

22.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT & REQUIRED PERMITS/APPROVALS

This chapter describes the ongoing Public and Agency Participation Program conducted in support of the FEIS process and all permits and approvals necessary for implementation of the proposed LRT project.

The coordination of the Public Involvement Plan was designed to ensure ample opportunity for involvement from all sectors of the population, including traditionally underserved populations. The specific techniques included informational meetings, a project telephone hotline, a website, information brochures, press releases, media briefings and individual meetings. These activities were in addition to the legal requirements for the EIS, which included two public scoping meetings, four interagency scoping meetings and two public hearings upon completion of the SDEIS.

22.1 Public Involvement Plan

HRT is committed to an active, meaningful program of public and agency involvement in support of educating the public on the proposed Norfolk LRT project. HRT's intent is for the proposed project to serve the transportation needs and reflect the desires of the community. In order to accomplish this, HRT received input from residents, business people, property owners, and the general public so that a system would be developed that best serves the needs of the people.

The participation and communication needs of the public were defined and used to develop the program. The goals of the program included:

- To support the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process (see below) through Public Hearings
- To inform the community about the project through community meetings
- To gain the support of Opinion Leaders for the project
- To assist the news media in understanding the scope and process of the project and to gain their support of the project
- To provide information to HRT employees to make them aware of how the project will impact them in the near and long term

22.2 Participation Program Activities

The Public and Agency Participation program activities that follow were designed to communicate information about the project to as many people as possible, create an open dialogue among the various parties, create ownership in the project, and develop informed decisions that would lead to the best plan for the area.

22.2.1 Scoping Meetings

Two public scoping meetings were held during November 2000. Two Steering Committee meetings, two Technical Advisory committee meetings, and thirteen stakeholder meetings were held during the months of November and December 2000, and January 2001. The scoping meetings were held to gain public input on the project. A Scoping Information Booklet, along with a list of frequently asked questions, a fact sheet and a map depicting the proposed regional Hampton Roads LRT system, and a study area map were distributed to approximately 130 people including elected officials, agencies, organizations, businesses, and residents in the study area. In addition, advertisements were placed in the *Virginian-Pilot*, the *Compass*, the *Spartan Echo* (Norfolk State University paper), the *New Journal and Guide*, and advertising posters were placed around the Tidewater Community College Campus and on HRT buses to announce the meetings to the public. The public scoping meetings were held in downtown Norfolk at the Tidewater Community College. Table 22-1 provides information on the Scoping meetings, attendance levels, and the number of speakers.

The Scoping Meetings are comprehensively documented in the *Scoping Summary Report*, April 2001.

**Table 22-1
Scoping Meeting Participation**

Place	Date	Time	Number of Attendees	Number of Speakers
Tidewater Community College, Norfolk	November 2, 2000	12:00-2:00 PM	81	10
Tidewater Community College, Norfolk	November 2, 2000	6:00-8:00 PM	48	14

Source: URS Corp., June 2001

As a result of comments received during the scoping process, five key issues were identified concerning the proposed project:

- **Future Extensions** - Comments were received requesting future extensions of the transit line to Naval Station Norfolk, Norfolk International Airport, Old Dominion University, Newport News Airport, and the Ocean View neighborhood of Norfolk.
- **Additional Stations** – Comments were received requesting additional stations along the proposed alignment, near Ballentine Boulevard and Ingleside Road to serve the residential communities.
- **Bus and Parking Support for LRT** – Comments were made requesting that the LRT be

supported with bus connections and low cost park and ride lots at station sites.

- **Alternative Technologies** – Comments were made in support of alternative transit technologies including rail, bus, ferry service, and Futrex.
- **Potential Impacts of LRT** – Comments were received questioning the impacts of the proposed LRT project on property taxes, safety, noise and vibration, environmental justice concerns, and the effect of financing the LRT project on the availability of funds for other projects.

22.2.2 Public Hearings

After the completion of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS), the SDEIS document was distributed to more than 150 government officials, state, regional and federal public agencies, and interested parties. A 45 day comment period, including two public hearings held on January 29th and 30, 2003, resulted in more than 264 comments on the SDEIS. These comments are documented and responded to in Chapter 23.

**Table 22-2
Public Hearing Meeting Participation**

Place	Date	Time	Number of Attendees	Number of Speakers
Lafayette Winona Middle School, Norfolk	January 29, 2003	3:00-5:00 PM	68	22
Lafayette Winona Middle School, Norfolk	January 30, 2003	6:00-8:00 PM	76	23

Source: URS Corp. May 2003

22.2.3 Public Information

The following types of public information were designed to provide current information, report study status, and announce study findings. This information was disseminated to a mailing list of approximately 5,000 people.

