

# City Council/AlexRenew Board Workgroup Meeting No. 3

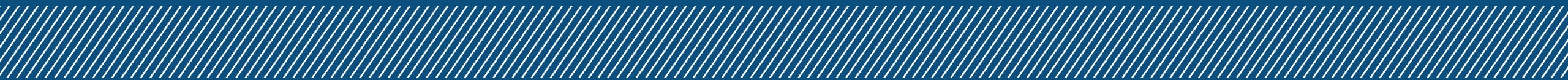
October 15, 2018



# Presentation outline

- Community Listening Sessions Recap
- RiverRenew Stakeholder Advisory Group Formation
- Program-wide schedule
- Next Steps

# Community Listening Sessions Recap



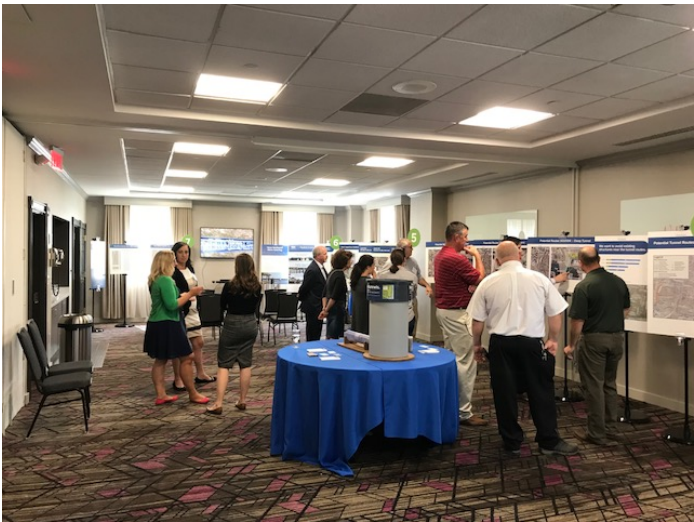
# RiverRenew engaged a variety of groups and over 150 people in September and early October

Date	Location	Outfall	Sign-ins
9/17	United Way	001	23
9/20	Residence Inn	003/4	27
9/24	St. Mary School	002	24
9/25	AlexRenew	All	42
10/10	Old Town Civic	All	64

### Groups represented:

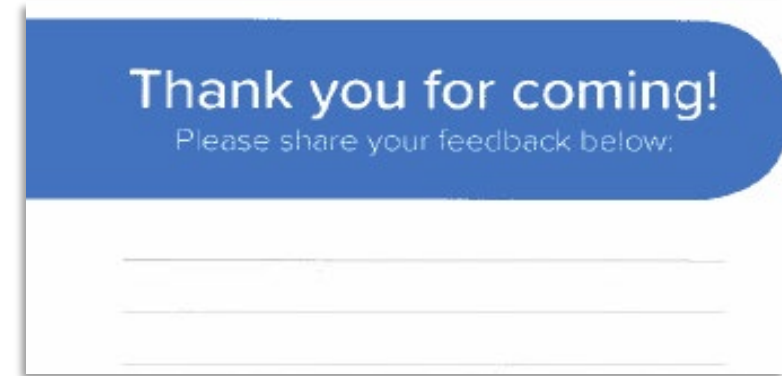
- City Council
- AlexRenew Board of Directors
- LTCPU Stakeholder Advisory Group
- National Park Service
- Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
- Office of State Senator Adam Ebbin
- Office of State Delegate Mark Levine
- Virginia American Water
- Potomac Riverkeeper Network
- Old Town Civic Association
- Ford’s Landing
- St. Mary School
- Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

# Pictures from the Listening Sessions



# We have been soliciting feedback through a variety of channels

- Comment cards were available at each session
- Comments can also be submitted online via:
  - [riverrenew.com/comments](http://riverrenew.com/comments)
  - [parkplanning.nps.gov/alexrenew](http://parkplanning.nps.gov/alexrenew)
- Scribes documented major themes and questions during the sessions
- Several comments received via email
- Boards added to RiverRenew's website for reference



Comment card

[George Washington Memorial Parkway » Remediate Alexandria's Combined Sewer Outfalls » Document List » Document Contents](#)

## Remediate Alexandria's Combined Sewer Outfalls

AlexRenew and the National Park Service (NPS) seeks your input.

