



# **O**Train

# Ottawa Light Rail Transit – Stage 2 Trillium Line Extension

Infrastructure Investment, Funding & Regulatory Hurdles

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# Ottawa's Transit Challenge









## O-Train Network (2019)



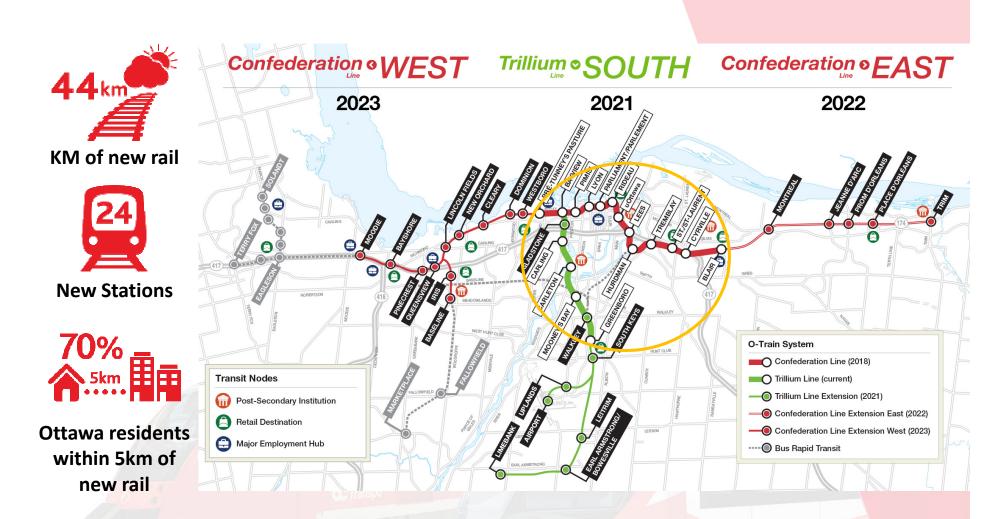








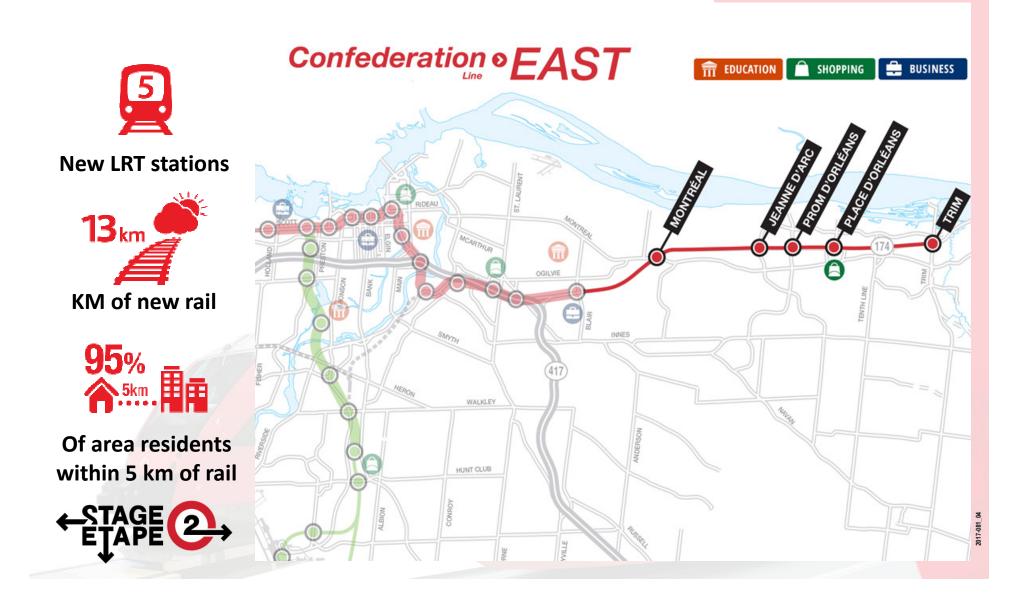
# Stage 2 Light Rail Transit (LRT)



