



Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

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REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY MEETING

AGENDA

March 16, 2010

Immediately following the County Board Meeting
Council Chambers - Third Floor Court House

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ROLL CALL and Call to Order

AGENDA of the March 16, 2010 Board Meeting is presented for approval.

MINUTES of the February 23, 2010 Board Meeting is presented for approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1. Transitway Impacts Research Program 2010 Funding Request

Board Action Requested:

Approve the expenditure of \$20,000 for Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority's share of the Transitway Impacts Research Program for 2010.

2. Approval of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority's Funding Commitment to the 2010 Minnesota High Speed Commission Budget

Board Action Requested:

- 1) Approve the Minnesota High Speed Rail Commission's 2010 Budget.
- 2) Approve the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority's payment of \$13,748 to the Minnesota High Speed Rail Commission's 2010 Budget.
- 3) Authorize the County Manager to make payments and any necessary budget adjustments in a form approved by Budgeting and Accounting.

3. Selection of Consultant for the East Metro Rail Capacity and Engineering Improvements Study

Board Action Requested:

- 1) Approve the selection of, and authorization to enter into negotiations with TranSystems Corporation, 2400 Pershing Road, Suite 400 Kansas City, MO 64108, for completion of an East Metro Rail Capacity and Engineering Improvements Study.
- 2) Direct staff to return to the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for approval of a final contract for completion of an East Metro Rail Capacity and Engineering Improvements Study.

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4. BNSF right-of-way (the Line) between Beam Avenue and I-694

Board Action Requested:

Authorize the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority to move forward with the acquisition by directing staff to:

- 1) Restart the rail abandonment proceedings before the Surface Transportation Board and pursue abandonment of the Line. Retain outside counsel specializing in the area of railroad abandonment.
- 2) Obtain an appraisal of the property to establish an equitable price to pay Maplewood.
- 3) Negotiate with and obtain from the BNSF a new deed whereby the BNSF will surrender its right to repurchase the property and restart rail service.

ADJOURNMENT

Immediately following Regional Railroad Authority Meeting:

- Regional Railroad Authority Executive Session, *RE: First Floor Condominium units located at 214 4th Street East, St. Paul, MN 55101* ****Closed to public**** - Room 220 Court House, Large Conference Room