Urban Construction Initiative Certification Program Update

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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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