# Valley Line West LRT Downtown to Lewis Farms

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# **Valley Line West Procurement**

The Valley Line West LRT project is in procurement. This phase involves undertaking a rigorous competitive process to select a team who can successfully deliver the project.

The City of Edmonton is launching a **design-build-finance (DBF) delivery approach**. This type of contract requires the successful bidder to undertake the design and construction of the Valley Line West project and provide partial private financing. The City will procure light rail vehicles (LRVs) separately and is currently evaluating options related to that approach.

Once fully complete, the full 27-kilometre Valley Line will provide a reliable continuous light rail transit service connecting major destinations between southeast, downtown and west Edmonton.



**Future 87 Avenue Elevated Guideway** 



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## The procurement process involves two stages:

### **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ) STAGE**

In the RFQ Stage, private sector participants form teams and submit their qualifications and information demonstrating their experience and strengths required to successfully deliver the project. The City shortlists up to three of the highest scoring teams during this process and invites them to participate in the Request for Proposals stage. The RFQ launches Jan. 7, 2020.

### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) STAGE**

In the RFP Stage, the shortlisted teams submit several technical submissions in compliance with the Instructions to Proponents and draft Project Agreement. Teams passing each of the technical submission gates will be invited to provide a fixed-price. The team with the lowest priced compliant submission will be invited to enter into a contract to deliver the project.

This procurement process is based on the philosophy of fair, transparent and rigorous competition among experienced private sector participants. The end result of the procurement process will be the selection of a successful proponent who can successfully deliver the Valley Line West LRT project in a manner that provides Edmontonians with the best value for their money.

Once the selected team has signed the contract, currently scheduled for December 2020, it's anticipated that it will take five to six years to complete construction of the line.

### **Find Out More About Valley Line West:**

- Visit <u>www.edmonton.ca/valleylinewest</u>
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