

# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

September 13, 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 9:50 AM.

## AGENDA

Commissioner Carter moved approval of the Agenda of the September 13, 2011 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Parker Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0.

### 1. Maximum levy for the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority 2012 Budget

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. (R11-32)

WHEREAS, The Truth in Taxation Law (M.S. 275.065) requires the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority to certify a proposed maximum tax levy to the Property Records and Revenue Department (County Auditor) by September 15, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The Truth in Taxation Law includes a provision that the approved tax levy for the 2012 budget cannot be more than the proposed tax levy certified by the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority by September 13, 2011; and

WHEREAS, In order to continue to improve the quality of life and access to services in the region, to remain a partner in transit activities in the region with other agencies, including the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the seven metro county Regional Railroad Authorities, Metropolitan Council and Metro Transit; Now, Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority hereby approves the proposed maximum tax levy of \$19,938,811 to finance the 2012 Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Budget, which in accordance with the Truth in Taxation Law, must be certified to the Department of Property Records and Revenue by September 15, 2011.

## CORRIDOR UPDATES

- Gateway  
Commissioner Ortega reported that in addition to the monthly meetings, there have been many community meetings throughout the corridor. At this phase, they are laying out the parameters for the Alternatives Analysis.
- Southwest  
Chair McDonough reported that the corridor was approved last week by the Federal Transit Authority to move into preliminary engineering. This is a big step that positions the corridor to move toward final design and hopefully a Full Funding Grant Agreement.
- Rush Line  
Commissioner Reinhardt reported that all of the other corridor partners have approved to use funds already allocated for another year of commuter coach service, as the RCRRA approved this at its August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Therefore, Rush Line will be providing the express service from Anoka County into St. Paul for a second year for evaluation of ridership, which has been increasing every month.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair McDonough declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.