

## Council prepares Valley Line LRT for tender

### *Project is ready to request qualifications*

City Council's approval of updated funding strategies for the Valley Line LRT allows the project to take the next major step towards achieving the City's vision for LRT expansion. The updated funding strategy for the first stage of the ValleyLine (between Mill Woods and downtown) allows the \$1.8 billion project to initiate a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from design and construction companies in the private sector.



"I'm very pleased with Council's decision to take the next step with the ValleyLine and begin seeking construction partners in the private sector," said Mayor Don Iveson. "The ValleyLine represents our continued commitment to creating a more sustainable transportation system, which is essential to our municipal vision and Edmonton's long term future."

The City can now release an RFQ for interested parties in the private sector to learn more about the ValleyLine and demonstrate their ability to design, construct, operate and maintain an LRT project of this scope. The RFQ process is expected to take approximately 3 months, after which the successful short-listed group of interested parties will be publicly announced. The interested parties will then be invited to reply to a Request for Proposals (RFP), where each party will design a final vision of the line that meets criteria established by the City's planning, engineering, finance and public engagement processes.

The ValleyLine adopts a public-private partnership (P3) funding model, which means that while the City retains ownership of the ValleyLine, the project will be partially funded, constructed, operated and maintained by a private consortium.

**See Valley Line future rendering video at:**

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