

Track Access Safety Training

Any individual or group including HRT employees and Non-HRT personnel, who need to access the Right of Way of the Tide Light Rail System, must successfully complete Track Access Safety Training facilitated by HRT Light Rail Operations. Participants will be tested on all information covered during training sessions and expected to pass all test with a score of 85% or higher. This training includes three levels of Right of Way access. Please review the following information to determine which level of training personnel will need:

Track Access Process

All individuals or groups attending Track Access training will be trained on the Track Access Process, which includes information on the general qualification and access policy, how to properly complete temporary work permits and the track allocation process.

Level 1 Training

Personnel who require general access to perform work on the HRT mainline, in the yard, or adjacent to the Right of Way that has the potential to impact train operations will need Level 1. Such work may include landscaping, track maintenance, traffic signal maintenance, crossing gate maintenance, track inspections or environmental inspections. Most work performed on the HRT Right of Way will fall under the Level 1 Training.

After successful completion of this training personnel will be able to perform work within the HRT Right of Way. However, any work performed within the “Operating Right of Way” which is 12 feet from the center of the running rails of either the designated eastbound track #1 or the designated westbound track #2, would require at least one person who has completed Level 2 Training. That person could be a HRT employee or a member from your work crew who is certified at Level 2.

Level 2 Training

Personnel who will set up and provide flag protection for work crews need Level 2. Personnel will be trained on HRT rules and guidelines for proper flagging procedures, setting up work zones and ensuring the safe passage of trains. Personnel must also complete Level 1 Training prior to receiving the Level 2 Training.

After successful completion of this training, personnel will be able to perform duties as a flagperson whose responsibility is to check out flagging equipment from our Operations Control Center, properly set up work zones in accordance to HRT guidelines, alert work crews when train movement is on approach and to provide hand signals to train operators or track equipment operators to ensure the safe passage of trains.



Personnel will also be able to serve as a Lookout whose sole duty is to look for approaching trains or on-track equipment and provide advanced warning to employees before arrival of trains or on-track equipment.

Level 3 Training

Personnel who will operate Hi-Rail Vehicles or On-Track Equipment, which is equipment that operates as a rail borne vehicle will need Level 3. This does not include vehicles that will operate or store near the Right of Way. Personnel must also successfully complete Level 1 Training and Level 2 Training prior to receiving the Level 3 Training.

After successful completion of this training, personnel will be responsible setting track switches for intended routes, vehicle inspections that meet HRT requirements and operating track equipment along the HRT Right of Way under control at all times.

Training Times

The approximate time for each level of training is approximately 2 hours per session.

Completion

Participants who successfully complete and pass the required test for each level of Track Access Safety Training, will receive a qualification card that will list their level of qualification. This qualification card must be in their possession at all times while they are working on or near Right of Way and HRT Facilities. Personnel who don't have this card in their possession while on the HRT Right of Way will be considered trespassers and escorted off HRT property.

HRT Light Rail Operations will contact all individuals who do not successfully pass any level of Track Access Training to reschedule re-training and testing.

Each month the Training Department will distribute a training schedule of classes for anyone who may need to attend Track Access Training. **To schedule yourself or your personnel for Track Access Training, please contact the Light Rail Operations Training Department at (757) 222-6000 ext. 6671 or by email: trackaccess@hamptonroadstransit.onmicrosoft.com.**