

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

October 12, 2010

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

Chair McDonough called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

AGENDA

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the Agenda of the October 12, 2010 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rettman. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Parker moved approval of the Minutes of the September 21, 2010 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0.

1. Public Utility Easement for Storm Sewer Purposes

Commissioner Ortega moved approval of the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. (R10-48)

WHEREAS, the CITY OF SAINT PAUL is planning storm water improvement projects including a wetland enhancement plans near the Southeast corner of Lake Phalen; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF SAINT PAUL, a municipal corporation under the laws of the State of Minnesota, is requesting a Dedication of Easement for Public Utility Purposes agreement for a storm sewer, which will be located near the Southeast corner of Lake Phalen, North of the intersection of Johnson and Maryland, and will cross perpendicular to and under a portion of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority corridor property; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority supports the CITY OF SAINT PAUL's storm sewer and wetland improvements because of the positive impact it will have on the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the underground storm sewer installation does not appear to create any conflict for future transportation development, including the possibility of light rail; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority authorizes its Chair to execute a Dedication of Easement Agreement for Public Utility Purposes to the CITY OF SAINT PAUL for a storm sewer.

2. Union Depot TIGER grant agreement with the Federal Highway Administration and Minnesota Department of Transportation

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, McDonough – 7. Nays – 0. (R10-49)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has worked to develop the Union Depot Multi-Modal Transit Hub and other transportation projects that benefit the citizens of Ramsey County; and

WHEREAS, The RCRRA was awarded a \$35,000,000 TIGER grant for the project; and

WHEREAS, A Grant Agreement has been negotiated with the Federal Highway Administration and the Minnesota Department of Transportation to provide the funding; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority approve the Grant Agreement with the Federal Highway Administration and the Minnesota Department of Transportation for \$35,000,000 in funding under the TIGER program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority authorizes the County Manager to execute the Agreement.

CORRIDOR UPDATES

Rush Line Corridor

Commissioner Reinhardt reported that the 285 Express Rush Line Commuter Coach bus service is starting on Monday, October 18, 2010. She said a press release went out, the schedule is available and the service will be provided.

High Speed Rail Corridor

Commissioner Rettman reminded the Board that the High Speed Rail Summit will take place on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at the Union Depot in St. Paul. It is necessary to RSVP to this event which has an admittance fee of \$5.00 per person. She said it should be very well attended.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair McDonough declared the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.