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**Sponsor:** Public Works

**Meeting Date:** 11/12/2024

**Title:** Transit Impacts Research Program Presentation and 2024  
Funding Request

**File Number:** 2024-485

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**Background and Rationale:**

Professor Jason Cao of the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs will present the results from the last Transit Impacts Research Program (TIRP) funded research project: the value of dedicated right of way to transit ridership. Professor Cao will also give an overview of the current, proposed research project to be funded with the 2024 funding request.

The TIRP studies the economic and community impacts of transitway projects. The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA), an active participant in the program since 2008, along with other local governments and the University of Minnesota support various research initiatives through the TIRP. The 2024 TIRP funding request to RCRRA is in the amount of \$30,000 to research strategies to connect riders to suburban transitway stations.

Continued research will take advantage of skills at the University of Minnesota to provide useful information for decisions on transitway development. Additional information about the Transit Impacts Research Program can be found on their website:

[<<https://www.cts.umn.edu/programs/tirp>>](https://www.cts.umn.edu/programs/tirp)

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority resolved to:

Approve the expenditure of \$30,000 for Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority's share of the Transit Impacts Research Program for 2024.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Frethem, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: - 4: Frethem, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: - 2: McGuire, and Moran

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Jason Yang, Interim Chief Clerk - County  
Board