- **Newsletters** – Newsletters provide comprehensive project updates, LRT related articles, and contact information
- **Fact Sheets and Brochures**– Short information sheets that respond to frequently asked questions, provide detailed facts on the project, and summarize the most recent newsletter.
- **Web site** - A web page, updated with the most recent project information has been made available. Visitors to the website (www.hrtransit.org) were encouraged to e-mail their comments and inquiries. They can also make a request to be placed on the HRT mailing list.
- **Hotline** - A dedicated telephone line (757-222-6136) was made available to citizens with questions or comments.

During the Preliminary Engineering phase, the Scope of Work requires the production of four

newsletters and three brochures for updates on the project and other items. The following have been published to date:

Newsletter – Spring 2003
Newsletter – Fall 2003
Newsletter – Summer 2004

Brochure – May 2003
Brochure – August 2003
Brochure – Winter 2004

As each publication was completed, they were mailed to elected officials, members of the Norfolk Steering, Technical and Public Involvement Committees, Civic Leagues, Faith-Based Organizations and those individuals and agencies listed in the current database.

22.2.4 Advisory Committees

During the Norfolk LRT project, the role of advisory committees was to review information as steps were completed in the study, and to advise the study team on presentation of information to the public. Three advisory committees were developed for this project: the Steering Committee, the Technical Advisory Committee, and the Public Involvement Committee.

A. Steering Committee

The purpose of the Steering Committee was to advise HRT about issues that arise with development projects that are specific to the City of Norfolk. The objectives of the Steering Committee were:

- Identify city-specific concerns that may impact a development project.
- Recommend solutions to city-specific problems that a development project may cause.
- Serve as a liaison between HRT and the groups or organizations to which members may belong.

Members of the Steering Committee included:

Chairman: Hon. W. Randy Wright

Hahns Copeland, Copeland Engineering
Roseann Runte, Old Dominion University
Claire Ackiss, Old Dominion University
Robert Alig, Citizen
Mason Andrews, M.D., Jones Institute
Karen Rae, VDRPT
Barry Bishop, Greater Norfolk Corporation
Brian Bock, SunTrust Bank
Cathy Coleman, Downtown Norfolk Council
Deborah DiCroce, TCC
Donna Morris, Hampton Roads Partnership
James Eason, Hampton Road Partnership
Hon. Frank W. Wagner, Senator
Hon. Phillip A. Hamilton, VA House of Delegates

Dwight Farmer, HRPDC
Bob Fenning, ODU
James Gregg, Classic Benefit Services
Ed Ladd, MacArther Center
Richard Levin, Levin's of Virginia
Marie McDemmond, NSU
Robert Askew, NSU
Portfolio Magazine Editor
Sandra Miller, Sentara Healthcare
Lane Brown, Military Circle Mall
G. William Schafer III, Norfolk Southern
Deborah Stearns, Advantis Realty
Mike Marcialis, c/o Advantis Park Central
Ron Williams, H. R. Chamber of Commerce
Barbara Zoby, Yukon Lumber
Charles Hartig, City of Norfolk, Information Officer

Hon. Robert C. Scott, U.S. Congressman
Hon. Richard Maddox, TDCHR Commissioner
Grace Routten, TDCHR Commissioner
Hon. William F. Haskins, Jr. Councilman
Hon. Charles F. Brown, TDCHR Commissioner
Hon. Paul Riddick, TDCHR Commissioner
Dale R. Castellow, City of Virginia Beach,
Alternate TDCHR Commissioner
Charles O. Philpotts Jr., C O Philpotts Co.

Charles M. Badger, VDRPT
Robert Richards, VDRPT
J. Sumner Bell, EVMS
John A. Hornbeck, Hampton Roads Chamber of
Commerce
Randy Lassiter, citizen
Fred Gallop, citizen

B. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Members of the Technical Advisory Committee included staff from cities, regional, state and federal agencies and private organizations with technical expertise pertinent to the project. The objectives of the TAC included:

- Provide technical advice to HRT staff about transit development projects.
- Share information with representative governmental organizations about HRT's transit development projects.
- Ad hoc committees may be formed and meet as necessary to address specific issues related to transit development.

