



Regional Railroad Authority Agenda

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

January 28, 2025 - 9:45 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

ROLL CALL

1. **Agenda of January 28, 2025 is Presented for Approval** [2025-024](#)
Sponsors: County Manager's Office
Approve the agenda of January 28, 2025.
2. **Minutes January 7, 2025 are Presented for Approval** [2025-025](#)
Sponsors: County Manager's Office
Approve the January 7, 2025 Minutes.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. **Appointments to the METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Management Committee** [2025-018](#)
Sponsors: Public Works
Appoint Commissioner Mai Chong Xiong as member and Vice-Chair and Commissioner Kelly Miller as member to the METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Management Committee for the year 2025.
4. **Appointments to the METRO Gold Line Corridor Management Committee** [2025-023](#)
Sponsors: Public Works
Appoint Commissioner Mai Chong Xiong and Commissioner Kelly Miller to the METRO Gold Line Corridor Management Committee for the year 2025.
5. **Correct Purple Line Task Force and Appointments to Rush Line Task Force** [2025-022](#)
Sponsors: Public Works
 1. Change the name of the Purple Line Task Force to Rush Line Task Force.
 2. Appoint Commissioner Xiong as member and Commissioner Miller as alternate, to the Rush Line Task Force beginning January 15, 2025 and ending on January 14, 2026.

CORRIDOR UPDATES

ADJOURNMENT



Regional Railroad Authority

Request for Board Action

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
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Item Number: 2025-024

Meeting Date: 1/28/2025

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

Agenda of January 28, 2025 is Presented for Approval

Recommendation

Approve the agenda of January 28, 2025.



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Request for Board Action

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Item Number: 2025-025

Meeting Date: 1/28/2025

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

Minutes January 7, 2025 are Presented for Approval

Recommendation

Approve the January 7, 2025 Minutes.

Attachments

1. January 7, 2025 Minutes

January 7, 2025 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:04 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Also present was Ling Becker, County Manager.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Xiong.

1. Agenda of January 7, 2025 is Presented for Approval [2024-714](#)
Sponsors: County Manager's Office
Approve the agenda of January 7, 2025.

Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.
Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong
2. Minutes from December 17, 2024 are Presented for Approval [2024-715](#)
Sponsors: County Manager's Office
Approve the December 17, 2024 Minutes.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.
Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong
3. 2025 Oath of Office [2024-720](#)
Sponsors: County Manager's Office
The Oath of Office will be administered to:
 - Commissioner Tara Jebens-Singh - by Judge Timothy Mulrooney
 - Commissioner MaryJo McGuire - by Judge Timothy Mulrooney
 - Commissioner Kelly Miller - by Judge Timothy Carey

POLICY ITEMS

4. Election of the Chair for 2025 [2024-407](#)
Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Elect the Chair for the year 2025.

Commissioner Moran nominated Commissioner Ortega as Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Xiong.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-001

5. Election of the Vice-Chair for 2025 [2024-408](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Elect the vice-chair for the year 2025.

Commissioner Xiong nominated Commissioner McGuire as Vice-Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Moran.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-002

6. Rules of Procedure for 2025 [2024-409](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

1. Adopt Rules of Procedure to govern the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners.
2. This resolution supersedes all prior resolutions pertaining to procedures.

Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-003

7. Appointments to Standing Committees for 2025 [2024-412](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Approve appointments to the standing committees for the year 2025.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-004

8. Appointments to Outside Boards and Committees for 2025 [2024-410](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Approve appointments of commissioners to various outside boards, committees and commissions for the year 2025.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-005

9. Appointment of Members to the Ramsey County Housing and Redevelopment Authority for 2025 [2024-411](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Approve the appointment of members to the Ramsey County Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the year 2025.

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

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

Resolution: [B2025-006](#)

10. Appointment of Members to the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for 2025

[2024-413](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Approve the appointment of members to the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for the year 2025.

Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2025-007](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

11. Contract with Press Publications, Inc for 2025 Newspaper Publications

[2025-004](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

1. Award a contract to Press Publications, Inc., 4779 Bloom Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, as the designated Official Newspaper for the following Ramsey County publications:
 - A. Official proceedings of the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners and all notices for the year 2025; the 2024 Financial Statement; and the Notice of Expiration of Redemption in the Vadnais Heights Press in the amount of \$6.47 per column inch for the first insertion, and \$6.47 for subsequent insertions.
 - B. 2024 Financial Statement in the White Bear Press as the other newspaper of general circulation located in a different municipality in the county than the Official Newspaper, in the amount of \$16.27 per column inch and \$16.27 per column inch for subsequent insertions.
 - C. Official Newspaper for publication of Ramsey County's List of Real Estate Taxes Remaining Delinquent on the first day of January 2025 in the Vadnais Heights Press in the amount of \$6.47 per column inch and \$6.47 per column inch for subsequent insertions.
2. Authorize the Chair and the Chief Clerk to execute the contract with Press Publications, Inc.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2025-008](#)

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

Presented by County Manager, Ling Becker. Discussion can be found on archived video.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion can be found on archived video.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

Presented by Chair Ortega. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Regional Railroad Authority

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2025-018

Meeting Date: 1/28/2025

Sponsor: Public Works

Title

Appointments to the METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Management Committee

Recommendation

Appoint Commissioner Mai Chong Xiong as member and Vice-Chair and Commissioner Kelly Miller as member to the METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Management Committee for the year 2025.

Background and Rationale

The METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Corridor Management Committee (CMC) will advise the Metropolitan Council, the federal grantee and eventual owner and operator, and Ramsey County, the local funding partner, on the design and construction of the project. The CMC will utilize technical and community input to address issues relating to project development, engineering, final design, and construction.

The appointments to the METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Management Committee are as follows:

- Mai Chong Xiong, member and Vice-Chair
- Kelly Miller, member

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

Appointments to outside committees is an annual administrative organizational action. These committees represent formal entities and partnerships that respond to modes of transportation. Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners will seek opportunities to advance racial equity through the work of these committees.

Community Participation Level and Impact

Informing the community of this action provides transparency about committees in which the Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners participate. The appointments will provide opportunities for the Ramsey County Commissioners to build relationships, consults and collaborate with community in supporting and responding to issues important to the community through the works of these committees.

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Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this request for board action.

Last Previous Action

On February 1, 2022, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority approved appointments to the METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project Corridor Management Committee for the year 2022 (Resolution R2022-006).

Attachments

None.

Regional Railroad Authority

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2025-023

Meeting Date: 1/28/2025

Sponsor: Public Works

Title

Appointments to the METRO Gold Line Corridor Management Committee

Recommendation

Appoint Commissioner Mai Chong Xiong and Commissioner Kelly Miller to the METRO Gold Line Corridor Management Committee for the year 2025.

Background and Rationale

The METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Corridor Management Committee (CMC) will advise the Metropolitan Council, the federal grantee and eventual owner and operator, and Ramsey and Washington Counties, the local funding partners, on the design and construction of the METRO Gold Line BRT Project. The Committee will utilize technical and community input to address issues relating to the environmental review, project development, engineering, final design, and construction of bus rapid transit in the corridor.

The appointments to the METRO Gold Line Corridor Management Committee are as follows:

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- Kelly Miller, member

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There is no fiscal impact associated with this request for board action.

Last Previous Action

On April 17, 2018, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority approved and appointed two Commissioners to the METRO Gold Line Corridor Management Committee (Resolution R2018-15).

Attachments

None.

Regional Railroad Authority

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2025-022

Meeting Date: 1/28/2025

Sponsor: Public Works

Title

Correct Purple Line Task Force and Appointments to Rush Line Task Force

Recommendation

1. Change the name of the Purple Line Task Force to Rush Line Task Force.
2. Appoint Commissioner Xiong as member and Commissioner Miller as alternate, to the Rush Line Task Force beginning January 15, 2025 and ending on January 14, 2026.

Background and Rationale

The Purple Line Task Force name needs to be corrected to the Rush Line Task Force as Rush Line is an entity that covers a larger geographical area - from Duluth to Saint Paul, than the Purple Line, and is insured under the Rush Line Corridor Task Force.

The Rush Line Task Force intends to work collaboratively with Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Council for the planning and development of commuter rail or other rail or rail beneficial related transit modes in the Rush Line Corridor. The Rush Line Corridor is defined as the transitway corridor originating in Saint Paul in Ramsey County and extending north from Ramsey County through Washington County, Chisago County, Pine County, and Carlton County to Duluth in St. Louis County.

The appointments to the Rush Line Corridor Task Force for January 15, 2025 to January 14, 2026, are as follows:

- Mai Chong Xiong, member
- Kelly Miller, alternate

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

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Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this request for board action.

Last Previous Action

On January 2, 2024, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority approved and appointed Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt and Commissioner Mai Chong Xiong (alternate) to the Purple Line Task Force (Resolution R2024-004).

Attachments

None.