Alexandria's century-old combined sewer system consists of only one pipe that conveys both sanitary sewage and captured rainwater. On sunny days, all sewage flows to the AlexRenew's Water Resource Recovery Facility. When it rains, the pipes can become overwhelmed with a mixture of sewage and rainwater, which is discharged into our waterways via four permitted outfalls.



NPS website

# We've received significant feedback to date – comment period remains open through October 25th

## Over 50 written comments received as of 10/10

- Community preference toward Potomac-Church tunnel route for 001/2
- Strong community preference for locating the Outfall 002 Diversion Facility as far south as possible (not at Green Street)
- Community supports shallow options for Outfalls 003/4 with preference toward open-cut along Hooffs Run
- Concerns regarding truck traffic and contaminated soil/groundwater

*"By far, the least disruptive and most advantageous option is the Hooffs Run Option. It also gives the opportunity to remediate that beautiful waterway."*

*It seems the [Royal Street] staging area will impact St. Mary School less. That should probably be the most important concern in the location of this construction since many children will be impacted by this decision.*

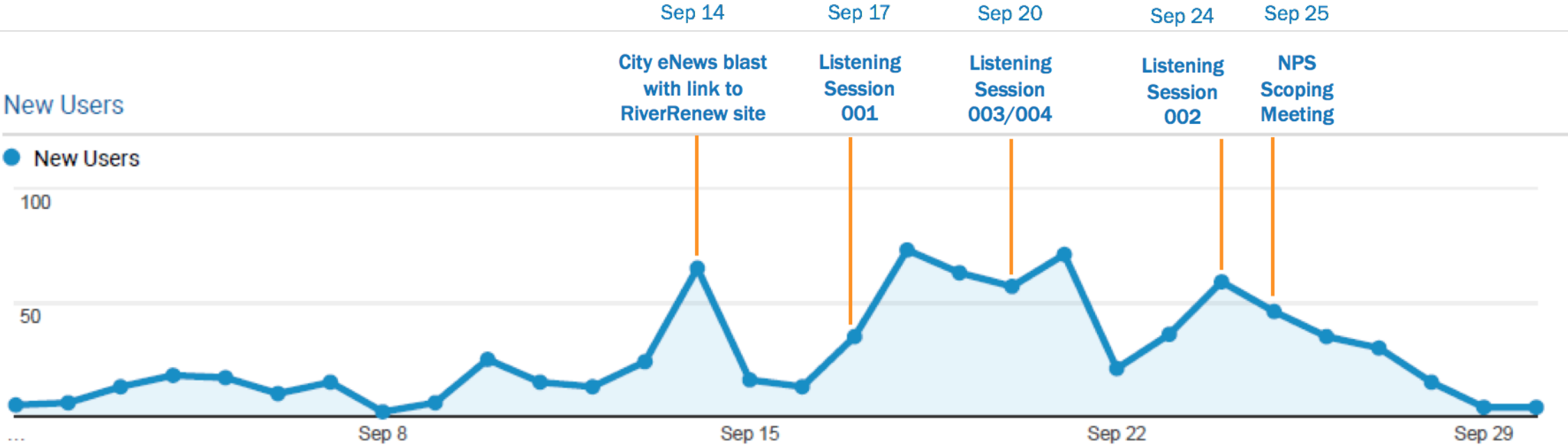
*"Please utilize the Royal Street solution ... This would minimize impact and disturbance of traffic patterns, and most importantly – minimize impact on the highly valued community garden."*

# We are also capturing questions to update the riverrenew.com FAQ page

Timing and Cost	Agency Coordination	Construction and Impacts	Benefits and the Environment
<p><i>Is the 2025 deadline realistic, and what happens if it is not met?</i></p> <p><i>Who is paying for the program?</i></p> <p><i>Is state and/or federal funding available?</i></p>	<p><i>How are we working with other agencies to preserve historic structures and archaeological integrity?</i></p> <p><i>How are NPS and VDEQ involved?</i></p> <p><i>How are the alternatives chosen?</i></p>	<p><i>Will there be impacts to bike paths and pedestrian walkways?</i></p> <p><i>How is muck from the tunnel building process transported and disposed of?</i></p> <p><i>What are the impacts to surrounding cemeteries?</i></p>	<p><i>How will benefits for wildlife be calculated over time?</i></p> <p><i>Why is a 100% capture rate not required?</i></p> <p><i>Will this system withstand a 100-year storm and/or a changing climate?</i></p>



