

The Maryland Purple Line - Public-Private Partnership (P3)

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Purple Line within Washington's Rail Network

New 16-mile LRT line that connects:

4 Metrorail lines

3 commuter rail lines

Amtrak Northeast Corridor



Purple Line Overview

Funding & financing includes:

- State & local funding
- Federal transit "New Starts" grant
- Federal TIFIA loan to P3 concessionaire
- Private equity investment

P3 Delivery:

- Combines design, construction, financing, operations and maintenance into a single 35-year umbrella ("DBFOM") contract
- Shares risk between MTA and a private partner ("Concessionaire")
 - Concessionaire expected to earn a return on investment if it manages costs, innovates, and delivers the project on schedule

General Scope of the P3

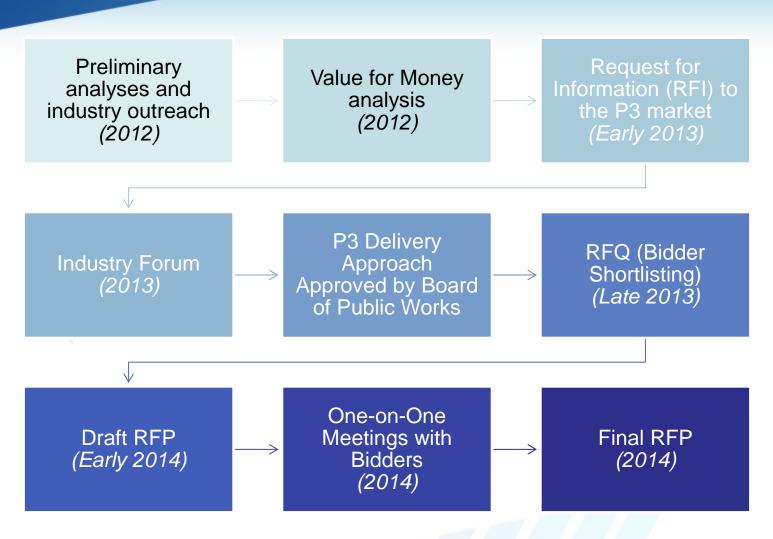
Design and Construction (Approx. 5 Years)

- Concessionaire responsible for:
 - Final Design
 - Construction of Purple Line and some 3rd party improvements
 - Financing the project (in part using public funding contributions)
- Agency responsible for:
 - Acquiring right of way
 - Public outreach
 - Agency's quality assurance

O&M and Capital Renewal (30 Year Period)

- Concessionaire responsible for:
 - Operations, maintenance, and capital renewal/replacement
 - Asset handback requirements at end of 30 years
- Agency responsible for:
 - Fare policy and specifying amount of service
 - Ridership & fare revenue risk
 - Electricity costs
 - Policing

P3 Development Process for the Purple Line



Current status: P3 bids due in March, with a 2015 construction start

Why a DBFOM P3 on Purple Line?

Operational factors

Increase likelihood of consistently excellent, highly responsive service; natural stand-alone asset

Risk transfer

 Integrate various elements into a single agreement that clearly outlines optimal allocation of project risk between the public and private partners

• Whole life-cycle planning and cost optimization

Provide greater incentive to make investment decisions that are optimized over life of asset

Schedule discipline

 Create strong incentives for concessionaire to maintain schedule discipline during project delivery and startup

Enhanced opportunities for innovation

 Offer the private sector with opportunities and incentives to propose enhancements to the design and delivery approach that could benefit long-term O&M performance

Potential financial value

 Due to aforementioned factors, there is potential for long-term financial value relative to a traditional project delivery approach

MTA's Goals Are Not Specific to P3

What we always want from new projects:

- 1. Quality construction
- 2. Quality service
- 3. On-time and on-budget delivery
- 4. Role for the community





P3 is a different tool for delivering the same goals 7

How is Quality Achieved?

- Traditional approach:
 - Agency develops entire design then performs all O&M and renewal work after initial construction
- Purple Line P3 approach:
 - Agency develops minimum acceptable requirements, then uses financial deductions during the operating period to incentivize strong performance
 - Performance standards include areas such as:
 - Service availability and on-time performance
 - Vehicle and station cleanliness
 - Station maintenance (e.g., lighting, elevators/escalators, snow)
 - Safety & security compliance (e.g., ADA, fire/life safety)
 - Concessionaire determines optimal trade-offs between initial construction design, O&M, and capital renewal
 - Effectively represents a 33 year warranty

Lessons Learned on P3 Development

- Make decision on delivery approach early
 - Shift mindset and approach when decide to pursue P3
 - Engage stakeholders and third parties early
 - Balance tradeoffs between certainty and flexibility to facilitate innovation and efficient transfer of risk to the P3 partner
- Recognize that P3 investors and lenders have different needs and concerns than procurements w/o private financing at risk
 - DBFOM ≠ DB + O&M
 - Significant attention to P3 precedent
- Seek and listen to industry feedback before and after the start of a P3 procurement

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