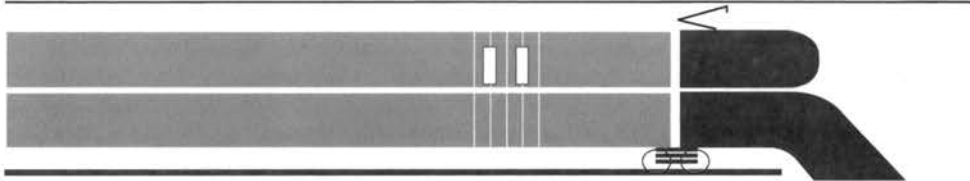




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Agenda

Regional Railroad Authority Meeting

April 20, 1999

Following Administrative Board Meeting or 1:30 p.m.

Third Floor Council Chambers Courthouse

1. * Approve minutes of the April 13, 1999 meeting.
2. Riverview Corridor update.
3. * Legislative update.

* Action is requested

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AGENCY

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

Minutes

April 13, 1999

The Regional Railroad Authority met on Tuesday, April 14, 1999, in Council Chambers, Third Floor Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Tony Bennett
Commissioner Dino Guerin
Commissioner Susan Haig
Commissioner Rafael Ortega
Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt
Commissioner Janice Rettman (arrived at 3:00 p.m.)
Commissioner Jan Wiessner

OTHERS PRESENTS:

Bonnie Jackelen, Jim Van Houdt, Tim Mayasich, Cyndy McLeod, Jane McClure, Karen Tero, Terry Lindeke, Vern Sehlage, Gene Haselmann, Paul Kirkwold, Kris Longhenry, Arlene Shepard

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

1. Approve Minutes of March 16, 1999 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Guerin, seconded by Commissioner Wiessner to accept the minutes from the March 16, 1999 RCRRA meeting.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0
Motion accepted.

2. Comprehensive Transit and Transportation Plan.

Paul Kirkwold stated that they are moving ahead and making progress. The first portion of the packet that was distributed earlier has a checkoff chart that shows all of the different issue papers and the status of each.

The second portion of the packet contains some of the new draft issue papers such as land use, access management, right of way and transportation and system management (TSM) that will be sent out for review. It is about what kind of role the county should be playing as property develops and redevelops in Ramsey County and how we should partner with our communities, recognizing that how the land is used adjacent to the county road system really impacts the county road system.

Access management is a concept that addresses the issue of how the property that is adjacent to the road gets its access. There is a definite correlation between the number of driveways on a roadway and the number of accidents that occur on that roadway, a phenomenon that was supported nationally and then

the legislature, two years ago, directed MnDOT to develop a policy for MnDOT on access management which really relates to rural trunk highways but it can also be applied to urban streets such as our county road system.

There is an issue paper on right of way. Since 1928, Ramsey County has had a major street plan. The major street plan identifies desirable right of ways or roadways that are considered major streets in Ramsey County, not only the county road system but also portions of the trunk highway system.

There is a definite relationship between access and mobility, as you increase the access on a roadway you decrease the level of mobility. Interstate highways have the most mobility, cul-de-sacs have the least.

Chair Bennett asked regarding the County Board's policy allowing for pedestrian crossing under the road. What point might we start to have some data as to see if that has helped increase safety and the flow of traffic?

Paul Kirkwold stated it will definitely increase the safety of the traffic along the roadway. The problem with accidents has to do with the differential in speed. It will probably take 3-5 years to have enough data to come to a conclusion.

Chair Bennett asked if it was an issue that they might want to look at just for the flow of traffic in any other locations, are they thinking about that as they do their transportation plan?

Paul Kirkwold stated that they did put the policy in place and asked for municipal participation. The document is constructed so there really is no change in the county's role and pedestrians. It is a local issue. We need to be a partner with our communities and talk about the benefits and the kinds of facilities that we are asking them to help pay for.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated that she appeared before the Maplewood City Council last evening and one of the questions that she was asked was regarding the transportation plan and the involvement of communities. For example, there is a lot of work being done on White Bear Avenue, in that entire corridor area and they wanted to make sure that whatever the county was planning on doing regarding transportation and transit issues that the community voice was heard.

Paul Kirkwold responded that written comments they received back from cities indicate that they really liked the idea that they were notified early on in the plans. Every community gets one of these documents, they don't all respond. Maplewood and their staff have been good to deal with.

We've been exploring several options for getting public involvement pieces as far as how do we get citizen participation in a document that is rather lengthy and also one that covers issues that really broad and general.

Some of the things that have come to mind are focus groups and a telephone survey to talk about the key points of the comprehensive plan and are they in favor that the county has a role.

We've also just lately talked about the idea of putting that same survey on the computers in the public library. So the brochure would be there, the plan would be there and those citizens who would want to look at that can also take the survey in the computer and then we could have the feedback.

Commissioner Ortega asked if that had been done before, using the computers in the library?

Paul Kirkwold responded that to his knowledge this had not been done before.

Commissioner Ortega stated that something like that could be used for a lot of other things.

Commissioner Haigh wondered about the letter from Greg Mack about the issue of the bicycle trails and corridors. With the inclusion of the letter is Ramsey County going to try and integrate the park rec function with the transportation function?

Paul Kirkwold responded that the letter is in response to draft map that was sent out that looked at the various bicycle corridors that exist and those that went along and served a minor arterial bicycle transportation piece. They have met again with Larry Holmberg and Greg Mack and now the bicycle maps will show a plan that connects all of the county park facilities.

Commissioner Haigh asked if there are bike paths on the county roads that the county is responsible for in the City of St. Paul?

Paul Kirkwold responded the one he knows of is Warner Road. Most of the bicycle operations are integrated on the sidewalk in St. Paul.

Commissioner Haigh said she raised the issue because a person can go east and west but it is really hard to go north and south and get into the Regional Bicycle Trail System from the City of St. Paul.

Paul Kirkwold said it is an issue that they look at in every project. There is a resolution that states the county is to look at bicycle trails on every roadway that is reconstructed.

The right of way issue paper addresses if different types of facilities should be included, bicycle trails, pedestrian walkways and reasonably sized boulevards and still accommodate the traffic.

Commissioner Wiessner stated that when looking at the different charts and graphs, the Department of Economic Development information is interesting but was wondering if there is more recent information that could be included than from 1995-96.

Commissioner Wiessner asked is the Department of Economic Security might have more recent information. When we talked to them about job forecasts they seem to be able to pull out more recent information.

Paul Kirkwold said they will check with them, it can be added to the information. This document has to be approved by the Metropolitan Council and we want to make sure we have their information in there.

Commissioner Wiessner asked regarding the map that show the railroads and airports, where is Benson Airport?

Chair Bennett responded that Benson Airport is in his district in White Bear Township and is located off of Highway #61 across from Bald Eagle Lake and is used by small aircraft and gliders.

Chair Bennett thanked Paul and stated that Paul has been very active in transit things and he thinks outside of the box. He took time to look at the Highway #5 Riverview Corridor bridge and came back with some of the information that it is doable.

Chair Bennett changed the Agenda and moved to Item #4

4. Ratify Rush Line Joint Powers Agreement.

Commissioner Reinhardt noted that there are housekeeping, basically numbering of sections and paragraphs that the attorney has assured that can be done without any issue, very minor things. The Rush Line Joint Powers Agreement was put together because proposed legislation that needed to be in place by April 1 and Chisago County, Washington County and Ramsey County determined they wanted to have open the option for the communities and for the regional rail authorities to be part of and included in that legislation and this is modeled very closely after the Red Rock Joint Powers Agreement. This says in order for the workplan and budget to be approved that it must be an unanimous vote and that protects any member of the Joint Powers Agreement from having expenditures assessed or imposed on them and all of the members of the Joint Powers which are Chisago, Ramsey and Washington Counties felt that it was very important we have that in there.

This task force has been meeting and has given updates on the task force but the need for the Joint Powers Agreement was as a result of the proposed legislation and keeping the options open.

At this point, we have just myself that is listed as the delegate or representative from Ramsey Regional Rail Authority and I am the Chair of the task force. Commissioner Tom Delaney from Chisago County is Chair of the steering committee that pulls together the workplan and budget. But we do need to designate an alternate to the Rush Line Corridor. The task force meets quarterly and it is a way that is very similar to the Red Rock Corridor, a way to make sure we are involving all of the communities in the process

Commissioner Wiessner requested Kathy DeSpiegelaere to explain the route of the Rush Line.