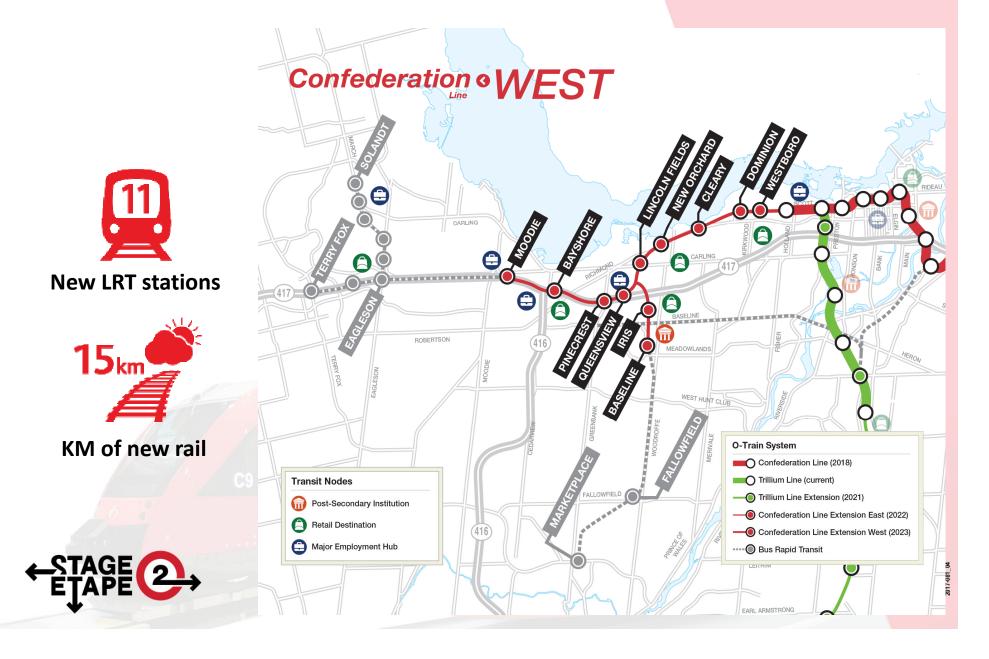








# **Ottawa** Confederation Line West





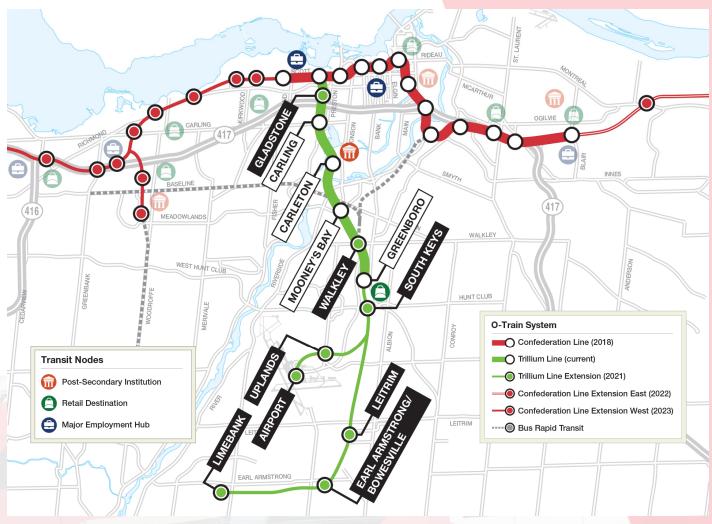
### Trillium Line South Extension



**New LRT stations** 



KM of new rail





Extension of an existing operating diesel system.





- Affordability.
- Ensure procurement for <u>Confederation Line</u> expansion drove strong competition and was supported by federal and provincial funding partners.
- Ensure procurement to expand <u>Trillium Line</u> would function and integrate seamlessly between existing and expanded line and the overall O-Train system.
- Ensuring risk and financial profiles balance desired City outcomes.
- Getting community buy-in.
- Future-proofing the system.





