

## RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

November 25, 2008

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met on Tuesday, November 25, 2008, in the Council Chambers, Third Floor Court House.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Jim McDonough  
Commissioner Tony Bennett  
Commissioner Toni Carter  
Commissioner Rafael Ortega  
Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt  
Commissioner Janice Rettman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Jan Parker

Chair McDonough called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM

### AGENDA

Commissioner Ortega moved approval of the Agenda of the November 25, 2008 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt.

Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. No Vote - Parker, Motion accepted.

#### 1. **Request bonding for projects from the 2009 Legislative session**

Chair McDonough explained that the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority bonding requests, \$9,000,000 to match federal funding for the Union Depot Intermodal Transit and Transportation Hub; \$1,000,000 for Rush Line infrastructure; \$1,000,000 for the I-94 East Corridor; \$10,000,000 for High Speed Rail, are not necessarily amounts that ended up any of the bonding bills that were vetoed last year but are original amounts that were requested.

Commissioner Ortega moved approval of the bonding requests for projects from the 2009 Legislative session, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt.

Commissioner Rettman asked when they would receive the write up of the items from the Legislative Committee packet.

Chair McDonough responded that he believed the write up was done.

Tim Mayasich, Director of Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority, commented that the Regional Railroad Authority's bonding request write ups were sent to their government relations staff yesterday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, and are being processed.

Commissioner Rettman asked if they would have the write ups by the time the Legislative packet came to the County Board for final approval.

Tim Mayasich replied that the County Board will receive them before the Board requests action.

Nick Riley, Senior Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator for Ramsey County addressed the Board to confirm the process. The Board would approve the bonding proposals today, allowing for the proposals' inclusion in the County Board's legislative packet, which would be brought to the Board for final approval.

Chair McDonough asked Nick Riley to email the write ups to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Rettman inquired if the \$8.5 million was being requested by the Metropolitan Council and if it would be listed appropriately.

Chair McDonough confirmed that the Met Council would be making that request and that the Board would keep supporting it.

Commissioner Reinhardt clarified that it was simply a placeholder on the Legislative agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. No Vote - Parker, Motion accepted.

Chair McDonough added that at the Legislative Committee meeting last week, they discussed developing language to take a clear position and ensure that the new dedicated funding for transit in the community is used to increase capacity and improve the system.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.