



RFI Questions and Answers

HOAC-HO-57808 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO PARTICIPATE IN PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ON THE B NETWORK RAILWAY LINES, INCLUDING BRANCH LINES FOR FREIGHT AND PASSENGER TRAINS, TO INFORM THE FRAMING OF THE PROBLEM STATEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNING ONE OR MORE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMMES

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Q1: The anticipated commencement timelines for the implementation and operationalisation of the programme

Answer: For Phase 1: RFI, the aim is to develop a commonly agreed Framing Problem Statement (FPS) for Private Sector Participation (PSP) on the B-Network that includes branch and feeder lines. The closing date for bids in this phase is 31 July 2026.

For Phase 2: RFP, the aim is to use the FPS to design of one or more commercial programmes. The FPS will drive the development of PSP initiatives, which may result in the design of various PSP Projects on the B-Network. The RFP is planned to be released on 01 December 2026 and to close on 30 March 2027. Successful bidder will commence upon contract conclusion and fulfillment of all condition precedence.

Q2. The specific rail corridors, branch lines, or freight routes that are currently being considered or made available under this bid process

List of the sites we can visit & the provinces.

Answer: The specific rail corridors, branch lines, or freight routes that are currently being considered are outline in the project information document that was shared as an annexure to the RFI. Refer to Annexure A & B

Q3. Whether additional corridor opportunities are expected to be released in future phases

Answer: TRIM releases the Network Statement and advertises available slots annually. Additionally, slots are advertised periodically as they become available and TOCs can apply for them using the ad hoc process.

TRIM advertises PSP opportunities as they become available informed by operational and strategic requirements.

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Q4. The intended participation model envisaged by Transnet (e.g. concessions, operating slots, joint ventures, access agreements, etc.)

Answer: The intended model for all B-Network short lines and feeder lines is concessions.

Q5. Any planned bidder briefing sessions, stakeholder engagements, or information sessions that may provide additional insight into the programme

Answer: A non-compulsory briefing session will be conducted on Microsoft Teams on 29 May 2026 at 10:00 am.

Q6. Is participating in the RFI a pre-requisite to respond to the RFP?

Answer: No, it's not a pre-requisite to participate in the RFP process.

Q7. There's an RFI going on now, but if you go on the website, there's already network lines that are being concessioned. It seems there's a process that's ahead on certain lines yet you're still asking for information. Please clarify.

Answer: The only lines that are in concession currently are

- 1. George to Knysna.**
- 2. Rayton to Cullinan.**
- 3. Mthatha to Amabele.**

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Q8. Is the Prince Alfred line in the Western Region and the is part of the RFI

Answer: In the Western Region we have the Wolseley Prince Alfred Hamlet line that includes Ceres. This line is part of the RFP process.

Q9. Is there a consolidated list of the lines that will be included in the three phase RFP process?

Answer: The specific rail corridors, branch lines, or freight routes that are currently being considered are outline in the project information document that was shared as an Annexure to the RFI. Refer to Annexure A & B.

Q10. The use of the George Knysna line has already been concessioned, but no provision was made for workers who use the line to walk to work from Knysna to Belvedere and use of the George corridor. What provision is being made for workers and commuters to use the corridors on this RFI?

Answer: The George to Knysna line is currently under repair. As this rehabilitation process is progressing railway bridges will be repair for the public to utilize. This RFI includes various lines in different regions. The public is not allowed to use the railway line as a walkway. The public must utilise railway bridges to safely cross railway lines.

Deadline for RFI clarification submissions: Before 16:00 pm on 10 July 2026

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