Chair Bennett responded that the section was in his district and he described the section in detail.

Commissioner Rettner also asked for the details of the route as to location in the City of St. Paul.

Kathy DeSpiegelaere explained the route on the overhead.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated the Joint Powers Agreement that is being discussed doesn't deal with a specific commuter line. The communities that are listed include the city of Maplewood which includes that part of the corridor. The idea was that we would have a group together with the municipalities and the regional rail authorities that would be coming back to the regional rail authorities with their thoughts as to what should happen, what did they want to see happen with land use, what did they want to happen with the different possibilities as far as transportation and this doesn't limit itself to commuter rail, it says light rail, it says light buses.

Commissioner Rettman stated she wanted to be an alternate on this.

Commissioner Reinhardt moved for ratification of Rush Line Joint Agreement seconded by Commissioner

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, Rush Line Corridor is defined as the North State Trunk Highway 61 transportation corridor from Rush City through St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has committed to preserve this corridor for future rail transit alternatives; and

WHEREAS, In Ramsey county, the area impacted is generally north of downtown, east of Rice Street to I-694, west to T.H. 61, north along T.H. 61 to County Road J; and

WHEREAS, The Rush Line Corridor has significant transportation, safety and land use issues; and

WHEREAS, There are opportunities for a variety of multi-modal transportation improvements in the corridor, including bus improvement, commuter, light and freight rail, multi use paths and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS); and

WHEREAS, The Rush Line Task Force consists of cities, counties and towns from St. Paul to Rush City; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force is considering transit improvements and land use along this corridor; and

WHEREAS, The communities wish to collaboratively plan for multi-modal transportation improvements to the corridor and for the related land use and development impacts; and

WHEREAS, A Joint Powers Agreement has been signed by the Chairs of the Chisago, Washington and Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authorities; Now, Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority ratifies the Joint Powers Agreement establishing the Rush Line Corridor Task Force.

Chair Bennett asked if there were any volunteers who would like to serve as the alternate on this committee?

Commissioner Guerin moved that Commissioner Rettman be the alternate, seconded by Commissioner Ortega.

Ayes, 7, Nays – 0
Motion accepted

Chair Bennett then discussed a special resolution relating to transit improvements.

Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated regarding the resolution, she has been meeting with Metro Transit staff for several months regarding transit improvements in the Riverview Corridor. They were successful in obtaining both federal funding and state funding for transit improvements in the corridor. When a Request For Proposal was issued for the Riverview Corridor Major Investment Study, it was very important that transit be designed broadly, that it was not just light rail and also there were concerns because funding had been spent to study corridors and the Board wanted to see something implemented. The money that was obtained was to implement transit improvements in the Riverview Corridor now and working with Metro Transit staff a list was developed of potential needs in the corridor. The needs that have been identified are for support funding for bus shelters along West Seventh Street, to upgrade thirteen bus shelters, information kiosks at transit stops, lighting bus stops to improve personal safety and visibility and four transit shelters in downtown St. Paul to serve buses that operate in Riverview Corridor.

The total amount is \$1.5 million and the resolution requests staff work with MnDOT to complete the application for the funding that's been committed and the Rail Authority authorize the use of these funds which are state and federal by Metro Transit for these specific transit improvements in the corridor.

Commissioner Guerin stated he felt this should be an initiative by Metro Transit but the federal dollars are precious and it looks like we are using them to improve buses on West Seventh Street and the Riverview Corridor hasn't really been established, it could be Shepard Road, it could be the railroad tracks.

Commissioner Guerin thought it was more planning of a Riverview Corridor and didn't know West Seventh Street was the designated route for the Riverview Corridor. If that decision has been made then it is appropriate but if it hasn't been then we are just improving the main artery in the district.

Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated there are two alignments being analyzed in the Riverview Corridor and at the next meeting there will be a report on what those are. There is the CP Rail alignment and the West Seventh alignment for major transit improvements. The Shepard Road corridor is a little out of the developed area, less accessible, as was determined in a previous study and recommended by a citizen's task force.

However, even if the CP Rail line were used for major transit improvements there would still be bus on West Seventh so these improvements would be useful.

Commissioner Wiessner asked when they would be getting the consultant's report on the Riverview Corridor?

Commissioner Ortega stated the Riverview Corridor also covers the Eastside. Are any dollars being expended on the Eastside?

Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated that at the meeting with Metro Transit she asked them to identify needs on the Eastside and she will come back with additional information and specific needs. The plan at Metro Transit is to extend the area from the eastside of downtown St. Paul out toward Seegers Square.

Chair Bennett stated they are presently spending about \$8 million for transit improvements on the Central Corridor.

Commissioner Rettman stated she wants to make sure there is not inequality in the city along the bus stops. This is a lot of money and how are we making sure there is equity throughout the area and throughout the rest of St. Paul that are transit dependent?

Kathy DeSpiegelaere replied that Metro Transit determines the overall needs. The federal fund success was because the Riverview Corridor is an authorized project in getting funding for this particular corridor but in addition these locations are very deserving. The route along West Seventh has a high number of transit users.

Commissioner Rettman asked how they were going to address all areas and make sure all areas are heard and not just ones that happen to be on a preferred transit route? That is the commitment from the Board is that they are also going to be doing an equal sharing of this.

Chair Bennett stated the reason they are being allowed to do this is because they have federal funding for the corridor.

Commissioner Haigh stated that some of the money was to be used for corridor development and transit improvements, we weren't just going to plan with it, we were going to look at light rail and transit ways in the Riverview Corridor but were going to make improvements in mass transit use.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated that this is one of the steps that have to be taken as part of the whole approach to multi modal system. Right now the buses are what they have and they have to make sure it is going to work, a multi modal system.

Commissioner Wiessner stated a concern that this item was that it was not on the agenda, it is \$1.5 million with no documentation and it seems too quick.

Kathy DeSpiegelaere apologized for the short timeline but this is not something that is ill conceived. She had several meetings with Metro Transit and St. Paul's staff on this subject. These are thing that they have identified, they have researched, they have priced.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated that although this is specific in what it will be in the dollar amount associated with it, the Board has talked about and adopted what the regional system will look like and this is consistent with what has been discussed in a broader aspect but at some point they will have specifics.

Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated regarding the timing issue – she received a call asking if they would put the request into a document at the Metropolitan Council called the Transportation Improvement Program and there is a corresponding document, a state document that is similar to that.

Commissioner Rettman asked what funds are these?

Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated that the funds have already been approved, they are federal funds that have been identified by MnDOT and there are state funds that were allocated to Regional Rail. Part of it could come from the \$3 million that they were allocated from the legislature last session when they applied for those funds for the Riverview Corridor, said it was for planning, engineering and implementation with an eye toward using it toward implement some transit improvements.

Commissioner Ortega stated these not in competition with funds they are seeking now, there are old dollars.

Commissioner Ortega moved, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt to adopt the resolution.

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is committed to improved transit services for the region; and

WHEREAS, The Riverview Transit Corridor has been identified as a location for transit improvements; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County has received commitments of federal and state funding for improving transit in the Riverview Corridor; and

WHEREAS, Metro Transit has identified the following immediate unfunded needs for transit services in the Riverview Corridor;

\$ 21,000 Bus shelters along West Seventh/Fort Road
\$ 196,000 Upgrade existing bus shelters along West Seventh
\$ 130,000 Information kiosks at transit stops along West Seventh
\$ 210,000 Lighting at bus stops along West Seventh
\$ 960,000 Shelters at downtown St. Paul locations which serve Riverview Corridor buses

\$1,517,000 TOTAL

Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority authorizes its staff to work with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to complete the application for the funding that has been committed by the state and federal governments for the transit improvements for the Riverview Corridor; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority authorizes the use of the state and federal funds in the amount of \$1,517,000 by Metro Transit for the transit improvements for the Riverview Corridor.

3. Legislative Report.

Chair Bennett stated they were going to combine the legislative report of the whole with the transportation agenda.

Commissioner Reinhardt passed out two status updates, one on Ramsey County Board's 1999 State Legislative Proposals dated April 12, and one on Other Legislative Bills/Proposals of Interest dated April 12.

Terry Lindeke stated the legislative packages are new as of this morning based on things that happened last evening. Some things that happened today are not in here and one of them includes some things on transit. The big funding bills are being put together this week and the deadline for those bills is the end of this week, on those items that are the biggest financial items for this Board, like Lake Owasso which is still moving although there was significant trouble on the House side. There was a hearing this morning on Lake Owasso because the Association of Retarded Citizens and the State Department of Human Services have not been in support of this and have been working very actively against the proposal. It is soundly there on the Senate side. We'll have some sense on how that goes by the end of this week.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated regarding the Lake Owasso she wanted to point out that the parents' group is trying to set up a meeting and coming up with some potential compromises and will thoroughly keep the Board informed as to what may come out of it.

Terry Lindeke stated that might be especially important in the House discussion because the House has been very hesitant to move forward with the proposal. Even there have been a couple of hearings on it, they did lay it aside and said they would not take action. It is really touch and go and the compromise with Ramsey County ARAC might be significant to having that move forward successfully on both the House and Senate.

The Board has an interest in the whole child welfare/child protection proposals and the project aid piece of that is moving well. The financial proposals aren't doing as well.

The transit proposal is very much up in the air. There are several places where this bill is being heard, in Tax Committee. There are four or five bills or proposals in both the House and Senate side that have an effect on the Board. One is to eliminate regional rail authorities entirely, that is in the House.

There is legislation on the House side to take away authority to levy. It is likely to show up in the Omnibus House Tax Bill. But there is no companion piece in the Senate. There are a number of bills in the House that do not have matching bills in the Senate side but they are going to end some place.

On the Senate side, Senator Kelly and Senator Pappas, Senator Cohen in your delegation but also Senators Wiger and Anderson have been working very hard with Chair Mondale to put together a compromise based on the things you want and that include funding for the transit triangle and the ability to proceed with all parts of the triangle through another year with some funding attached. We have been working with Senator Johnson who is the Chair of the Finance Committee and Senator Cohen has been working that issue in the larger Senate leadership along with Roger Moe.

Housing continues to be one of those things that is up and down. Senator Anderson continues to work hard on this. Senator Cohen had a hearing last evening on the exclusionary, the policy changes that have been talked about and it is still going well. I think Roger Moe has changed some of his money focus on this because of the need for farm assistance.

A number of Ramsey County only bills are moving well or are on their own, travelling on their own or they have been put in Omnibus bills or have been heard and have the ability to be put in Omnibus bills

Some things have died. For example, the design build bill but they have another plan for that. The thinking is that work should be done with the Charter Commission because the design build bill was at one time a pilot, Jolly liked, Greg Mack liked it but some of the opposition to it is coming from the State Auditor.

In the corrections area, Senator Kelly had done a lot of work and wants to help with the whole jail concept. So, there jail bonding is being talked about. For next session, there jail planning money, there is also money for regional training facility.

The soccer bills are still moving along.

The Administrative Penalty Orders for Solid Waste (APO), Representative Workman was going to do something about it.

Terry Lindeke – uncompensated care has three bills, fiscal disparities change, the charity pool and the billing of counties. Fiscal disparities is locked up, the billing of counties is locked up. The charity care pools still has the ability to move but it doesn't look like there will be money for it. Senator Pappas is trying to do something similar to the charity pool using one of these other bills as a vehicle and Commissioner Haigh will be testifying to that on Thursday, we hope that it will move.

Public health endowment is not alive but other parts of the tobacco settlement continue to be moving forward.

Commissioner Haigh asked about the issue of court takeover.

Terry Lindeke stated the dollar amount, Ramsey County doesn't benefit from this because they do not have a lot of court takeover and doesn't affect the metro counties. The dollar amount that would be needed would be approximately \$88,000 over and above what was available through some of the counties

where the takeover was actually happening. There is a bill in the House and the Senate that would move up the study of takeover in the metro area.

In the tax area there are two proposals happening that you have positions on through association with AMC and the Property Tax Study project. One of them is not to expand the limited market value and there is a proposal to expand it substantially but there is also the proposal of reverse referendum which would mean that if you would raise property taxes any dollar increase would be subject to a referendum. AMC is also asking County Boards to write their legislators or call them.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated that the Board has taken a position and Terry and Nick have been reiterating that position at the legislature.

Terry Lindeke suggested the Board put their position in writing and send it to Representative Dawkins for him to be able to use.

Commissioner Haigh stated that she and Commissioner Wiessner spent time on the Property Tax Project and they think it is a very important issue, very important for legislators to understand trying to limit market value essentially shifts onto those properties that do not have a property increase. No one likes to see the increases in the market value but to artificially limit it to those whose property values didn't go up will have a bigger share of the tax burden.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated as a follow-up she noted the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce has come out and stated this isn't good for the businesses. This is not just a residential issue, it is not good for the business as well. I think the reverse referendum issue is very difficult and I think we should take some action on that one.

Commissioner Guerin stated there are times when people might find an increase in the market value that might result in a 20 percent increase in the taxes which is unacceptable. He supports having a cap on how much the values can go up. There is talk about lowering the cap.

Terry Lindeke stated the cap in place is 10 percent now and there is talk about lowering it to 5 percent.

Chair Bennett then responded the valuation can go up any amount but the tax bill can only go up 10 percent, the way the law reads right now. So, Terry, what you are saying is they want to reduce the amount to 5 percent that your taxes could go up. The county does not have a choice in raising valuations. They are governed by the state on how valuations can be raised. They must be between 95 and 105 percent of the actual value of that home. The state audits on a yearly basis and if the county is not doing it and the county gets into trouble.

Terry Lindeke stated that it would be the lesser of 5 percent or the price for inflation so it wouldn't allow a catch up, it is an absolute freeze.

Commissioner Wiessner stated that all now properties are treated according to what they can actually be sold for. If you start applying an artificial freeze on some properties then you end up disproportionately taxing the others that don't have the freeze.

Chair Bennett thank Terry Lindeke and Nick Riley for their hard work at the legislature and noted they spend much time making decisions to the best of their ability.

Terry Lindeke reminded the Board about the change in the meeting with Washington County moving it to May 11, with the Washington County Board.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated she received a fax regarding the Minnesota Rivers Joint Powers Board which Ramsey County is a member but the legislature is considering revoking funding for that and she said she would point that it because it is in their best interest to make sure the 37 member Joint Powers Board, which is the largest in the country, is able to continue to pull together.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. DeSpiegelaere
Authorized Signature

April 13, 1999
Date

Board Action Requested

Riverview Corridor update.

DISCUSSION ONLY

Request Justification

Discussion will occur at the meeting about status of the Riverview Corridor project.

Budgeting and Accounting

County Attorney

Risk Management

Vern Wellfong
Dan Mac Miller

Documentation certified complete for:

April 20, 1999
Board Date

Kristine A. Longhenry
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K. DeSpiegelaere

Authorized Signature

April 13, 1999

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Board Action Requested

Legislative update.

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN

Request Justification

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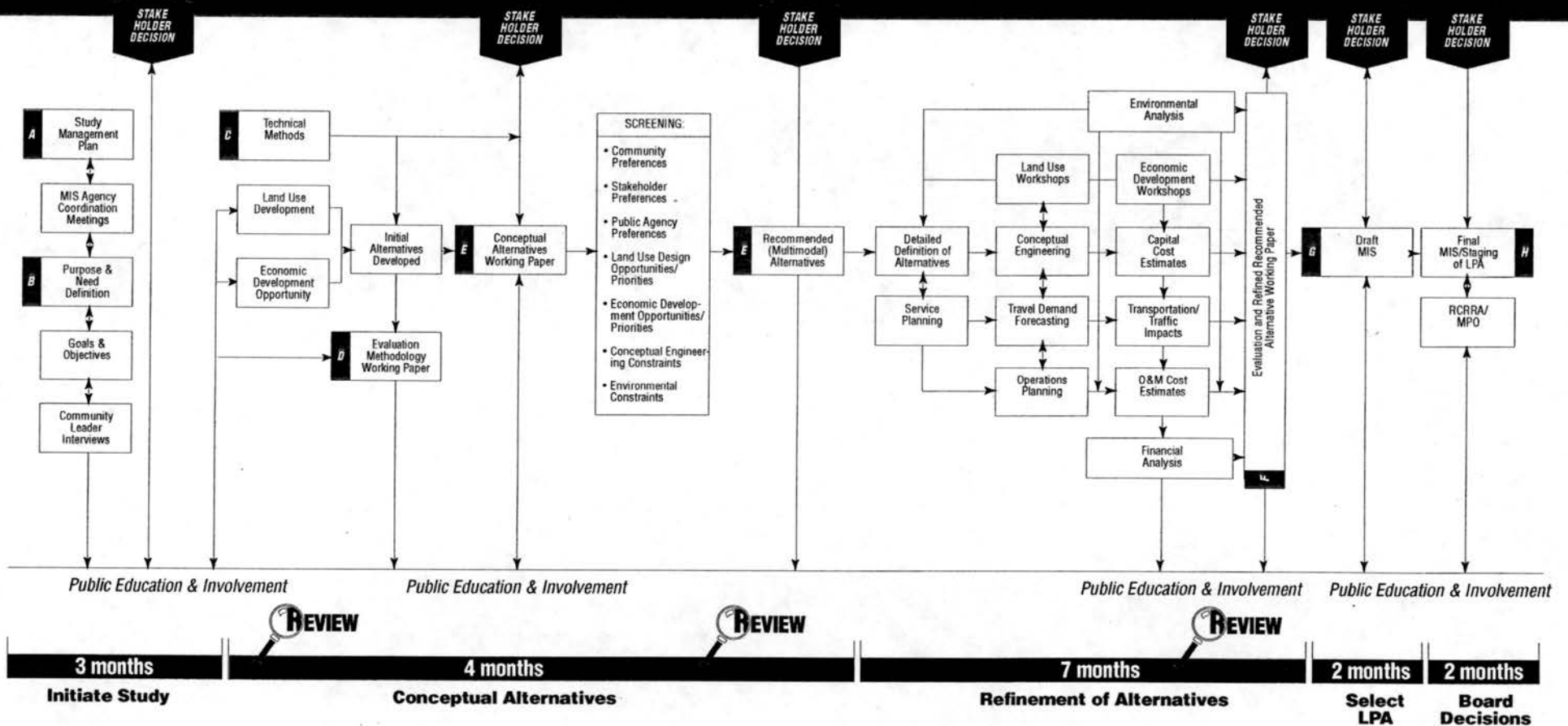
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Project Work Flow and Schedule

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Subject: A bad tax bill


FACTS ABOUT
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The provisions of the "base" omnibus tax bill were summarized today in the House Tax Committee. During the rest of the week, the Committee will take testimony and consider amendments to this base bill. From the perspective of local governments and those interested in good tax policy, this is a bad tax bill.

The following is a summary of the portions of the bill of concern to local governments.

SPENDING RESTRAINTS

If the certified levy of a county or a city with a population over 2,500 increases by more than the greater of (1) 2% or (2) the consumer price index, the levy increase would be subject to repeal through a reverse referendum upon petition of 10% of the voters. (art. 8, sec. 5)

I am attaching a draft fact sheet on the reverse referenda. Please get back to me ASAP regarding changes that you would like to see made in this fact sheet. I will circulate this draft to various local government finance lobbyists tomorrow to see which if any are willing to cooperate with us in putting their organizations name on this or a similar fact sheet for distribution to legislators. From a local government perspective, the reverse referenda is probably the worst provision in a very bad tax bill.

The levy limits upon cities and counties are extended for 2 more years and are tightened by the removal of the adjustment for growth in C/I market value. (article 7, sec. 2-3)

Cities and counties would be required to pass a resolution approving a tax rate that results in an increase in the certified levy. (art. 8, section 9) This is essentially the same provision that was summarized in the e-mail sent to you 2 days ago. It was hoped that this provision would replace the reverse referendum provision; instead, it is in addition to it. I think there may be some technical problems with this provision; tomorrow I will meet with LMC staff to discuss these problems.

LIMITED MARKET VALUE

Tighter limits on the growth in taxable market values are imposed, but not as tight as those contained in some of the bills heard in the tax committee (e.g., HF88, 200, and 2219). The growth in taxable market value would be the greater of (1) 7% of the prior year's value (10% under current law) or (2) 15% of the growth in value from the previous assessment to the current assessment (25% under current law). The bill would continue to apply only to homestead, cabin, non-homestead residential (1-3 units), and agricultural property. (article 6, section 7)

CLASS RATE COMPRESSION

Another round of commercial/industrial and apartment class rate reductions are contained in the bill. The class rate for C/I property with a value over \$150,000 is reduced from 3.5% to 3.25%, while the rate for C/I property under \$150,000 is reduced from 2.45% to 2.25%. The class rate for regular apartments is reduced from 2.5% to 2.25%. (article 6, various sections)

The tier breakpoint for homestead, cabins, and non-homestead residential property is increased from \$75,000 to \$78,000. The class rate for cabin property is reduced from 2.2% to 1.6% on the upper tier and from 1.25% to 1.15% on the lower tier. The class rate for non-homestead residential property is reduced from 1.7% to 1.6% on the upper tier and from 1.25% to 1.15% on the lower tier. The class rate on upper tier homestead value is reduced from 1.7% to 1.6%, with no class rate reduction for the lower tier. (article 6, various sections).

In addition to these class rate reductions, even lower "target" class rates are set for selected properties. The target class rates are 3.0% for C/I value over \$150,000, 2.0% for apartments, and 1.5% second tier residential property. (article 6, section 1)

I have come across information that shows that the business share of total state and local taxes in Minnesota is only 1.4% above the national average. Furthermore, this figure was calculated *prior to the tax relief given during the 1997 and 1998 sessions*. The disparity in effective tax rates between business properties in Minnesota and elsewhere in the country has dropped substantially as a result of the relief given in the last 2 sessions. For these reasons, I would argue that more C/I relief is not needed. I can put this information into a short fact sheet if people think that it would be useful.

To offset the shift of tax burdens on to first tier homestead property, the education homestead credit percentage is increased from 66.2% to 96% and the maximum is increased from \$320 to \$450. In addition, a new education agricultural credit is created. (article 6, section 20)

OTHER PROPERTY TAX PROVISIONS

Cities are to begin receiving a share of penalties and interest collected on property taxes. The county's share of these interest and penalties will be reduced by this provision. School districts will not be affected. (art. 6, sec. 23)

Local governments are prohibited from using property tax revenues to fund LRT. Various other LRT funding restrictions are imposed. (art. 6, section 28)

The transit zone tax (a discretionary tax for Minneapolis and St. Paul) is repealed (art. 6, sec. 36)

Changes are made to the senior property tax deferral program, expanding eligibility by raising income thresholds and lowering the portion of the tax that the taxpayer must pay in order to qualify for the deferral. (article 6, section 24-27)

Various restrictions in the "this old house" program are made. These are the changes that were contained in Rep. Abrams' bill and were summarized in an e-mail I sent to all Project participants a few days ago. (article 6, section 8)

Certain types of utility property receive tax relief, but there is no general tax exemption for all types electrical generating machinery. The preferential class rate applied to the 1st \$150,000 of value would be extended to utility property. Under current law, the reduced class rate applies to only one utility property per owner per county. (article 6, sections 4-6 and 16)

Article 10 makes numerous TIF changes.

NON-PROPERTY TAX PROVISIONS

The state will assume of court costs in the 5th, 7th, 8th, and 9th judicial districts. I believe that the state will take over selected court expenses in all judicial districts, although my reading of the bill is unclear on this point. There will be a HACA reduction and a transfer of fine revenues to the state to fund this state takeover. The transfer of \$10 million from HACA into FPA is cancelled.

There is no general sales tax exemption for local governments. However, county purchases of machinery, equipment, and gravel used exclusively for road and bridge maintenance would be exempted from the sales tax. (article 3, sections 6 and 16) A similar exemption already applies to townships.

Various changes are made to the education tax credit for K-12 education related expenses, including phase-out of the credit for claimants whose household income exceeds \$33,500. (article 2, sections 15 and 16)

Taxpayers could endorse their rebate checks to one of 6 purposes, including K-6 class size reduction and contaminated site clean-up. (article 1, section 3)

PROVISIONS NOT IN THE BASE TAX BILL

There is no sales tax exemption for local governments, except for the road equipment and gravel exemption for counties noted above.

