CHARLOTTE STREETCAR STARTER PROJECT

Utility Rules of Practice

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Planning and Engineering Services for:

• 10-mile Modern Streetcar Route
• 37 Planned Stops, EA Completed
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Schedule:

• CSP Design (30%) and EA – 2011
• SSP Design Completed – August 2012
• Bid – October 2012
• Begin Construction – December 2012
• Begin Service – March 2015
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Construction:
• Utility Relocation
• Civil and Track
• OCS / Traction Power
• Vehicles
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Funding

- Urban Circulator Grant: $24,990,000
- Pay-As-You-Go Fund: $6,500,000
- City Financing: $5,500,000
- Total SSP Funding: $36,990,000
Utility Rules of Practice – a tool for

• Identify utility concerns / conflicts early
• Develop a conceptual utility relocation cost estimate for the project
• Provide future phases a clear view of upcoming challenges and realistic costs
• Provide guidance for utility relocations on the CSP corridor as development occurs
The ROP is a guideline to be used with existing agreements, ordinances, or contracts.  

- Not intended to be a policy document, doesn’t establish financial responsibility  
- Process to inform utilities and City departments about potential streetcar issues – this is an open platform for discussion  
- Establishes a “starting point” for acceptable levels of risk – a distance from the streetcar
Results of the ROP:

- A working document agreed to by City Depts.
- Private utilities not asked to endorse the ROP
- A starting point for all future utility concerns
- Starting point for internal Memorandum of Understanding
- ROP is being used by CDOT Right-of-Way Management for development permit reviews