



Urban Construction Initiative Certification Program Update

Presentation at the UCI Annual Meeting
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Urban Construction Initiative – Certification for VA Beach



- City process for obtaining internal support
 - Schedule
 - Management and Department Briefings
 - Challenges & Opportunities
 - Lessons Learned
- VDOT internal process to prepare for certification
 - Briefing to VDOT Executive Management
 - Meetings with Various Divisions
 - Field Meetings with Districts
 - Challenges & Opportunities
 - Lessons Learned

VA Beach - Schedule



- Brief Deputy City Manager September 2010
- MLT (Mgt Leadership Team) Briefing October 2010
- Brief Other Divisions/Depts October 2010
- Submit Letter of Intent to VDOT February 2011
- VDOT Response March 2011
- Submit Application June 2011
- VDOT Response *August 2011*
- Interview *October 2011*
- RECEIVE CERTIFICATION ***October 2011***

VA Beach – Management and Dept. Briefings



- What does this mean for the City?
 - Gain Efficiencies
 - City Processes
 - Flexibility
 - Deliver Projects Faster

- Game Plan
 - Schedule
 - Certification Submittal

VA Beach – Challenges and Opportunities



- **Challenges**

- Other Departments
- New Initiatives

- **Opportunities**

- Re-examine City Processes
- Gain Understanding of VDOT/FHWA

VA Beach – Lessons Learned



- Get Buy-In Early
- New Initiatives
- Educate VDOT and City Stakeholders
- Examine Potential Risks
- Develop Plan for Documentation

VDOT - Briefing to VDOT Executive Management



- LAD presentation to the VDOT Executive Management Team
- Goal to reaffirm the local programs policy that was signed in February 2008
- Open dialogue with the executive team regarding the evolution of the Locally Administered Programs
- General confirmation of LAD's efforts and direction (to include continued support of the UCI Certification Program)

VDOT - Meetings with Various Central Office Divisions



- With the submittal of VA Beach's Letter of Intent, LAD...
 - met with Commissioner to outline UCI Certification program and approval process
 - presented to the executive staff a detailed progress report to show VA Beach's project and program development record (to include VA Beach's success with meeting the Federal Strategy commitments)
 - met with VA Beach and VDOT Civil Rights to determine staffing, training and transition needs

VDOT - Field Meetings with Districts



- LAD met with District staff to:
 - Discuss the history of the UCI Program
 - Detail the highlights of the UCI Certification program
 - Outline the process for scoring the City of VA Beach's certification application
 - Summarize the next steps in the UCI Certification process

VDOT - Challenges & Opportunities



- Challenges:
 - New program
 - Different way to do business
 - Confusion between UCI and UCI Certified
- Opportunities:
 - Continued exposure of the UCI Program with executive staff
 - Opportunity to discuss the program with District staff
 - First certification program in the State
 - Place VDOT resources on areas of highest risk

VDOT- Lessons Learned



- Continued communication with affected divisions is important
- Meet in person with District and Division staff
- Anticipate questions to try and resolve before becoming issues
- Don't assume that everyone understands the differences of the UCI Certification program vs the UCI Program



Questions?



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