Members of the Technical Advisory Committee included:

Guzin Akan, Norfolk Public Works
Peter Fortin, Norfolk, Public Works
John Keifer, Norfolk, Public Works
Sid Kitterman, Norfolk, Public Works
Karen Rae, VDRPT
Rob Case, HRPDC
Frank Daniel, VDEQ
Linda Davis, Norfolk. Dept. Facilities/Enterprise
Mgmt.
Herman Shipman, FTA Region III
Stanley Stein, Norfolk, Facilities/Enterprise
Mgmt.
Kristen Lentz, Norfolk, Director of Utilities
David Dutton, VA Dept. of Historic Resources
Jeffrey Raliski, Norfolk City Planning
Dwight Farmer, HRPDC
Robert Fonsesco-Martine, FHWA
Robert J. McCabe, Norfolk, Sheriff
Peter Kube, US Army Corps of Engineers
Care Metz, VA Dept. of Historic Resources

David Meyers, FRA
Sarah B. Corey, Norfolk Southern Railroad
Corp.
Shurl R. Montgomery, Norfolk, Assistant City
Manager
Jerry Sears, VDOT
Irene Shuman, VDOT
Horace Welsh, VDOT
Rod Woolard, Norfolk, Economic Development
Karla Johnson, NSU
Charles Bauman, VA Port Authority
Ethel Eaton, Virginia Dept. of Historic
Resources
William C. LaBaugh, III, VA DRPT
Regina Williams, Norfolk, City Manager
Steve de Mik, Norfolk, Finance Director

C. Public Involvement Committee (PIC)

The Public Involvement Committee included representatives from each constituency potentially affected by the project: community organizations along the proposed alignment, employers and employee groups located near the corridor; organizations such as home owners associations, business and professional associations, and representatives of special perspectives such as conservationists, seniors, and physically-limited citizens. All Civic Leagues with neighborhoods within a 3-mile radius of the proposed LRT alignment were invited to be members of the PIC. The objectives of the Public Involvement Committee included:

- Identify and recommend ways for HRT to better communicate with the public.
- Share information with various civic organizations about the benefits of transit, HRT's transit development projects, and the intricacies of transit funding.
- Provide input into HRT's marketing and service development; particularly in terms of capturing new ridership.

Members of the Public Involvement Committee included:

Latosha Thompson, Brambleton Civic League
Diane Hawks, Brambleton Civic League
Leonard Harris, Broad Creek Shores Civic League
Melvin L. Holloman, 200 + Men
Moses Whitaker, Sr. Chesterfield Heights Civic League
Cynthia Perry, Chesterfield Heights Civic League
Denise Matchen, Easton Forest Civic League
Randall & Joyce Pierce, Elizabeth Park Civic League
Jefferson B. Brown, Freemason Street Area Assoc.
Leslie H. Friedmore, Freemason Street Area Assoc.
Ron Brown, Murry Bishop, Ghent Neighborhood League
Dr. Terri Colby-Barr, Ghent Square Community Association
Shirley Martin, Grandy Village Advisory Council
Carol Thierer, Hollywood Holmes/Maple Hall Civic League
Algie T. Howell, Ingleside Civic League
Emogene Johnson Vaughn, Poplar Halls Civic League
Alan Carpenter, River Forest/Wayside Manor/Eastern Place Civic League
Rose Burroughs, River Forest/Wayside Manor/Eastern Place Civic League
Paulette Jones, Stonebridge Civic League
Ms. Earline Wiggins, Tidewater Gardens Tenant Corp.
Mark Rienerth, West Ghent Civic League
Lee Wilkins, West Ghent Civic League
Flora Burns, Woodbine Civic League

22.2.5 Key Stakeholders & Individual Meetings

Individual meetings, briefings, and workshops were held with elected officials, businesses, individual persons, agencies, neighborhood groups and associations, minority groups, and low income groups, etc. in their affected municipality. Numerous meetings were conducted with the following key stakeholders between November 2000 and the completion of this FEIS. The meetings were designed to introduce the project, receive input on the purpose and need for the project, and discuss project design options.

- Military Circle Mall
- MacArthur Center
- Eastern Virginia Medical School (2 meetings)
- Tidewater Community College
- Norfolk State University/ RISE
- Norfolk Division, Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce
- Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority
- Sentra Healthcare
- Atlantic City (Fort Norfolk) Site Development
- Old Dominion University
- Norfolk Southern Railroad

A list of all other meetings and events that took place throughout the EIS process is presented in Table 22-3.

