

New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Ownership and Maintenance Strategy

Task 1: Research Best Practices

This task will involve two components, the Advisory Group and Research. The Advisory Group will primarily consist of the MPO Policy Board and representatives from NRV Rail 2020. The Research will evaluate relevant station cost factors and ownership models in Virginia, North Carolina, and beyond.

Advisory Group/Potential Owners

- *Identify working group participants and contact information*
- *Meet monthly – Kick-off meeting in January 2018*
- *1-on-1 meetings with economic development, tourism, and transit professionals*

Research

- *Existing local, regional, and statewide examples*
- *Rail station studies and implemented partnership arrangements in other states*
- *Typical Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) and ridership vs. investment targets*
 - *Coordination and assistance with DRPT*
- *Share sample partnership arrangements and funding scenarios with advisory group*

Task 2: Ownership Models: pros-cons-costs

The second task is where the bulk of the time will focus. The Advisory Group will evaluate ownership models and identify a locally preferred option for constructing and maintaining a new passenger rail station in Christiansburg. Up to three scenario models will be further developed for the purpose of establishing equitable investment and ownership between regional partners.

Ownership Scenario Development

- *Initial construction costs – platform, station, parking, and connectivity*
- *Locally preferred concept design scenarios (up to three)*
 - *Types of amenities and physical infrastructure*
 - *Connectivity to public/private transportation services*
- *Locally preferred expense models for operations and maintenance*
 - *Costs up-to for each design scenario*
 - *Planning-level pros-cons-costs of each scenario*
 - *Participation fee options (ridership, proximity, population, etc.)*
 - *Document level of potential commitment from each participant*
- *Ownership and operational logistics*
 - *Single government owned*
 - *Single owned with cost-share*
 - *Multiple government owned via authority*

Task 3 Final Report

The third and final task is anticipated to be completed in June 2018 and will include presentations to local stakeholder groups and other relevant/interested parties. All final documents will be placed online for viewing and downloading.

Locally Preferred Strategy

- *Revenue Plan – local funding commitment for operations and maintenance*
- *Ownership Strategy – structure for ongoing maintenance and operations*

Final Plan Products

- *Present final plan to local governments, stakeholder groups, etc.*
- *Hard copy for each stakeholder*
- *Online: final documents in pdf format*

Period of Performance

The work to be performed under this agreement shall begin on January 1, 2018 and continue until June 30, 2018, unless otherwise amended under the provisions of this agreement.

Cost of Service

The not-to-exceed cost for providing services specified in this agreement shall be \$15,000, billed to the MPO on a monthly basis. Cost will not exceed \$15,000 for FY18.

Amendment and Termination

This agreement may be amended or terminated at any time by written agreement between the MPO and Commission.

New River Valley Regional Commission

Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

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New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

Dan Brugh, Executive Director

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