



# Regional Railroad Authority

## Minutes

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**March 17, 2026 - 10 a.m.**

**Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300**

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The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 10:44 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens - Singh, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Commissioner McGuire joined the board meeting remotely pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.02, Subdivision 2. 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 March 17, 2026 is Presented for Approval [2026-103](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of March 17, 2026.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from January 27, 2026 are Presented for Approval [2026-104](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the January 27, 2026 Minutes.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. 2026 Funding Commitment to the Great River Rail Commission [2026-053](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Accept the Great River Rail Commission's 2026 Work Plan and Budget.
2. Approve the payment of \$16,400 to the Great River Rail Commission as the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority funding commitment to the Great River Rail Commission 2026 Work Plan and Budget.
3. Authorize the County Manager to establish a project budget for the Great River Rail Commission in the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority budget.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [R2026-006](#)

4. Support for the METRO J Line Arterial Bus Rapid Transit [2026-091](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Support the METRO J Line Arterial Bus Rapid Transit, contingent upon:
  - a. Multi-jurisdictional commitment and collaboration between the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Metro Transit, city of Saint Paul, and Ramsey County to invest in significant infrastructure improvements along West 7th Street that addresses safety, mobility, transit reliability, and long-term functionality of the corridor.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: R2026-007

5. Support for the Revised Locally Preferred Alternative for the METRO Bronze Line Bus Rapid Transit Project [2026-094](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Support the revised Locally Preferred Alternative for the METRO Bronze Line Bus Rapid Transit Project.
2. Support amendment of the Metropolitan Council's Imagine 2050 Transportation Policy Plan to incorporate the revised METRO Bronze Line project definition.
3. Authorize Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Chair to transmit the resolution to the Metropolitan Council to amend the Metropolitan Council's Imagine 2050 Transportation Policy Plan to incorporate the revised project definition, and direct that this action be transmitted to the Metropolitan Council and Metro Transit.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: R2026-008

## **CORRIDOR UPDATES**

Discussion can be found on archived video.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.