**Table 22-3
Norfolk LRT Project Meetings/Workshops**

Date	Participants	Purpose
September 21, 2000	Technical Advisory Committee	LRT Project Presentation
October 16, 2000	Steering Committee	LRT Project Presentation
October 17, 2000	Technical Advisory Committee	LRT Project kick-off Presentation
November 29, 2000	Steering Committee	LRT Project kick-off Presentation
November 30, 2000	Technical Advisory Committee	LRT Project Presentation
December 6, 2000	Ad Hoc subcommittee of Steering Committee	Presentation of LRT Alignments
January 25, 2001	Joint Steering Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, and Subconsultants	LRT Project Presentation
May 10, 2001	Mayor's Downtown Task Force Breakfast	LRT Project Presentation
May 10, 2001	Ingleside Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
May 16, 2001	Steering and Technical Committee	LRT Project Presentation
May 18, 2001	Mr. and Mrs. Lindell Davidson	Discuss project issues
May 21, 2001	HRT Public Involvement Committee	LRT Project Presentation
May 24, 2001	Middle Town Arch Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
May 26-28, 2001	Afram Fest Display	LRT Project Information Booth
May 29, 2001	Freemason Street Area Association	LRT Project Presentation
May 31, 2001	HRT Public Involvement Team Meeting	LRT Project Presentation
June 2, 2001	Wayside Manor/Riverforest Shores/Easton Forest Picnic	LRT Project Display

Date	Participants	Purpose
June 4, 2001	Poplar Halls Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
June 5, 2001	Elizabeth Park Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
June 7, 2001	Barry Robinson Board of Trustees	Briefing on LRT
June 8, 9, 10, 2001	25 th Annual Harborfest Weekend	LRT Project Information Booth
June 14, 2001	Norfolk Federation of Civic Leagues	LRT Project Presentation
June 18, 2001	Public Involvement Committee Meeting	LRT Project Presentation
June 19, 2001	First Baptist Church of Norfolk	LRT Project Presentation
June 21, 2001	Grandy Village Advisory Council	LRT Project Presentation
June 25, 2001	Chesterfield Heights Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
June 25, 2001	NRHA	Discussion on Atlantic City Development
June 28, 2001	HRT Public Involvement Team Meeting	LRT Project Presentation
July 5, 2001	Hollywood Holmes/Maple Hall Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
July 9, 2001	Norfolk Economic Development Committee	LRT Project Briefing
July 10, 2001	Old Dominion University	LRT Project Briefing
July 17, 2001	Brambleton Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
July 21, 2001	Committee for Neighborhood Improvement	LRT Project Display
July 26, 2001	Norfolk State University	LRT Project Briefing
July 26, 2001	Eastern Virginia Medical Center	LRT Project Briefing
July 26, 2001	HRT Public Involvement Team Meeting	LRT Project Presentation
August 6, 2001	Broad Creek Shores and Poplar Halls Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
August 7, 2001	YMCA	LRT Project Briefing
August 8, 2001	Kirn Memorial Library	LRT Project Briefing
August 14, 2001	Second Calvary Church	LRT Project Presentation
August 15, 2001	Tidewater Community College	LRT Project Briefing
August 16, 2001	Norfolk Tides Baseball	LRT Project Briefing
August 20, 2001	Chesapeake Bay Art Show	LRT Project Display
August 21, 2001	Bromley Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
August 22, 2001	Barry Robinson Center	LRT Project Briefing
August 26, 2001	Public Involvement Committee Meeting	LRT Project Presentation
August 27, 2001	Norfolk Economic Development Committee	LRT Project Briefing
August 27, 2001	Sentara Hospital	LRT Project Briefing
August 28, 2001	Norfolk City Council Committee Briefing	LRT Project Briefing
August 30, 2001	HRT Public Involvement Team Meeting	LRT Project Briefing
September 10, 2001	River Forrest /Wayside Manor/ Easton Place Civic Leagues/ Glen Rock Civic League (south side), Pleasant Point Civic League, and Easton Forest Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
September 18, 2001	Larrymore Lawns Neighborhood Watch	LRT Project Presentation
September 19, 2001	Freemason Street Area Association	LRT Project Presentation
September 24, 2001	HRT Public Involvement Team Meeting	LRT Project Briefing
October 18, 2001	Lake Taylor Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
October 18, 2001	HRT Public Involvement Team Meeting	LRT Project Briefing
November 7, 2001	Camellia Shores Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
November 14, 2001	Huntersville Mid Rise	LRT Project Presentation
November 15, 2001	Villa Heights Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
November 29, 2001	HRT Public Involvement Team Meeting	LRT Project Briefing
December 10, 2001	Concerned Citizens for Titustown	LRT Project Presentation
January 15, 2002	Roosevelt Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
January 31, 2002	HRT Public Involvement Team Meeting	LRT Project Briefing
February 18, 2002	HRT Public Involvement Committee Meeting	LRT Project Briefing

