

DATE: September 28, 2021

SUBJECT: Operator Restroom UDC 2021-35- GRTC Transfer Station at
808 E. Clay Street

To Whom it May Concern:

The plans proposed for the GRTC temporary transfer site at 808 E. Clay Street include restrooms for GRTC operators. The inclusion for restrooms in the plans for operators is an immediate necessity as GRTC previously had a contract to use the restrooms within the formerly City owned Public Safety building. Since the building has been sold and is set to be demolished, GRTC no longer has access to restrooms adjacent to the current temporary transfer location on 9th street. Operator restroom locations are challenging along bus routes and the end of lines; therefore, a reliable downtown restroom is very much a need for operators.

As the use of the 808 Clay Street site as a transfer facility is planned to be temporary in nature, the level of investment is also controlled to minimum costs. The current design is planned for a duration of 2 – 5 years. Temporary ‘trailer style’ operator restroom facility options have been explored and are considered for the temporary needs of the transfer site. This style of restrooms consists of self-contained water and sanitary tanks, that would not require underground utility connections. If relocation is necessary, the restrooms can be relocated to elsewhere in the system or contract terminated.

Restroom access for the public is an amenity that would be considered in the design of a permanent transfer site. Ridership loads and frequency of use exceed the capacity of the “temporary” style restrooms under consideration. The associated construction and maintenance costs for a restroom that would accommodate operators, riders, and the general public is currently cost prohibited. The proposed improvements to the site are planned to be temporary, as GRTC and the City continue to work together to identify and construct a permanent transfer facility in the vicinity of Downtown Richmond.

