

Regional Railroad Authority Minutes

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June 10, 2025 - 10 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 10:46 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens - Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Kathleen Ritter, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

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

1. Agenda of June 10, 2025 is Presented for Approval

2025-221

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of June 10, 2025.

Motion by Jebens-Singh, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from May 27, 2025 are Presented for Approval

<u>2025-222</u>

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the May 27, 2025 Minutes.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Support for the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Extension

2025-218

Sponsors: Public Works

- 1. Support the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Extension (Project), contingent upon:
 - a. Metro Transit's implementation of a structured monitoring plan to track the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Extension Project's impact on METRO Gold Line including its impact on ridership, travel time reliability, service levels, and user experience. The monitoring plan must include pre and post METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Extension Project ridership, pre and post Project travel time, pre and post Project service levels and surveys of pre and post Project riders' experiences for Metro Transit Route 94 and METRO Gold Line.
 - i. Ridership patterns on existing Route 94, METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit, and proposed Gold Line Extension.
 - ii. Reliability metrics such as on-time performance and travel time variability.
 - iii. Rider experience, including surveys before and after implementation.
 - iv. Service levels, to ensure that transit service is maintained or

enhanced as part of the Gold Line Extension.

v. This effort will include:

- 1. A baseline phase, once Gold Line ridership stabilizes in 2025.
- 2. If Metro Transit Network Now service changes are implemented on Route 94. Otherwise, the baseline phase will be based on the current Route 94 in 2025.
- 3. A post-implementation phase, after the extension is in full service.
- 4. A plan will be created in collaboration with Ramsey County staff.
- b. Permanent Snelling Avenue station consistent with station design and amenities provided at METRO Gold Line stations between St. Paul and Woodbury to ensure a consistent and seamless rider experience.
- c. Improvement to travel time reliability along I-94 through the adoption of near term and long-term strategies by Metro Transit and the Minnesota Department of Transportation to improve bus travel time reliability through options such as restriping and bus only shoulders.

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

Motion by Xiong, seconded by McMurtrey. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: <u>R2025-011</u>

CORRIDOR UPDATES

No updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.