# New traffic to the riverrenew.com peaked after the City eNews announcement and the Listening Sessions



# Tunnel naming has been extended to December 1, 2018



About 100 submissions to date with some great ideas:

001/2 Tunnel

003/4 Tunnel

Blue Mallard Tunnel

Canvasback Tunnel

George Tunnel

Martha Tunnel

Waterfront Tunnel

Cameron Tunnel

Oronoco Tunnel

Hooffs Run Tunnel

Northhook Tunnel

Underhooffs Tunnel

Alex Tunnel

Andria Tunnel

# RiverRenew Stakeholder Advisory Group Formation

Revised from September feedback



# RiverRenew Stakeholder Advisory Group at-a-glance

## Name

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RiverRenew Stakeholder Advisory Group

## Size

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14-person group representing both ratepayers and construction neighbors, including residents and businesses.

## Timeframe

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**Term.** Early 2019 – Mid 2020

**Meetings.** Monthly or as needed

**Next Term.** Update/Validate group members and charge of group in Mid 2020

## Selection

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**Identification.** Nominations, applications (available at Listening Sessions), discussions at Listening Sessions, through social media, online via website and association meetings

**Selection.** Once a pool of applicants has been identified, AlexRenew General Manager and City of Alexandria City Manager or his designee select members

**Working Group Make Up.** Balanced and diverse group of citizens representing neighborhoods, businesses and environmental groups who commit to being active and engaged in the stakeholder process

## Charge

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Review and monitor program progress

Communicate progress to community by leveraging network to serve as spokespeople for program

Receive input from the public

Provide recommendations regarding mitigation of community impacts



## RiverRenew Stakeholder Advisory Group outcomes

- Maintain an active and informed citizen group that provides diverse perspectives throughout design
- Disseminate information to additional networks on program progress through the active citizen group members
- Create a transparent program development process where community perspectives are represented and respected
- Establish trust between AlexRenew and the community

# Recommended Stakeholder Advisory Group Composition

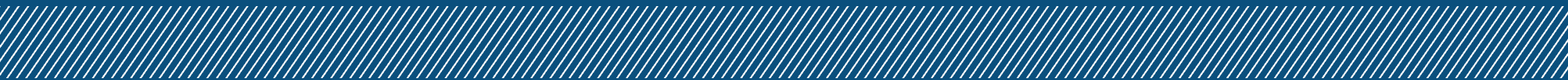
Area of Representation	# of Members	Description
Outfall 001	1 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominated by the North Old Town Independent Citizens' Association</li> <li>Resident or business near Tobacco Quay, Oronoco Waterfront Residences or Rivergate</li> </ul>
Outfall 002	1 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominated by the Old Town Civic Association</li> <li>Resident, business, or non-profit near South Royal/Green Streets</li> </ul>
Outfalls 003/4	1 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominated by the Eisenhower Partnership</li> <li>Resident or business of the Carlyle community or Duke Street corridor</li> </ul>
AlexRenew Customer	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At-large residents with interest in RiverRenew</li> </ul>
City-wide Organizations	1 1 1 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominated by Environmental Policy Commission</li> <li>Nominated by an Alexandria business group</li> <li>Nominated by the Park and Recreation Commission</li> <li>Nominated by the Alexandria Archaeological Commission</li> </ul>
At-large	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resident with engineering, environmental, financial or related experience</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	

Note: Members cannot be part of any firm involved with or in pursuit of work associated with RiverRenew

