

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

October 27, 2009

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met in the Council Chambers, Third Floor Court House, with the following members present: Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman – 6. Absent: McDonough -1.

Vice-Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 10:45 AM.

AGENDA

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the Agenda of the October 27, 2009 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Carter. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Carter moved approval of the Minutes from the October 6, 2009 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0.

1. Ratification of Report of Contracts

Commissioner Carter moved approval of the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (R09-43)

WHEREAS, Administrative Code 4.3.50A requires a report of all contracts approved by the County Manager; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority hereby approves the Quarterly Report of Contracts for the period of July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009.

2. Approve Fourth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with URS Corporation for Union Depot Conceptual Engineering and Environmental Assessment Services.

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (R09-44)

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

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority entered into a contract with URS Corporation to provide conceptual engineering and environmental assessment services for the Union Depot; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority authorizes the County Manager to approve and execute the contact amendment with URS Corporation to extend the contract termination date to December 31, 2009 at no increase in contract cost.

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3. Approval of a Payment to On Board Midwest

Commissioner Rettman moved approval of the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (R09-45)

WHEREAS, The Minnesota High Speed Rail Corridor “River Route” begins at the Union Depot in downtown St. Paul and travels southeast along the Canadian Pacific Railway track to La Crescent prior to entering Wisconsin and continuing on to Chicago; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is a member of the Minnesota High Speed Rail Commission “Commission”; and

WHEREAS, The Commission is allowed to cooperatively advocate for and analyze the feasibility, environmental impacts, engineering, construction and operation of an integrated rail transportation system in the Corridor along with the associated land use and development impacts; and

WHEREAS, The River Route is also advocated for by On Board Midwest, a coalition of people, businesses, elected officials, and organizations who support the proposed high-speed rail line project connecting St. Paul to Chicago; and

WHEREAS, On Board Midwest has been recruiting supporters and developing public relations materials; and

WHEREAS, Continuation of these activities along the River Route requires additional funding; and

WHEREAS, On Board Midwest is asking its supporters for financial contributions to fund the additional activities; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, as a supporter, has been asked to contribute \$20,000 to On Board Midwest for continued recruitment and public relations activities. Now Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority hereby approves a contribution of \$20,000 to On Board Midwest for its continued recruitment of supporters and public relations activities, and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority authorizes the County Manager to make any necessary budget adjustments in a form approved by Budgeting and Accounting.

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4. Request Bonding for Union Depot from the 2010 Legislative Session

Commissioner Ortega moved approval of the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, Ortega, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (R09-46)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has worked to advance the St. Paul Union Depot Multi-Modal Transit and Transportation Hub to the benefit of the citizens of Ramsey County; and

WHEREAS, Funding and policies that impact transit facilities like St. Paul Union Depot will be discussed in the 2010 state legislative session; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority approves the submission of a state bonding request for Union Depot Multi-modal Transit Hub for \$9.0 million to match federal funding available for environmental, engineering, rehabilitation, property acquisition and construction work.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice-Chair Parker declared the meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM.