



Regional Railroad Authority Agenda

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-266-9200

September 24, 2024 - 10:15 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

ROLL CALL

- 1. Agenda of September 24, 2024 is Presented for Approval** [2024-432](#)
Sponsors: County Manager's Office
Approve the agenda of September 24, 2024.
- 2. Minutes from September 17, 2024 are Presented for Approval** [2024-433](#)
Sponsors: County Manager's Office
Approve the September 17, 2024 Minutes.

POLICY ITEM

- 3. Certification of the Maximum Tax Levy for the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority** [2024-401](#)
Sponsors: Public Works
Approve the proposed maximum tax levy to finance the 2025 Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Budget in the amount of \$36,219,703.

CORRIDOR UPDATES

ADJOURNMENT



Regional Railroad Authority

Request for Board Action

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Item Number: 2024-432

Meeting Date: 9/24/2024

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

Agenda of September 24, 2024 is Presented for Approval

Recommendation

Approve the agenda of September 24, 2024.



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Title

Minutes from September 17, 2024 are Presented for Approval

Recommendation

Approve the September 17, 2024 Minutes.

Attachments

1. September 17, 2024 Minutes



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Minutes

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
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September 17, 2024 - 9:45 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 9:36 a.m. with the following members present: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Reinhardt, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Also present was Ling Becker, County Manager

ROLL CALL

Present: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

1. Agenda of September 17, 2024 is Presented for Approval [2024-403](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of September 17, 2024.

Commissioner Reinhardt asked for a motion to amend the agenda to remove Administrative Item #3 Amendment to the Agreement with HNTB Corporation for Project Management Services for the Engineering and Pre-Environmental Phase of the Riverview Corridor Modern Streetcar Project. Motioned by Reinhardt, Seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

2. Minutes from August 27, 2024 are Presented for Approval [2024-404](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the August 27, 2024 Minutes.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Amendment to the Agreement with HNTB Corporation for Project Management Services for the Engineering and Pre-Environmental Phase of the Riverview Corridor Modern Streetcar Project [2024-355](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Approve an amendment to the agreement with HNTB Corporation for Project Management Services for the Engineering and Pre-Environmental Phase of the Riverview Corridor Modern Streetcar Project for the period of August 19, 2024 through February 09, 2025, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,338,871.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the amendment.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the agreement in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

This Administrative Item was withdrawn.

4. Participation in the Comprehensive Improvement Special Service District for Downtown Saint Paul [2024-399](#)

Sponsors: Property Management

1. Approve participation in the Comprehensive Improvement Special Service District for Downtown Saint Paul, for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029.
2. Accept annual service charges imposed in the district for properties, estimated at \$35,000 for 2025 and subject to escalation in each of the four subsequent years.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Resolution: [R2024-016](#)

CORRIDOR UPDATES

Updates provided by Commissioner Reinhardt and Chair Ortega. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.



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Title

Certification of the Maximum Tax Levy for the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Recommendation

Approve the proposed maximum tax levy to finance the 2025 Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Budget in the amount of \$36,219,703.

Background and Rationale

Minnesota Statutes 275.065 requires Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA), as a special taxing district, to certify a proposed maximum tax levy to the County Auditor by September 30, 2024.

An important provision of the proposed property taxes law is that the approved tax levy for the 2025 RCRRA budget cannot be more than the proposed maximum tax levy certified by the RCRRA.

The RCRRA will approve the 2025 Supplemental Budget and Property Tax Levy in December 2024.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

The 2025 RCRRA supplemental budget and tax levy allows the RCRRA to deliver projects that have a positive impact on users of all races and abilities. RCRRA transit projects are part of the Ramsey County All Abilities Transportation Network, whose policy is a commitment to creating and maintaining a transportation system that provides equitable access for all people regardless of race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, health, education, abilities and economics.

Community Participation Level and Impact

The development of the county's transitway projects can be used as a model of highly effective, transparent, and creative community engagement to connect with and hear a range of different voices and perspectives for the projects. This community engagement is embedded into, and occurs throughout, the lifecycle of the projects.

The purpose of this board action is to inform. This is one action in the larger county process of proposing and approving its budget. The process has involved informing and consulting through community budget conversations, board presentations, and public hearings held in 2023 and will continue through 2024.

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

The 2025 proposed levy for the RCRRA is \$36,219,703, which is an increase of \$2,052,592 or 6.01% from the 2024 levy of \$34,167,111.

Last Previous Action

On September 17, 2024, the County Manager and service teams presented the 2025 supplemental budget and performance measures to the Budget Committee of the Whole.

On September 16, 2024, the County Manager and service teams presented the 2025 supplemental budget and performance measures to the Budget Committee of the Whole.

On August 27, 2024, the County Manager presented the 2025 supplement budget and performance measures to the Board of Commissioners.

Attachments

1. None.