There is apparently no change in the city LGA program.

The bill does not repeal the increase in Family Preservation Aid approved during the 1998 session for the year 2000. Although the increase is reduced from \$30 million to \$20 million, the transfer of \$10 million out of county HACA is also canceled. Therefore, the net aid to each county is not changed.

Tonight I will do an analysis of the property tax impacts of the House Tax Committee base bill. I will e-mail this analysis to Project participants when it is complete. I will e-mail the House Research summary of the entire tax bill when it becomes available. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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Attached is an analysis of the House Tax Committee "base bill" that was brought to the Committee this morning. The first attachment is a description of the methods / assumptions used in the analysis and the second attachment shows the results for selected cities, including all cities in Hennepin, Ramsey, and St. Louis counties. This second attachment is an Excel spreadsheet and you may have problems getting it to print properly. If you do have problems, please contact me.

I have not yet had the opportunity to check my results with House Research. Please note that this analysis is preliminary and subject to revision.

Folks in St. Paul in Minneapolis should note that the tax reductions in these cities are generally smaller than the reductions received in other metro cities on properties of similar values. This is the same pattern that we observed over the last 2 years and is largely the result of the C/I class rate compression. The tax rate disparity between the 2 metropolitan first class cities and the rest of the state increases under this bill. The tax reductions in Duluth, on the other hand, are for the most part typical of the reductions received in other cities in St. Louis County.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact me.
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PROPERTY TAX SIMULATION

Current Law vs. House Tax Comm. "Base Bill"

Baseline: Current Law for Taxes Payable in 2000

Current law for taxes payable in 2000 was modeled using levy and valuation data for taxes payable in 1999.

- Current law class rates for taxes payable in 2000 were imposed upon payable 1999 data.
- School aid and city LGA amounts were recalculated based upon the payable 2000 current law class rates.
- The changes to the education homestead credit approved by the 1998 legislature for taxes payable in 2000 are included in the current law simulation.
- The year lag in the fiscal disparity program was removed. Please see section below regarding the fiscal disparity year lag.

Proposal: House Tax Committee "Base Bill"

The simulation of the proposal is identical to the simulation of the current law baseline with the exception of the following changes contained in the House Tax Committee base bill:

- The various class rate reductions.
- The increase in the residential property tier breakpoint from \$75,000 to \$78,000.
- Increases in the percentage and maximum of the education homestead credit.

Because the simulation of the baseline and the proposal are identical except for these provisions of base bill, any differences in estimated tax burdens is the result of the changes made in the base bill. In modeling the proposal, the year lag in the fiscal disparity program was removed; please see the section below regarding this.

Removal of the Year Lag in Fiscal Disparities

The year lag in the fiscal disparity program causes the full impact of business class rate changes to be postponed for one year. Thus, a simulation of the year one impact of a proposal involving business class rate changes will not be indicative of the full long-term impact of the proposal. In order to give a better estimation of the long-term impact of the proposal, the effects of the year lag in the fiscal disparities program are removed under both the baseline (current law) and the proposal (House Tax Committee base bill).

Description of the Printout

The attached printout shows the estimated tax under the baseline and the estimated percent change in that tax that would occur as a result of the changes made in the proposal for various types of properties in selected cities. The first part of the printout shows the impact on homestead property of varying values. The second part shows the impact upon selected types of non-homestead property.

ESTIMATED IMPACT OF HOUSE TAX COMMITTEE "BASE BILL"

BASED UPON PAYABLE 1999 DATA

HOMESTEAD PROPERTY

	Average Value Home	½ Average Value		Average Value		2 x Average Value		\$40,000 Value		\$200,000 Value	
		Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal
SELECTED METROPOLITAN CITIES											
Andover	132,900	615	-7.3%	1,729	-5.5%	4,393	-2.5%	370	-7.3%	3,074	-3.3%
Anoka	97,600	493	-6.0%	1,135	-9.2%	3,201	-3.1%	404	-6.0%	3,304	-3.0%
Apple Valley	134,000	707	-5.6%	1,955	-4.6%	4,890	-2.1%	422	-5.6%	3,400	-2.8%
Blaine	100,900	492	-6.9%	1,159	-7.7%	3,293	-3.1%	390	-6.9%	3,255	-3.1%
Bloomington	131,100	680	-6.3%	1,867	-4.7%	4,693	-2.0%	415	-6.3%	3,353	-2.7%
Brooklyn Center	81,900	562	-2.8%	1,181	-5.2%	3,227	-2.7%	549	-2.8%	4,180	-2.1%
Brooklyn Park	101,600	668	-3.3%	1,550	-6.5%	4,140	-2.3%	526	-3.3%	4,057	-2.3%
Burnsville	125,200	671	-5.0%	1,791	-4.8%	4,582	-2.0%	429	-5.0%	3,459	-2.6%
Champlin	112,800	620	-5.2%	1,569	-5.5%	4,164	-2.4%	440	-5.2%	3,575	-2.7%
Chanhassen	182,400	1,350	-6.7%	3,719	-2.7%	8,557	-1.5%	531	-3.7%	4,185	-2.4%
Chaska	133,800	753	-5.1%	2,080	-4.5%	5,190	-2.2%	450	-5.1%	3,619	-2.9%
Columbia Heights	83,500	478	-4.6%	1,022	-7.4%	2,919	-3.5%	458	-4.6%	3,706	-2.9%
Coon Rapids	99,300	461	-7.3%	1,069	-9.5%	3,053	-3.3%	371	-7.3%	3,081	-3.3%
Cottage Grove	108,600	662	-5.2%	1,594	-5.7%	4,192	-2.6%	487	-5.2%	3,781	-2.8%
Crystal	89,500	538	-4.9%	1,178	-7.6%	3,244	-3.0%	481	-4.9%	3,743	-2.7%
Eagan	134,900	648	-6.5%	1,814	-4.9%	4,565	-2.1%	384	-6.5%	3,141	-2.9%
Eden Prairie	180,500	1,221	-7.2%	3,398	-2.4%	7,843	-1.1%	490	-4.4%	3,878	-2.1%
Edina	200,100	1,368	-6.6%	3,697	-2.3%	8,371	-1.1%	481	-4.8%	3,695	-2.3%
Forest Lake	107,400	550	-6.1%	1,361	-6.3%	3,717	-2.5%	410	-6.1%	3,392	-2.7%
Fridley	98,700	492	-6.5%	1,145	-8.2%	3,274	-3.1%	398	-6.5%	3,331	-3.0%
Golden Valley	134,900	816	-5.1%	2,278	-3.6%	5,610	-1.6%	484	-5.1%	3,886	-2.2%
Ham Lake	131,500	576	-8.1%	1,616	-5.9%	4,142	-2.6%	350	-8.1%	2,932	-3.5%
Hamburg	85,600	626	-3.7%	1,357	-6.6%	3,864	-2.6%	585	-3.7%	4,723	-2.3%
Hastings	107,600	617	-4.7%	1,522	-5.7%	4,116	-2.5%	459	-4.7%	3,750	-2.7%
Hopkins	110,200	673	-3.5%	1,666	-4.4%	4,410	-1.6%	488	-3.5%	3,902	-1.8%
Hugo	142,700	715	-7.0%	2,048	-4.6%	5,035	-2.2%	401	-7.0%	3,248	-3.1%
Inver Grove Heights	119,400	684	-5.1%	1,727	-5.1%	4,417	-2.2%	458	-5.1%	3,542	-2.6%
Lakeland	138,300	662	-7.6%	1,862	-5.2%	4,633	-2.4%	383	-7.6%	3,098	-3.4%
Lakeville	144,700	724	-6.3%	2,089	-4.4%	5,130	-2.0%	400	-6.3%	3,251	-2.9%
Lilydale	154,100	683	-9.7%	2,015	-4.6%	4,909	-2.1%	349	-8.2%	2,877	-3.3%
Lino Lakes	142,300	839	-4.6%	2,393	-3.8%	5,847	-1.9%	472	-4.7%	3,793	-2.6%
Little Canada	107,300	748	-3.5%	1,760	-4.7%	4,566	-1.9%	558	-3.5%	4,184	-2.1%
Maple Grove	134,400	843	-4.3%	2,273	-3.8%	5,577	-1.7%	502	-4.3%	3,885	-2.4%
Maplewood	111,100	665	-4.2%	1,634	-5.2%	4,308	-2.2%	479	-4.2%	3,774	-2.5%
Mendota Heights	185,200	953	-10.3%	2,713	-3.7%	6,327	-1.8%	369	-7.5%	3,002	-3.4%
Minneapolis	96,500	631	-3.1%	1,445	-6.3%	3,945	-2.1%	523	-3.1%	4,129	-2.0%
Minnetonka	171,500	1,054	-7.6%	3,000	-2.7%	7,021	-1.2%	456	-5.0%	3,668	-2.2%
Minnetrista	261,400	2,033	-4.2%	5,113	-1.9%	11,272	-1.1%	447	-5.3%	3,666	-2.5%
Mounds View	101,400	607	-4.6%	1,408	-6.9%	3,821	-2.7%	479	-4.6%	3,754	-2.7%
New Brighton	126,900	729	-4.8%	1,920	-4.7%	4,836	-2.1%	460	-4.8%	3,600	-2.7%
New Hope	106,900	651	-4.4%	1,547	-5.4%	4,109	-2.2%	487	-4.4%	3,778	-2.4%
Newport	100,700	711	-3.5%	1,635	-5.5%	4,359	-2.2%	565	-3.5%	4,321	-2.3%
North St. Paul	99,900	546	-5.1%	1,269	-8.3%	3,517	-2.8%	437	-5.1%	3,521	-2.8%
Oakdale	106,300	535	-6.9%	1,305	-7.1%	3,586	-3.1%	402	-6.9%	3,316	-3.2%
Plymouth	164,900	986	-7.1%	2,732	-3.1%	6,422	-1.4%	455	-4.9%	3,517	-2.5%
Prior Lake	144,300	949	-4.4%	2,630	-3.5%	6,306	-1.7%	526	-4.4%	4,049	-2.4%
Ramsey	124,000	585	-7.0%	1,572	-5.9%	4,081	-2.6%	377	-7.0%	3,110	-3.2%
Richfield	100,000	609	-3.8%	1,432	-6.2%	3,971	-2.3%	487	-3.8%	3,971	-2.3%

	Average Value Home	½ Average Value		Average Value		2 x Average Value		\$40,000 Value		\$200,000 Value	
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Robbinsdale	87,300	530	-5.0%	1,145	-7.6%	3,151	-3.1%	486	-5.0%	3,755	-2.7%
Rogers	137,300	845	-4.0%	2,331	-3.6%	5,717	-1.6%	492	-4.0%	3,877	-2.2%
Rosemount	129,900	773	-4.2%	2,083	-4.1%	5,206	-1.8%	476	-4.2%	3,768	-2.4%
Roseville	117,000	772	-4.3%	1,929	-4.4%	4,883	-1.9%	528	-4.3%	4,024	-2.2%
Saint Anthony	111,200	746	-3.5%	1,827	-4.7%	4,752	-2.1%	536	-3.5%	4,163	-2.3%
Saint Louis Park	112,400	594	-5.8%	1,542	-5.4%	4,127	-2.2%	423	-5.8%	3,556	-2.5%
Saint Paul	87,200	542	-3.3%	1,191	-6.4%	3,380	-2.4%	498	-3.3%	4,043	-2.1%
Saint Paul Park	88,800	502	-5.8%	1,091	-8.4%	3,010	-3.4%	452	-5.8%	3,510	-3.0%
Savage	132,400	786	-4.5%	2,149	-4.2%	5,348	-2.0%	475	-4.5%	3,783	-2.6%
Shakopee	112,000	645	-4.9%	1,611	-5.4%	4,250	-2.3%	461	-4.9%	3,685	-2.6%
Shoreview	136,000	775	-5.5%	2,131	-4.3%	5,255	-2.1%	456	-5.5%	3,601	-2.8%
South St. Paul	88,500	450	-5.6%	996	-8.6%	2,869	-3.4%	407	-5.6%	3,373	-2.9%
Spring Lake Park	94,500	499	-5.6%	1,141	-8.8%	3,249	-3.1%	422	-5.6%	3,499	-3.0%
Stillwater	126,200	725	-5.8%	1,948	-4.8%	4,910	-2.2%	460	-5.8%	3,680	-2.8%
Vadnais Heights	126,300	717	-5.2%	1,899	-4.7%	4,791	-2.1%	454	-5.2%	3,587	-2.7%
West St. Paul	104,200	521	-6.2%	1,228	-7.2%	3,398	-2.9%	400	-6.2%	3,223	-3.0%
White Bear Lake	110,400	642	-4.6%	1,560	-5.6%	4,123	-2.3%	465	-4.6%	3,640	-2.6%
Woodbury	147,500	870	-5.5%	2,434	-3.9%	5,842	-1.9%	472	-5.5%	3,647	-2.8%
SELECTED GREATER MINNESOTA CITIES											
Albany	72,000	442	-4.8%	885	-4.8%	2,558	-3.8%	492	-4.8%	3,981	-2.7%
Albert Lea	56,600	330	-5.1%	660	-5.1%	1,685	-5.2%	466	-5.1%	3,794	-2.6%
Alexandria	77,700	375	-6.2%	768	-8.3%	2,303	-3.2%	386	-6.2%	3,243	-2.2%
Austin	60,500	322	-6.4%	643	-6.4%	1,723	-5.4%	425	-6.4%	3,508	-3.0%
Baxter	99,700	402	-10.0%	992	-7.3%	2,887	-1.9%	323	-10.0%	2,898	-1.9%
Bemidji	53,900	401	-2.6%	802	-2.6%	1,972	-4.0%	595	-2.6%	4,715	-2.0%
Big Lake	88,700	436	-5.9%	967	-9.0%	2,808	-3.3%	394	-5.9%	3,293	-2.8%
Brainerd	58,900	276	-6.4%	552	-6.4%	1,472	-4.8%	375	-6.4%	3,162	-1.9%
Brownsdale	50,200	271	-6.5%	542	-6.5%	1,306	-6.8%	432	-6.5%	3,656	-2.9%
Buffalo	106,800	524	-5.8%	1,285	-6.7%	3,563	-2.7%	393	-5.8%	3,273	-2.9%
Cannon Falls	92,300	509	-4.4%	1,153	-7.7%	3,267	-2.7%	442	-4.4%	3,628	-2.4%
Chisholm	40,700	111	-2.8%	340	-5.3%	1,063	-7.0%	328	-5.4%	4,699	-2.9%
Cloquet	68,400	461	-4.4%	921	-4.4%	2,606	-3.7%	539	-4.4%	4,349	-2.5%
Cook	37,200	129	-2.7%	312	-5.3%	913	-3.6%	357	-5.0%	4,843	-2.4%
Courtland	76,700	428	-5.3%	869	-6.7%	2,560	-3.6%	447	-5.3%	3,656	-2.7%
Crookston	52,100	377	-3.0%	755	-3.0%	1,844	-4.2%	579	-3.0%	4,692	-2.0%
Detroit Lakes	71,400	423	-3.3%	846	-3.3%	2,399	-3.2%	474	-3.3%	3,788	-2.0%
Duluth	71,300	431	-4.7%	862	-4.7%	2,470	-3.8%	484	-4.7%	3,901	-2.7%
Dumont	21,600	154	-1.9%	307	-1.9%	614	-1.9%	569	-1.9%	4,525	-1.8%
Elk River	113,600	604	-5.6%	1,516	-5.6%	4,001	-2.2%	425	-5.6%	3,406	-2.6%
Fairmont	58,900	303	-5.5%	605	-5.5%	1,582	-5.4%	411	-5.5%	3,384	-2.7%
Faribault	85,900	500	-5.2%	1,081	-7.9%	3,054	-3.2%	466	-5.2%	3,725	-2.8%
Fergus Falls	66,800	349	-5.7%	698	-5.7%	1,970	-4.2%	418	-5.7%	3,449	-2.5%
Fisher	48,500	342	-4.7%	684	-4.7%	1,617	-5.4%	564	-4.7%	4,657	-2.5%
Foley	62,800	457	-2.4%	913	-2.4%	2,462	-3.0%	582	-2.4%	4,650	-1.6%
Gary	21,000	167	-1.8%	335	-1.8%	669	-1.8%	638	-1.8%	4,885	-2.0%
Gilbert	34,900	103	-2.9%	291	-6.0%	898	-3.9%	380	-5.3%	5,136	-3.0%
Hermantown	98,500	645	-3.4%	1,495	-6.6%	4,090	-2.3%	524	-3.4%	4,170	-2.3%
Hibbing	49,400	123	-3.4%	410	-6.0%	1,367	-6.3%	272	-7.3%	4,340	-2.6%
Hutchinson	89,700	552	-4.3%	1,231	-7.4%	3,497	-2.9%	492	-4.3%	4,029	-2.6%
Janesville	65,700	508	-3.1%	1,016	-3.1%	2,738	-2.9%	619	-3.1%	4,788	-1.9%
Lake Benton	36,800	180	-7.7%	360	-7.7%	719	-7.7%	391	-7.7%	3,276	-3.1%
Mankato	86,900	430	-6.6%	938	-9.4%	2,754	-3.0%	396	-6.6%	3,317	-2.5%
Maple Lake	75,800	450	-4.5%	906	-5.2%	2,646	-3.4%	475	-4.5%	3,833	-2.5%
Marshall	86,500	483	-4.5%	1,047	-7.2%	2,939	-2.8%	447	-4.5%	3,555	-2.4%
Montevideo	54,900	388	-2.3%	776	-2.3%	1,926	-4.1%	565	-2.3%	4,511	-2.0%
Monticello	98,500	551	-3.6%	1,275	-6.9%	3,504	-2.2%	447	-3.6%	3,573	-2.1%
Moorhead	75,900	450	-4.4%	908	-5.1%	2,618	-3.7%	475	-4.4%	3,786	-2.8%
New Ulm	77,300	477	-4.3%	974	-6.2%	2,830	-3.3%	494	-4.3%	3,985	-2.6%
New York Mills	42,000	220	-5.8%	440	-5.8%	941	-8.5%	419	-5.8%	3,481	-2.2%
North Branch	92,700	569	-4.4%	1,283	-7.6%	3,587	-2.8%	491	-4.4%	3,956	-2.6%

	Average Value Home	½ Average Value		Average Value		2 x Average Value		\$40,000 Value		\$200,000 Value	
		Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal
North Mankato	103,900	519	-6.7%	1,256	-6.8%	3,492	-2.7%	399	-6.7%	3,324	-2.8%
Northfield	119,200	669	-5.7%	1,719	-5.3%	4,417	-2.4%	449	-5.7%	3,548	-2.8%
Owatonna	93,900	489	-6.0%	1,104	-9.0%	3,113	-3.1%	417	-6.0%	3,378	-2.9%
Paynesville	58,600	377	-4.4%	754	-4.4%	1,961	-4.7%	515	-4.4%	4,146	-2.7%
Pine City	69,700	406	-4.7%	812	-4.7%	2,334	-4.1%	466	-4.7%	3,825	-2.8%
Pipestone	45,400	279	-4.1%	558	-4.1%	1,250	-7.3%	492	-4.1%	3,985	-2.6%
Proctor	64,800	422	-4.0%	843	-4.0%	2,300	-4.0%	521	-4.0%	4,164	-2.6%
Red Wing	95,300	499	-4.0%	1,146	-7.4%	3,217	-2.4%	419	-4.0%	3,426	-2.2%
Rochester	89,300	549	-4.4%	1,208	-7.2%	3,345	-3.0%	492	-4.4%	3,872	-2.6%
Rockford	106,500	593	-4.9%	1,431	-6.1%	3,886	-2.5%	445	-4.9%	3,587	-2.7%
Saint Clair	80,600	483	-4.8%	1,008	-7.2%	2,871	-3.3%	479	-4.8%	3,815	-2.7%
Saint Cloud	85,300	515	-4.2%	1,108	-6.9%	3,095	-2.9%	483	-4.2%	3,807	-2.4%
Saint Joseph	75,400	467	-4.7%	937	-5.0%	2,689	-3.7%	496	-4.7%	3,912	-2.8%
Saint Martin	54,500	327	-5.9%	654	-5.9%	1,657	-5.6%	480	-5.9%	3,955	-2.9%
Saint Michael	129,000	630	-6.6%	1,767	-5.1%	4,523	-2.2%	391	-6.6%	3,284	-2.9%
Saint Peter	80,100	435	-5.9%	905	-8.3%	2,639	-3.6%	434	-5.9%	3,547	-2.8%
Thief River Falls	52,700	446	-2.5%	892	-2.5%	2,177	-3.9%	677	-2.5%	5,339	-2.2%
Virginia	47,200	101	-3.7%	278	-8.0%	1,033	-9.1%	188	-10.0%	3,692	-2.6%
Waite Park	76,200	403	-6.7%	813	-7.6%	2,410	-3.4%	423	-6.7%	3,469	-2.4%
Waldorf	38,100	284	-1.9%	567	-1.9%	1,145	-2.8%	596	-1.9%	4,586	-0.9%
Waverly	89,700	474	-5.9%	1,048	-8.8%	2,983	-3.2%	423	-5.9%	3,439	-2.8%
Wells	40,200	239	-5.2%	478	-5.2%	994	-7.5%	476	-5.2%	3,768	-2.6%
Wheaton	37,000	243	-3.0%	487	-3.0%	973	-3.0%	526	-3.0%	4,194	-2.6%
Willmar	76,600	445	-4.4%	903	-5.7%	2,635	-3.1%	465	-4.4%	3,764	-2.3%
Winona	81,300	409	-7.2%	861	-9.8%	2,580	-3.9%	402	-7.2%	3,406	-3.1%
Worthington	71,100	372	-5.1%	744	-5.1%	2,150	-4.1%	419	-5.1%	3,437	-2.7%
HENNEPIN COUNTY CITIES											
Bloomington	131,100	680	-6.3%	1,867	-4.7%	4,693	-2.0%	415	-6.3%	3,353	-2.7%
Brooklyn Center	81,900	562	-2.8%	1,181	-5.2%	3,227	-2.7%	549	-2.8%	4,180	-2.1%
Brooklyn Park	101,600	668	-3.3%	1,550	-6.5%	4,140	-2.3%	526	-3.3%	4,057	-2.3%
Champlin	112,800	620	-5.2%	1,569	-5.5%	4,164	-2.4%	440	-5.2%	3,575	-2.7%
Corcoran	156,500	811	-8.8%	2,412	-3.7%	5,813	-1.7%	404	-6.4%	3,357	-2.7%
Crystal	89,500	538	-4.9%	1,178	-7.6%	3,244	-3.0%	481	-4.9%	3,743	-2.7%
Dayton	137,800	762	-5.6%	2,167	-4.0%	5,357	-1.8%	443	-5.6%	3,607	-2.6%
Deephaven	290,500	2,420	-3.7%	5,871	-1.7%	12,775	-1.0%	470	-4.5%	3,721	-2.5%
Eden Prairie	180,500	1,221	-7.2%	3,398	-2.4%	7,843	-1.1%	490	-4.4%	3,878	-2.1%
Edina	200,100	1,368	-6.6%	3,697	-2.3%	8,371	-1.1%	481	-4.8%	3,695	-2.3%
Excelsior	155,800	1,009	-6.2%	2,887	-2.9%	6,860	-1.4%	506	-4.0%	4,014	-2.2%
Golden Valley	134,900	816	-5.1%	2,278	-3.6%	5,610	-1.6%	484	-5.1%	3,886	-2.2%
Greenfield	154,700	839	-8.5%	2,528	-3.4%	6,079	-1.6%	425	-6.7%	3,568	-2.5%
Greenwood	307,500	2,646	-3.4%	6,329	-1.6%	13,696	-1.0%	469	-4.9%	3,754	-2.5%
Hopkins	110,200	673	-3.5%	1,666	-4.4%	4,410	-1.6%	488	-3.5%	3,902	-1.8%
Independence	202,300	1,366	-6.1%	3,800	-2.5%	8,668	-1.3%	446	-6.1%	3,745	-2.5%
Long Lake	135,900	780	-4.2%	2,212	-3.8%	5,507	-1.7%	459	-4.2%	3,766	-2.4%
Loretto	128,100	696	-4.7%	1,882	-4.5%	4,780	-2.0%	435	-4.7%	3,509	-2.6%
Maple Grove	134,400	843	-4.3%	2,273	-3.8%	5,577	-1.7%	502	-4.3%	3,885	-2.4%
Maple Plain	113,000	676	-3.6%	1,713	-4.8%	4,532	-2.0%	479	-3.6%	3,883	-2.3%
Medicine Lake	240,000	1,869	-4.4%	4,743	-1.8%	10,493	-0.9%	490	-4.3%	3,785	-2.2%
Medina	276,800	2,031	-4.3%	5,045	-1.9%	11,072	-1.0%	410	-6.3%	3,373	-2.7%
Minneapolis	96,500	631	-3.1%	1,445	-6.3%	3,945	-2.1%	523	-3.1%	4,129	-2.0%
Minnetonka	171,500	1,054	-7.6%	3,000	-2.7%	7,021	-1.2%	456	-5.0%	3,668	-2.2%
Minnetonka Beach	421,200	3,941	-2.3%	8,952	-1.2%	18,973	-0.8%	436	-6.0%	3,689	-2.5%
Minnetrista	261,400	2,033	-4.2%	5,113	-1.9%	11,272	-1.1%	447	-5.3%	3,666	-2.5%
Mound	126,800	719	-4.8%	1,947	-4.6%	4,943	-2.2%	454	-4.8%	3,676	-2.7%
New Hope	106,900	651	-4.4%	1,547	-5.4%	4,109	-2.2%	487	-4.4%	3,778	-2.4%
Orono	309,000	2,473	-3.6%	5,970	-1.7%	12,966	-1.0%	421	-5.8%	3,503	-2.7%
Osseo	93,900	611	-3.5%	1,371	-6.4%	3,732	-2.1%	521	-3.5%	4,043	-1.9%
Plymouth	164,900	986	-7.1%	2,732	-3.1%	6,422	-1.4%	455	-4.9%	3,517	-2.5%
Richfield	100,000	609	-3.8%	1,432	-6.2%	3,971	-2.3%	487	-3.8%	3,971	-2.3%
Robbinsdale	87,300	530	-5.0%	1,145	-7.6%	3,151	-3.1%	486	-5.0%	3,755	-2.7%