Date	Participants	Purpose
February 28, 2002	HRT Public Involvement Team Meeting	LRT Project Briefing
March 18, 2002	HRT Public Involvement Committee Meeting	LRT Project Briefing
March 21, 2002	Villa Heights Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
March 28, 2002	HRT Public Involvement Team Meeting	LRT Project Briefing
April 3, 2002	St. John United Methodist Church	LRT Project Presentation
April 15, 2002	HRT Public Involvement Committee Meeting	LRT Project Briefing
May 13, 2002	Colonial Place/Riverdale Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
June 17, 2002	HRT Public Involvement Committee Meeting	LRT Project Update
August 3, 2002	Baltimore Bus Trip	Educational LRT Trip
November 18, 2002	HRT Public Involvement Committee Meeting	LRT Project Update
January 21, 2003	HRT Public Involvement Committee Meeting	LRT Project Update
March 6, 2003	Greater Norfolk Council	LRT Project Presentation
April 3, 2003	Holly Homes/Maple Hall Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
April 7, 2003	Spartan Village Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
May 6, 2003	Sewells Garden Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
May 13, 2003	The Gardens Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
May 22, 2003	Saratoga & East Lynne Civic Leagues	LRT Project Presentation
May 24-26, 2003	African-American Festival	LRT Project Information Booth
June 2, 2003	Poplar Hall Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
June 10, 2003	Stone Bridge Crossing Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
June 16, 2003	Public Involvement Committee Meeting	LRT Project Update
June 21, 2003	Baltimore Bus Trip	Educational LRT Trip
June 24, 2003	Norfolk Steering Committee Meeting	LRT Project Presentation
July 23, 2003	The Norfolk Host Lions Club	LRT Project Presentation
August 2, 2003	National Night Out Picnic (Norfolk)	LRT Project Information Booth
August 5, 2003	East End Community Meeting	Presentation of LRT Changes to East End of Line
August 11, 2003	Norfolk Moose Lodge	LRT Project Presentation
August 12, 2003	Norfolk Steering Committee Meeting	LRT Project Presentation
August 20, 2003	Society of American Military Engineers	LRT Project Presentation
September 2, 2003	Fox Hall Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
September 11, 2003	Inner City Federation of Civic Leagues	LRT Project Presentation
September 18, 2003	Berkley Community Reunion	LRT Project Information Booth
October 7, 2003	Elizabeth Park Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
October 15, 2003	Public Involvement Committee Meeting	LRT Project Update
October 16, 2003	Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours	LRT Project Information
October 27, 2003	Broad Creek Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
November 7, 2003	Hampton Roads Realtors Association - Government Affairs Division	LRT Project Presentation
November 13, 2003	Mr. /Mrs. Escobar – Homeowners on Curlew Drive	LRT Project Presentation
November 13, 2003	Norfolk Federation of Civic Leagues	LRT Project Presentation
November 20, 2003	Ingleside Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
December 3, 2003	Hampton Roads Realtors – Goodman, Segar, Hogan	LRT Project Presentation
January 6, 2004	Lindenwood/Cottage Line/Barraud Park Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
January 8, 2004	Downtown Norfolk Kiwanis	LRT Project Presentation
January 13, 2004	Estabrook Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
January 15, 2004	Salvation Army – Woman’s League	LRT Project Presentation
February 9, 2004	Azalea Acres/ Azalea Lakes Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
February 23, 2004	Chesterfield Heights Civic League	LRT Project Presentation

