

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

February 1, 2011

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met with the following members present: Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough – 7. Absent: 0. Also present was Julie Kleinschmidt, County Manager and Phil Carruthers, Director of Civil Division, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

Chair McDonough called the meeting to order at 11:32 AM.

AGENDA

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the Agenda of the February 1, 2011 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Carter moved approval of the Minutes of the January 11, 2010 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0.

1. Appointments to the Gateway Corridor Commission

Commissioner Carter moved approval of the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. (R11-07)

WHEREAS, Regional Railroad Authority Resolution R11-05 approved appointments of Commissioners to various outside Boards, Committees, etc.; and

WHEREAS, The appointments made to the Gateway Corridor Commission were incomplete; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appoint a member, a first alternate and a second alternate to this Board; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority hereby approves the following appointments to the Gateway Corridor Commission for the year 2011:

GATEWAY CORRIDOR COMMISSION (I-94)

Ortega

Bennett, First Alternate

Reinhardt, Second Alternate

2. Agency Agreement No. 98169 with Mn/DOT for Federal Funding of the Union Depot Project – Advance Construction

Commissioner Rettman moved approval of the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Ortega.

Commissioner Rettman said she appreciated seeing the prior agreement in the agenda packet

Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. (R11-08)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is developing the Union Depot as a multi-modal transit hub; and

WHEREAS, Federal funding has been appropriated to support the project through the Minnesota Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, An Agency Agreement is required between the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for the administration of the Federal funds; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation shall be appointed as Agent of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority approves Agency Agreement No. 98169 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for federal funding in an estimated amount of \$18,734,801 for Advance Construction of the Union Depot project; and Be it Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority authorizes the Chair to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation, on behalf of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 98169", a copy of which said agreement was before the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority and which is made a part hereof by reference.

3. Agency Agreement No. 98170 with Mn/DOT for Federal Funding of the Union Depot Project – St. Paul Force Account – Water facilities and traffic signal work

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. (R11-09)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is developing the Union Depot as a multi-modal transit hub; and

WHEREAS, Federal funding has been appropriated to support the project through the Minnesota Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, An Agency Agreement is required between the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for the administration of the Federal funds;

WHEREAS, a public interest finding has determined that work required on City of St. Paul water facilities and traffic signals can be completed more economically as a Force Account by the City of St. Paul; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation shall be appointed as Agent of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority approves Agency Agreement No. 98170 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for federal funding in an estimated amount of \$112,500 for City of St. Paul water facilities and traffic signal work on the Union Depot project; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority authorizes the Chair to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation, on behalf of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 98170", a copy of which said agreement was before the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority and which is made a part hereof by reference.

4. Agency Agreement No. 98171 with Mn/DOT for Federal Funding of the Union Depot Project – St. Paul Force Account – Class 1 Railroads

Commissioner Ortega moved approval of the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. (R11-10)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is developing the Union Depot as a multi-modal transit hub; and

WHEREAS, Federal funding has been appropriated to support the project through the Minnesota Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, An Agency Agreement is required between the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for the administration of the Federal funds; Now, Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation shall be appointed as Agent of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority approves Agency Agreement No. 98171 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for federal funding in an estimated amount of \$9,125,000 for Class 1 Railroads to design and construct necessary revisions to existing track configurations to allow proposed services to the Depot facility; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority authorizes the Chair to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation, on behalf of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in “Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 98171”, a copy of which said agreement was before the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority and which is made a part hereof by reference.

5. Agency Agreement No. 98172 with Mn/DOT for Federal Funding of the Union Depot Project – Construction Engineering

Commissioner Ortega moved approval of the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. (R11-11)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is developing the Union Depot as a multi-modal transit hub; and

WHEREAS, Federal funding has been appropriated to support the project through the Minnesota Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, An Agency Agreement is required between the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for the administration of the Federal funds; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation shall be appointed as Agent of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority approves Agency Agreement No. 98172 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for federal funding in an estimated amount of \$10,311,837 for Construction Engineering of the Union Depot project; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority authorizes the Chair to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation, on behalf of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 98172", a copy of which said agreement was before the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority and which is made a part hereof by reference.

CORRIDOR UPDATES

- Rush Line Corridor
Commissioner Reinhardt reported that the Rush Line Task Force (Task Force) has been closely monitoring the Route 285 Express bus ridership numbers and reviewing feedback since service began on October 18, 2010. The Task Force met on January 20, 2011 and discussed potential changes and adjustments to the service. It was approved that there will be a schedule adjustment to take effect on February 14, 2011. The change will occur at the White Bear Township Theatre Park and Ride where two of the four morning and afternoon trips will no longer stop there. This will still leave two Rush Line buses and three Metro Transit buses serving the park and ride in the morning and afternoon. The Task Force believes the schedule adjustment will increase the 285 ridership since it will allow for a reduction in travel time of 15 minutes from Forest Lake/Columbus to downtown St. Paul.
- Red Rock Corridor
Commissioner Rettman reported that Dakota County Commissioner Joe Harris was appointed Chair of the Red Rock Corridor Commission for 2011 at the January 27, 2011 Commission meeting. She said at this meeting, Mike Rogers, Senior Transportation Planner for the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, gave a thorough update of the East Metro Rail Capacity study that was well received by everyone, especially the new members of the Commission.
- Minnesota High Speed Rail Corridor
Commissioner Rettman reported that the Minnesota High Speed Rail Corridor Commission will meet on February 3, 2011. She said a lot of work will take place in the next two years for High Speed Rail and that it is still speeding along.
- Gateway Corridor
Commissioner Ortega reported that Lisa Weik of Washington County was elected Chair, and Dean Johnston of Lake Elmo was elected Vice Chair at the Gateway Corridor Commission meeting on January 13, 2011. They also voted for St. Paul Chamber of Commerce's (SPCC) Ex-Officio Members. Matt Kramer, President of the SPCC, attended the meeting and he is very supportive of the corridor. The Gateway Corridor Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet tomorrow, February 2, 2011. The Gateway PAC will consist of constituents from Minnesota and Wisconsin because the corridor goes from Minneapolis, MN to Eau Claire, WI.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair McDonough declared the meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.