good of a region of the Commonwealth or the Commonwealth as a whole. Funds provided in this section may also be used as matching funds for federal grants to support passenger or freight rail projects.

D. Projects undertaken pursuant to this section shall be limited to those the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall have determined will result in public benefits to the Commonwealth or to a region of the Commonwealth that are equal to or greater than the investment of funds under this section. Such public benefits shall include, but not be limited

to, the impact of the project on traffic congestion, environmental quality, and whenever possible, give due consideration to passenger rail capacity on corridors identified by the Commonwealth Transportation Board that have existing or proposed passenger rail service. Such projects shall include a minimum of 30 percent cash or in-kind matching contribution from a private source, which may include a railroad, a regional authority, or a local government source, or a combination of such sources.

(2004, c. 621; 2005, c. 323; 2009, c. 73; 2011, cc. 86, 405, 594, 639, 681.)

§ 58.1-2425. Disposition of revenues.

A. All funds collected hereunder by the Commissioner shall be forthwith paid into the state treasury. Except as otherwise provided in this section, these funds shall constitute special funds within the Commonwealth Transportation Fund. Any balances remaining in these funds at the end of the year shall be available for use in subsequent years for the purposes set forth in this chapter, and any interest income on such funds shall accrue to these funds. The revenue so derived, after refunds have been deducted, is hereby allocated for the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of highways and the regulation of traffic thereon and for no other purpose. However, (i) all funds collected pursuant to the provisions of this chapter from manufactured homes, as defined in § [46.2-100](#), shall be distributed to the city, town, or county wherein such manufactured home is to be situated as a dwelling; (ii) all funds collected from the additional tax imposed by subdivision A 4 of § [58.1-2402](#) on the rental of daily rental vehicles shall be distributed quarterly to the city, town, or county wherein such vehicle was delivered to the rentee; (iii) effective January 1, 1987, an amount equivalent to the net additional revenues generated by enactments of the 1986 Special Session of the Virginia General Assembly which amended §§ [46.2-694](#), [46.2-697](#), [58.1-2401](#), [58.1-2402](#) and this section shall be distributed to and paid into the Transportation Trust Fund, a special fund within the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, and are hereby appropriated to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for transportation needs; (iv) except as otherwise provided in clause (iii) of this sentence, all moneys collected from the tax on the gross proceeds from the rental in Virginia of any motor vehicle pursuant to subdivision A 3 of § [58.1-2402](#) at the tax rate in effect on December 31, 1986, shall be paid by the Commissioner into the state treasury and shall be paid into the Rail Enhancement Fund established by § [33.1-221.1:1.1](#); and (v) all additional revenues resulting from the fee imposed under subdivision A 5 of § [58.1-2402](#) as enacted by the 2004 Session of the General Assembly shall be used to pay the debt service on the bonds issued by the Virginia Public Building Authority for the Statewide Agencies Radio System (STARS) for the Department of State Police pursuant to the authority granted by the 2004 Session of the General Assembly.

B. As provided in subsection A of § [58.1-638](#), of the funds becoming part of the Transportation Trust Fund pursuant to clause (iii) of subsection A of this section, an aggregate of 4.2 percent shall be set aside as the Commonwealth Port Fund; an aggregate of 2.4 percent shall be set aside as the Commonwealth Airport Fund; and an aggregate of 14.5 percent in fiscal year 1998-1999 and 14.7 percent in fiscal year 1999-2000 and thereafter shall be set aside as the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund.

(Code 1950, § 58-685.23; 1966, c. 587; 1976, c. 567; 1981, c. 145; 1984, c. 675; 1986, Sp. Sess., c. 11; 1987, c. 696; 1991, c. 323; 1997, cc. 283, 423, 853; 1998, cc. 905, 907; 1999, c. 77; 2004, c. 522; 2005, c. 323.)