



Regional Railroad Authority

Minutes

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December 17, 2024 - 10:45 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 12:22 p.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 December 17, 2024 is Presented for Approval [2024-689](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of December 17, 2024.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from November 26, 2024 are Presented for Approval [2024-690](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the November 26, 2024 Minutes.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Reallocation of Riverview Corridor Funds [2024-681](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Direct Public Works staff to develop a refined transportation improvement plan utilizing Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Property Tax Levy and Ramsey County Local Option Sales Tax funds previously identified for the Riverview Corridor.
2. Direct Public Works staff to develop a detailed transit and transportation investment plan based upon the reallocation of Riverview Corridor funds consistent with the investment categories presented at the November 19, 2024, board workshop for Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority discussion and approval in the Spring of 2025.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [R2024-022](#)

4. Transfer of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Funds for Union Depot Facility Improvements [2024-683](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Authorize the County Manager to transfer up to \$3,000,000 from Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority fund balance to the 2025 Union Depot operating budget for operational and capital maintenance costs for near-term improvements.
2. Authorize the County Manager to establish a project budget for Union Depot Facility Improvements of up to \$6,000,000, utilizing up to \$3,000,000 of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority fund balance and up to \$3,000,000 of Transit and Transportation Improvement fund balance in the Union Depot operating budget.
3. Authorize the County Manager to account for the operational and capital maintenance costs in the Union Depot operating budget.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: R2024-023

POLICY ITEM

5. Approval of the 2025 Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Supplemental Budget and the 2025 Tax Levy

[2024-655](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Approve and adopt the 2025 budget of \$21,147,595 with all the changes noted in the attached budget addenda.
2. Approve and adopt the 2025 tax levy of \$36,219,703, a 6.01% increase over the 2024 Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority tax levy.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: R2024-024

CORRIDOR UPDATES

Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.