



FY 2015-16 PROJECT DESCRIPTION FORM (8T)

Basic Project Information

Submitting Agency: City of Alexandria

Project Title: Potomac Yard Metrorail Station (8T)

Project Type (*check one*):

Roadway () Transit (X)

VA State Route Number (if applicable) and NVTA Corridor Number (1-8): Corridor 8

1. **Project Description:** The project provides for planning, design, and construction of a new Metrorail station and ancillary facilities located at Potomac Yard within the City of Alexandria along the existing Metrorail Blue and Yellow lines between the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport Station and the Braddock Road Station. The project would serve existing neighborhoods and retail centers as well as high-density, transit-oriented development planned by the City of Alexandria. The project would provide access to the regional Metrorail system for the U.S. Route 1 corridor of north Alexandria, which is currently without direct access to the system. Project is along NVTA Corridor #8.
2. **Requested NVTA Funds:** \$1.5 million for FY 15 and FY 16 program for additional studies, planning, and development of the design-build package
3. **Phase(s) of Project Covered by Requested NVTA Funds:** Planning, PE, Design
4. **Total Cost to Complete Project:** \$287,484,000
5. **Project Milestone -Study Phase:** Start of Study EIS – February 2011
6. **Project Milestone -Preliminary Engineering (30% Design):** Start of PE - January 2016
7. **Project Milestones -Final Design:** Start of Final Design – January 2017
8. **Project Milestones -Right-of-Way:** ROW acquisitions completed – January 2017
9. **Project Milestone – Construction:** Start of Construction – August 2017
10. **Project Milestone – Mass Transit Vehicle Acquisition:** Start of Construction – N/A
11. **Is Project in Transaction 2040:**
Yes () No (X)



12. Project in 2010 CLRP: Yes, CLRP ID # 3013

13. Project Leverages other Funding: (please state amount)

- Local (X) \$215 million
- State ()
- Federal (X) \$1 million
- Other:

Stated Benefits

- **What Regional benefit(s) does this project offer?**
This facility will provide access to the entire region to the existing and planned mixed-use activity center at Potomac Yard. The new station will allow for increased development at Potomac Yard, mitigating development of open space and increasing traffic congestion throughout the region.
- **How does the project reduce congestion?**
Models suggest that 5,000 to 6,000 daily trips will be shifted from automobiles to transit if this station is built.
- **How does project increase capacity? (Mass Transit Projects only)**
The station provides access to the regional Metrorail system for residents and employees in the Potomac Yard area. This increases capacity of the entire system by distributing trips among modes. Models suggest between 10,000 and 11,300 daily boardings at the Metrorail station.
- **How does project improve auto and pedestrian safety?**
The facility will enable pedestrians to go to Potomac Yard destinations by not using a private automobile, decreasing congestion, and increasing safety for all.
- **List internet links below to any additional information in support of this project:**
The information is based upon model runs which have been done thus far to analyze the benefits of this investment.