# Ottawa Guiding Principles

- Meet the City's affordability criteria for capital, maintenance and operations of the Stage 2 project;
- Ensure Stage 2 can be competitively tendered and will attract private sector interest
- Maximize system ridership;
- Optimize risk transfer between City and Stage 2
   Project Co;
- Minimize mobility, environmental and quality of life impacts of Stage 2 construction & operation;





# *Ottawa* Guiding Principles (cont'd)

- Ensure customer familiarity throughout the entire O-Train system;
- Ensure station investment returns maximum benefit to riders and adjacent community;
- Maximize alternative revenue streams to the City;
- Maximize local economic benefit of Stage 2 construction; and
- Maximize resiliency and environmental sustainability.





# Ottawa Procurement Challenges and Objectives

The project's procurement faced unique challenges in order to maximize value to the City and limit the City's risk exposure.

Addressing these challenges help shape the procurement objectives.

### **Challenges**

#### **Incumbent Advantage**

Mobilized, familiarity with systems, Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF)

#### **System Integration**

Ensuring integration of systems and control centre

#### **Value for Money**

Achieving value for money and competitive pricing in a \$6B concession (~\$3B Capital, ~\$3B Maintenance Period)

#### **Risk Transfer**

Maintaining the value of original Stage 1's DBFM risk transfer and quality regime

### **Objectives**

**Optimal Service** 

Maximize systems function and operability

**Accountability** 

Single point of accountability for service availability

**Meet Budget Targets** 

Meet capital budget and minimize maintenance and operating cost of the Stage 2 Project

**Optimal Risk Transfer** 

Set conditions for optimal risk transfer







## Stage 2 Procurement Approach

 Two separate projects (with two separate bids), including an MOU with Rideau Transit Group (RTG) to maintain an expanded Confederation Line:

### **MOU with RTG**

 Limited extension to Confederation Line Scope (in areas contemplated by existing contract)

### Confederation Line East and West Extensions

- Design Build Short-term Finance (DBF) competitive tender;
- RTG, via MOU, to provide maintenance services; and
- RTG will not compete

## Trillium Line Extension

- Design Build Finance Maintain (DBFM) competitive tender; and
- RTG is *permitted* to compete.







# Procurement Key Elements

The table below summarizes the key elements negotiated with RTG through MOU process:

RTG MOU Scope	<b>Negotiated Cost</b>
38 Stage 2 LRT Vehicles	Approx. \$500M
Belfast Yard MSF Expansion	
Communications Equipment	
Construction Oversight	
Procurement Support Services	
Maintenance, mobilization and latent defect risk	

Remaining Works	
Confederation Line East and West Extensions (including Trim, Moodie MSF and Hwy Widening)	Approx. \$2,500M
Trillium Line Extension	Approx. \$600M







# **Procurement Solution**

The solution, which focused on extracting efficiencies from RTG, achieved real savings for the City:

RTG MOU Scope	Savings from the Bid Price to the final Negotiated Price
Per Vehicle	\$1M reduction
Per km Vehicle Maintenance	7% reduction
Per km Infrastructure Maintenance	27% reduction

### **Vehicles:**

- The City purchased 32 Alstom Citadis vehicles through the Stage 1/ Confederation Line project. Was necessary to purchase an additional 38 vehicles for Stage 2.
- To extract maximum efficiency on existing maintenance facility, pricing and infrastructure, negotiating an increase to the vehicle order was preferred approach.
- Because City could demonstrate pricing was below what had been established in a previous competitive environment, funding partners were satisfied with direct procurement approach, as negotiated.