# Schedule for formation of Stakeholder Advisory Group

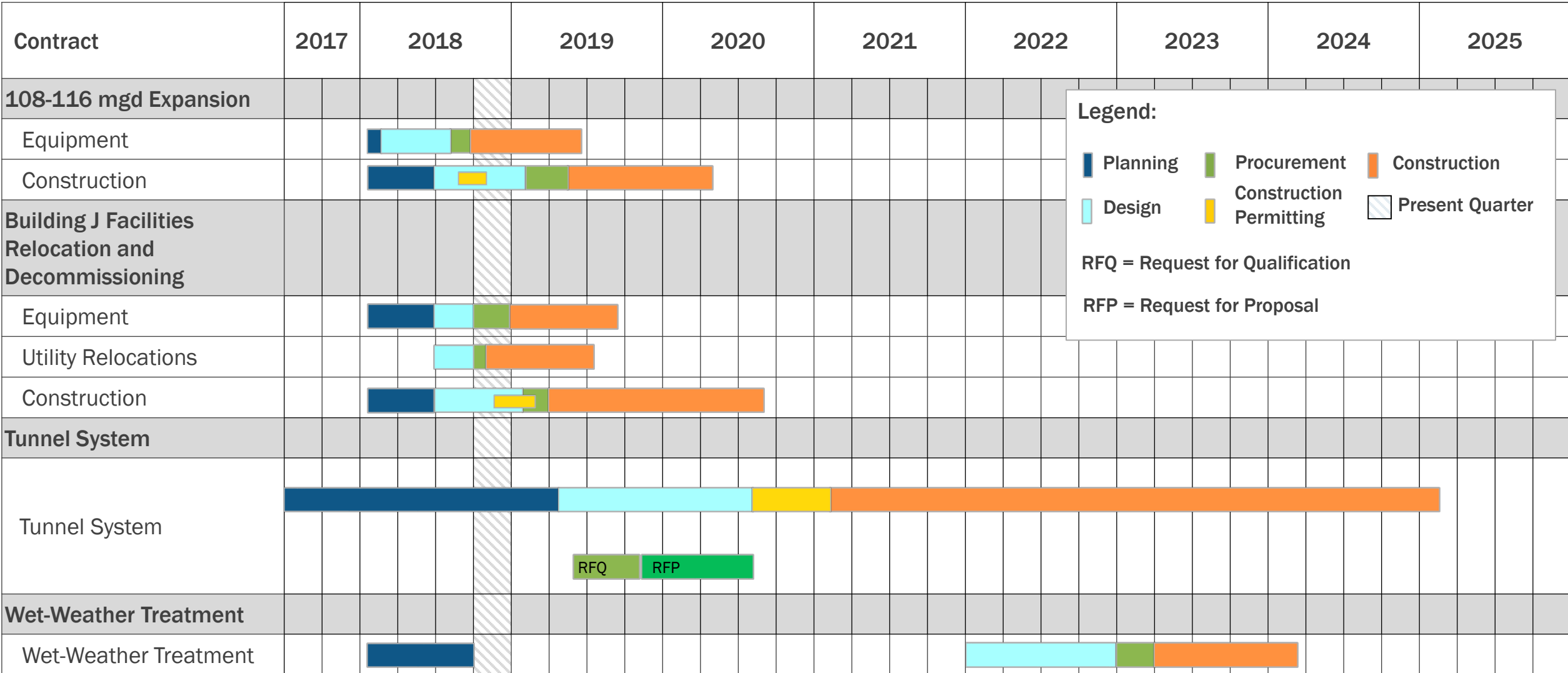
Activity	2018				2019													
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	
Council/Board Workgroup Review and Comment on Stakeholder Process	█																	
City Council/AlexRenew Boards Formally Endorse Stakeholder Process		█																
Community Listening Sessions - Inform about Stakeholder formation	█																	
Stakeholder Advisory Group Formation Outreach																		
Post on RiverRenew			█															
Include in bill stuffer(s)			█	█														
Presentations to Civic Associations, HOAs, etc.			█	█														
Purchase ads in papers			█	█														
Select Members				█	█													
Monthly Meetings or as needed					█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█

# Program-wide Schedule and Next Steps





# RiverRenew program-wide schedule



## Next steps

- Continue to solicit feedback on tunnel route and diversion facility alternatives – comment period closes on **October 25, 2018**
- Review compiled comments and develop Environmental Assessment by Spring 2019
- RiverRenew Stakeholder Advisory Group action at October 23, 2018 council session
- Form RiverRenew Stakeholder Advisory Group by January 2019
- Next Council/Board Workgroup Meeting on November 14, 2018 at AlexRenew