Date	Participants	Purpose
February 24, 2004	Public Involvement Committee Meeting	LRT Project Update
March 2, 2004	Elizabeth Park Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
March 16, 2004	Oak Leaf Advisory Council (Civic League)	LRT Project Presentation
March 26, 2004	NSU – Buildings & Grounds Task Force	LRT Project Presentation
April 7, 2004	Greater Norfolk Corporation and Downtown Norfolk Council Luncheon	LRT Presentation
April 19, 2004	Ghent Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
April 29, 2004	Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours	LRT Project Information
May 11, 2004	Greater Pinewell Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
May 18, 2004	Freemason Area Street Association	LRT Project Presentation
June 14, 2004	Norfolk Harborfront Kiwanis	LRT Project Presentation
June 17, 2004	Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours – Virginia Wesleyan College	LRT Project Information
June 25, 2004	Virginia Institute of Transportation Engineers	LRT Project Presentation
July 10, 2004	Green Breakfast (Environmental Activist Group)	LRT Project Presentation
July 20, 2004	American Society of Civil Engineers	LRT Project Presentation
July 28, 2004	Pleasant Point Civic League	LRT Project Presentation
July 30, 2004	FHWA Intern Visit	LRT Project Presentation
July 31, 2004	National Night Out	LRT Display

Source: HRT, August 2004

22.3 Required Permits and Approvals

This section describes the required permits and approvals that may be needed for the implementation of the Preferred Alternative. Table 22-4 lists each permit by agency and provides a description of the permit and the prescribed schedule for the permit application.

**Table 22-4
Permits**

Agency/Permit	Description	Schedule
<i>US Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE)</i>		
Section 404 Wetland Alteration Permit and Section 10 Structures in Navigable Waters Permit	Joint Permit Application (JPA) for wetland impacts details the size of impact (area), type of wetlands impacted and mitigation concept design for review and approval. Must include detailed discussion of need for project, avoidance and minimization measures included in design, and location/design for wetland replacement. Additional general conditions apply, i.e. navigable waters, floodplains, historic properties, endangered species, etc., as well as Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) and Clean Water Act consistency.	Joint Permit Application to be submitted to agencies for review upon completion of the Record of Decision.
<i>US Coast Guard</i>		
Section 9 Bridge Permits	The Bridge Permit application includes identification of structural characteristics and clearance of proposed bridge replacement or modification. Application must indicate compliance with federal, state and local requirements as well as compliance with Section 401 (Water Quality Certification) and CZMA.	Submit during Final Design. District has 30 days to determine adequacy of application. District issues public notice (min. 30 days), reviews comments and issues findings.
<i>US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)</i>		
Letter of Concurrence	Potential impacts to federally listed species require additional coordination with USFWS.	Consultation with USFWS completed. Phone record concurrence included in Appendix A
<i>VA Marine Resources Commission (VMRC)</i>		
Permit for Construction in Waters of the Commonwealth and in Wetlands	Same as US ACOE Section 404 - Submit JPA for subaqueous lands and wetland impacts.	Same as US ACOE Section 404 – VMRC assigns application number and distributes to other regulatory agencies. Permit application to be submitted upon completion of the Record of Decision.

Table 22-4 (Continued)

Agency/Permit	Description	Schedule
<i>VA Dept. of Environmental Quality (VDEQ)</i>		
Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit	Provide information for general stormwater discharge permit, including sediment and erosion control plan, pollution prevention plan, area to be disturbed, receiving waters, etc.	To be applied for during Final Design and at least 180 days prior to construction.
Water Protection Permit (Section 401 Certification)	Same as US COE Section 404 - Submit JPA for stream and isolated wetland impacts. Anticipate project impacts will require Individual Permit.	Same as US ACOE Section 404. Review for individual permit may extend to 120 days. Permit application to be submitted upon completion of the Record of Decision.
<i>VA Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries (VA G&IF)</i>		
Letter of Concurrence	Potential impacts to state listed species require additional coordination with VA G&IF.	Consultation with VA G&IF completed. Concurrence obtained during phone call. Phone record included in Appendix A.
<i>City of Norfolk</i>		
Sediment and Erosion Control Permit	An erosion control plan must be submitted to the Environmental Services Department for review and approval. The plan identifies best management practices to minimize erosion and off-site sedimentation, such as silt fences, temporary sediment ponds, rock entrances at construction sites, etc.	Plan to be developed and submitted for approval during final design. The City has 30 days to approve or disapprove the plan.
Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area <i>Exception</i>	Construction of the maintenance facility would occur within a designated "Intensely Developed Area" of the CBPA. This will require an exception from the City's CBPA rules. Must provide a minor water quality impact assessment along with the exception request.	Written request to be submitted to CBPA Local Assistance Department (CBLAD) during final design. The City will have 60 days to grant or deny the exception.
Floodplain Permit	Provide documentation regarding the volume of fill to be placed within the floodplain, design parameters to minimize upstream flooding, potential for overtopping rail structure, and mitigation measures incorporated into design to minimize impacts.	This permit application will be applied for during Final Design.

Source: URS Corp., July 2005