



# Regional Railroad Authority

## Agenda

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

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September 23, 2025 - 10 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

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### ROLL CALL

1. **Agenda of September 23, 2025 is Presented for Approval** [2025-381](#)  
Sponsors: County Manager's Office  
Approve the agenda of September 23, 2025.
2. **Minutes from August 26, 2025 are Presented for Approval** [2025-382](#)  
Sponsors: County Manager's Office  
Approve the August 26, 2025 Minutes.

### POLICY ITEM

3. **Certification of the Maximum Tax Levy for the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority** [2025-308](#)  
Sponsors: Public Works  
Approve the proposed maximum tax levy to finance the 2026 Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Budget in the amount of \$37,285,643.

### CORRIDOR UPDATES

### ADJOURNMENT



# Regional Railroad Authority

## Request for Board Action

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**Item Number:** 2025-381

**Meeting Date:** 9/23/2025

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**Sponsor:** County Manager's Office

**Title**

Agenda of September 23, 2025 is Presented for Approval

**Recommendation**

Approve the agenda of September 23, 2025.

# Regional Railroad Authority

## Request for Board Action

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**Item Number:** 2025-382

**Meeting Date:** 9/23/2025

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**Sponsor:** County Manager's Office

**Title**

Minutes from August 26, 2025 are Presented for Approval

**Recommendation**

Approve the August 26, 2025 Minutes.

**Attachments**

1. August 26, 2025 Minutes

# Regional Railroad Authority

## Minutes

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**August 26, 2025 - 10 a.m.**

**Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300**

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The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 9:36 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens - Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, and Xiong. Commissioner McMurtrey and Chair Ortega were excused. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Scott Schwahn, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, and Xiong

Excused: McMurtrey, and Ortega

1. Agenda of August 26, 2025 is Presented for Approval [2025-325](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of August 26, 2025.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, and Xiong

Excused: McMurtrey, and Ortega

2. Minutes from August 19, 2025 are Presented for Approval [2025-326](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the August 19, 2025 Minutes.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, and Xiong

Excused: McMurtrey, and Ortega

### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Use of Fund Balance - Union Depot Insurance Premiums [2025-306](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

Approve the transfer of \$800,000 from Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority tax levy fund balance to the 2025 Multimodal Planning operating budget to be used for the cost of insurance premiums related to increased rail liability coverage.

Presented by Mike Rogers, Deputy Director of Public Works. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Miller, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, and Xiong

Excused: McMurtrey, and Ortega

Resolution: [R2025-013](#)

## **CORRIDOR UPDATES**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Xiong declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

# Regional Railroad Authority

## Request for Board Action

**Item Number:** 2025-308

**Meeting Date:** 9/23/2025

**Sponsor:** Public Works

### Title

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

### Recommendation

Approve the proposed maximum tax levy to finance the 2026 Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Budget in the amount of \$37,285,643.

### Background and Rationale

Minnesota Statute 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, 2025.

An important provision of the proposed property taxes law is that the approved tax levy for the 2026 RCRRA budget cannot be more than the proposed maximum tax levy certified by the RCRRA.

The RCRRA will approve the 2026 Budget and Property Tax Levy in December 2025.

### County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

☒ Well-being      ☒ Prosperity      ☒ Opportunity      ☒ Accountability

### Racial Equity Impact

The 2026-27 RCRRA proposed budget and tax levy allows the RCRRA to deliver projects that have a positive impact on users of all races and abilities. RCRRA 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 transit and transportation projects as part of its All-Abilities 2050 Transportation, Transit and Transportation Investment Plan, Transportation Sales and Use Tax Capital Improvement Plan and Transportation Improvement Plan utilize 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 existing and future RCRRA transit and transportation projects.

Two public hearings are incorporated in the budget process and scheduled for the public to comment on the 2026-2027 proposed budget. The public hearings are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, September 22, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. - Ramsey County Courthouse, Council Chambers - 15 West Kellogg Blvd., Saint Paul, MN 55102
- Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. - Ramsey County Courthouse, Council Chambers - 15 West Kellogg Blvd., Saint Paul, MN 55102

Information on the 2026-2027 proposed budget is available at:

[<https://www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/budget-finance>](https://www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/budget-finance)

☒ Inform      ☐ Consult      ☐ Involve      ☐ Collaborate      ☐ Empower

**Fiscal Impact**

The 2026 proposed levy for the RCRRA is \$37,285,643, which is an increase of \$1,065,940 or 2.94% from the 2025 levy of \$36,219,703.

**Last Previous Action**

On September 18, 2025, the Economic Growth and Community Investment Service Team presented the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority 2026-27 budget to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners.

On September 2, 2025, the County Manager presented the 2026-27 proposed biennial budget to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners.

**Attachments**

None.