# Trillium Line Extension Procurement Approach

# Trillium Line Extensions Design-Build-Finance-Maintain (DBFM)

### **Trillium Line Extension Scope**

- Existing 8 km and 5 station upgrades
- Construction of additional 16 km track and 8 new stations
- City bundled projects
- City led procurement of additional diesel vehicles
- · Contingency, property, cost of short-term financing and equity placement

### Approx. \$600M Capital







## Unique Procurement Solutions: Brownfield Assets Maintenance

### **Challenge:**

 Maintain the same P3 risk transfer as on the Confederation Line, and procure the extension as a DBFM

### **Solution:**

- Transfer the maintenance responsibilities for existing assets to the private sector for 27 years
  - This resulted in an outsized maintenance payment vis a vis the capital build that the City dealt with by implementing a "wide equity" solution – requiring no long term lender and any associated lenders agreement.
- Proponents were provided with the following to price the risk of maintaining this system:
  - Exhaustive knowledge transfer of brownfield assets
  - Repeated site visits







# Unique Procurement Solutions: Vehicle Fleet

### **Challenge:**

 Assign responsibility of existing Alstom LINT fleet to Project Co and expand the fleet to accommodate the expanded service.

### **Solution:**

- City released an expression of interest procurement to determine sufficient market capacity and interest to include the acquisition of the additional fleet into the DBFM procurement:
  - City undertook a separate procurement based on expressed interest from two vehicle manufactures;
  - Stadler won the contract for the additional fleet.
- To maintain the City's total risk transfer, the Stadler contract needed to be married to the DBFM Project Co.
- City negotiated terms with Stadler that mirrored drop down terms that a typical Project Co would have with a vehicle manufacturer.
  - This approach was complicated and unprecedented.







## Trillium Line Regulatory Framework

- The Trillium Line, operated by Capital Railway on behalf of the City of Ottawa, falls within the regulatory framework of Transport Canada and the Canadian Transportation Authority (CTA).
- The City acquired the corridor from CP in 2005, subject to certain licenses, agreements and other encumbrances benefitting third parties
  - Such as Board Orders and agreements with utility and telecommunications providers.







## Transport Canada

- Transport Canada requires verifiable documentation that all equipment meets all applicable legislation, regulation, rules and standards under the Railway Safety Act, including the following submittals:
  - Notice of Railway Works
  - DMU Inspection Rules
  - Safety Management System (update)
  - Security Management System (update)
  - Notice of Change in Operations
  - Capital Railway Operating Rules and Timetable
  - Railway Operating Certificate







## Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA)

- The CTA provides regulatory approval, determinations and issues authorities, licenses and permits to transportation carriers under federal jurisdiction.
- The City is required to provide the following submittals to the CTA:
  - Application for Approval to Construct a Railway Line
  - Updated Certificate of Fitness







# Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA)

- Board Orders act to establish rights and responsibilities as they relate to the operation and maintenance of a federally regulated railway.
- The CTA approves Board Orders for all items under federal jurisdiction as they relate to:
  - The operation of federally regulated railways
  - The construction of new or the rehabilitation of structure to support the federally regulated railway line and in the vicinity, or directly on or adjacent to, federally regulated railway lines.
- The Project Team identified a total of 296 Board Orders related to the Trillium Line, with 183 identified as being no longer relevant to current operations.







### Rideau Canal swing bridge (1871).



From Canadian Illustrated News, December 9 and 16, 1871, engraved by E. Haberer. Gravure d'E. Haberer. Tirée des Canadian Illustrated News des 9 et 16 décembre 1871.











## Regulatory Challenges

### **Challenges:**

- Legacy information from the 2005 Purchase and Sale Agreement, Board Orders and Retained agreements were:
  - Often incomplete
  - Difficult to find in government archives
  - Difficult to translate into encumbrances and/or contractual requirements.

### **Solution:**

- City has maintained the risk on regulatory obligations and was only able to pass obligations onto Trillium Line proponents that were explicitly outlined in the Output Specifications.
- City provided as much of the regulatory background information as possible during procurement to ensure bidders were aware of the regulatory environment within which they would be operating.







### Budget, Funding and Next Steps

 Projected cost of Stage 2 project is approximately \$3.6
 B (including bundled projects) with each level of government contributing to the total funding package.

<b>Upcoming Milestones</b>	Target
Contract Award	Jan/Feb 2019
Financial Close	March 2019
Construction	2019







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