

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

December 21, 2010

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met with the following members present: Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Reinhardt, McDonough – 5. Absent: Parker, Rettman – 2. Also present was Julie Kleinschmidt, County Manager.

Chair McDonough called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

AGENDA

Commissioner Carter moved approval of the Agenda of the December 21, 2010 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Reinhardt, McDonough – 5. Nays – 0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the Minutes of the November 16, 2010 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Carter. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Reinhardt, McDonough – 5. Nays – 0.

1. Construction, Operations and Maintenance Agreement and Dedication of Highway Easement

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Reinhardt, McDonough – 5. Nays – 0. (R10-57)

WHEREAS, On July 21, 2010, The Minnesota Department of Transportation notified the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority notice of Mn/DOT's intent to acquire a portion of RCRRA real estate in the area known as the Kellogg and Broadway surface parking lots, for the purpose of replacing the existing Trunk Highway 52/Lafayette Bridge with two new Bridges; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is also developing the Union Depot Multi-modal Transportation Hub, which includes adding passenger rail infrastructure under Lafayette Bridge; and

WHEREAS, A *Permanent* Highway Easement including terms for construction and operations cooperation is necessary for both projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation will pay the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority \$375,000.00 plus any costs associated with terminating the third party parking management contract for the Upper parking area; now, therefore be

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority approves a Construction, Operations and Maintenance Agreement and Dedication of Highway Easement for Public Transportation Purposes to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for Trunk Highway 52/Lafayette Bridge over Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority property; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority authorizes the Chair to execute the Construction, Operations and Maintenance Agreement and Dedication of Highway Easement.

2. Parking Lease – United States Post Office

Commissioner Carter moved approval of the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Reinhardt, McDonough – 5. Nays – 0. (R10-58)

WHEREAS, On May 22, 2008, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority executed a Contract for Deed with the United States Post Office for portions of the downtown United States Post Office property, including the Concourse and the Parking Garage; and

WHEREAS, Section 9.5 of the Contract for Deed requires the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, following the payoff, to provide 30 secured parking stalls and an additional 85 parking stalls, non gratis, within a four block radius of the United States Post Office tower; and

WHEREAS, Having explored all the viable options, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority and the United States Post Office have identified the only agreeable and viable site to be a portion of the Kellogg and Broadway surface parking lot; and

WHEREAS, This parking lease satisfies the parking obligations under Section 9.5 of the May 22, 2008 Contract for Deed, and generates additional income for the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority; now, therefore be

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority approves a 24-month lease agreement to the United States Post Office for approximately 14,490 square feet of space on the Kellogg and Broadway surface parking lot facility at 390 east Kellogg Blvd, St. Paul 55101-1409 for the period 01/01/11 through 12/31/12, in the amount of \$82,800 per year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority authorizes the Chair to execute the lease agreement.

CORRIDOR UPDATES

No updates were reported.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair McDonough declared the meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.