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		Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal
Rogers	137,300	845	-4.0%	2,331	-3.6%	5,717	-1.6%	492	-4.0%	3,877	-2.2%
Saint Anthony	111,200	746	-3.5%	1,827	-4.7%	4,752	-2.1%	536	-3.5%	4,163	-2.3%
Saint Bonifacius	120,300	742	-4.2%	1,927	-4.4%	4,920	-2.0%	493	-4.2%	3,910	-2.4%
Saint Louis Park	112,400	594	-5.8%	1,542	-5.4%	4,127	-2.2%	423	-5.8%	3,556	-2.5%
Shorewood	242,400	1,946	-4.4%	4,958	-2.0%	10,983	-1.1%	496	-3.9%	3,904	-2.4%
Spring Park	153,200	942	-5.1%	2,746	-2.8%	6,586	-1.2%	485	-3.8%	3,919	-2.0%
Tonka Bay	279,100	2,333	-3.8%	5,712	-1.8%	12,469	-1.0%	477	-4.6%	3,797	-2.5%
Wayzata	298,000	2,527	-3.1%	6,051	-1.2%	13,100	-0.5%	478	-4.8%	3,733	-2.1%
Woodland	575,600	5,664	-1.8%	12,342	-1.0%	25,700	-0.7%	457	-4.7%	3,626	-2.6%
<u>RAMSEY COUNTY CITIES</u>											
Arden Hills	150,600	858	-5.1%	2,443	-3.7%	5,875	-1.7%	455	-4.9%	3,569	-2.6%
Falcon Heights	134,700	899	-4.0%	2,370	-3.6%	5,749	-1.6%	534	-4.0%	4,008	-2.2%
Gem Lake	158,200	933	-7.2%	2,649	-3.3%	6,294	-1.6%	457	-5.0%	3,612	-2.5%
Lauderdale	85,200	626	-2.9%	1,333	-5.3%	3,561	-2.4%	587	-2.9%	4,366	-2.0%
Little Canada	107,300	748	-3.5%	1,760	-4.7%	4,566	-1.9%	558	-3.5%	4,184	-2.1%
Maplewood	111,100	665	-4.2%	1,634	-5.2%	4,308	-2.2%	479	-4.2%	3,774	-2.5%
Mounds View	101,400	607	-4.6%	1,408	-6.9%	3,821	-2.7%	479	-4.6%	3,754	-2.7%
New Brighton	126,900	729	-4.8%	1,920	-4.7%	4,836	-2.1%	460	-4.8%	3,600	-2.7%
North Oaks	339,500	2,629	-3.6%	6,192	-1.8%	13,320	-1.0%	407	-6.6%	3,264	-3.0%
North St. Paul	99,900	546	-5.1%	1,269	-8.3%	3,517	-2.8%	437	-5.1%	3,521	-2.8%
Roseville	117,000	772	-4.3%	1,929	-4.4%	4,883	-1.9%	528	-4.3%	4,024	-2.2%
Saint Paul	87,200	542	-3.3%	1,191	-6.4%	3,380	-2.4%	498	-3.3%	4,043	-2.1%
Shoreview	136,000	775	-5.5%	2,131	-4.3%	5,255	-2.1%	456	-5.5%	3,601	-2.8%
Vadnais Heights	126,300	717	-5.2%	1,899	-4.7%	4,791	-2.1%	454	-5.2%	3,587	-2.7%
White Bear Lake	110,400	642	-4.6%	1,560	-5.6%	4,123	-2.3%	465	-4.6%	3,640	-2.6%
<u>SAINT LOUIS COUNTY CITIES</u>											
Aurora	36,800	105	-3.1%	302	-6.4%	919	-4.2%	356	-5.9%	4,902	-3.1%
Babbitt	33,200	85	-4.2%	184	-11.4%	683	-6.2%	286	-8.9%	4,511	-3.2%
Biwabik	33,300	102	-3.0%	288	-6.4%	890	-4.1%	409	-5.4%	5,339	-2.9%
Brookston	32,700	90	-4.7%	180	-4.7%	546	-7.2%	222	-5.4%	3,823	-3.4%
Buhl	28,500	58	-7.6%	116	-7.6%	366	-14.2%	163	-7.8%	3,672	-3.9%
Chisholm	40,700	111	-2.8%	340	-5.3%	1,063	-7.0%	328	-5.4%	4,699	-2.9%
Cook	37,200	129	-2.7%	312	-5.3%	913	-3.6%	357	-5.0%	4,843	-2.4%
Duluth	71,300	431	-4.7%	862	-4.7%	2,470	-3.8%	484	-4.7%	3,901	-2.7%
Ely	43,100	103	-5.5%	289	-11.5%	1,001	-9.4%	246	-12.6%	4,352	-2.8%
Eveleth	35,500	73	-5.1%	147	-5.1%	547	-8.0%	171	-8.1%	3,630	-3.0%
Floodwood	25,900	109	-1.8%	217	-1.8%	721	-2.5%	491	-2.8%	5,818	-2.1%
Gilbert	34,900	103	-2.9%	291	-6.0%	898	-3.9%	380	-5.3%	5,136	-3.0%
Hermantown	98,500	645	-3.4%	1,495	-6.6%	4,090	-2.3%	524	-3.4%	4,170	-2.3%
Hibbing	49,400	123	-3.4%	410	-6.0%	1,367	-6.3%	272	-7.3%	4,340	-2.6%
Hoyt Lakes	34,800	92	-2.1%	225	-5.0%	765	-2.9%	305	-4.2%	4,475	-2.3%
Iron Junction	37,300	84	-5.7%	168	-5.7%	489	-9.1%	180	-5.7%	3,118	-3.1%
Kinney	20,300	55	-2.4%	110	-2.4%	332	-4.7%	322	-4.8%	4,703	-2.2%
Leonidas	33,600	42	-9.9%	84	-9.9%	177	-14.8%	100	-9.9%	2,215	-3.6%
Mc Kinley	25,400	29	-11.4%	57	-11.4%	114	-11.4%	90	-11.4%	2,030	-3.4%
Meadowlands	21,700	72	-3.1%	144	-3.1%	382	-5.4%	329	-5.8%	4,589	-2.9%
Mountain Iron	56,000	109	-5.9%	324	-11.7%	1,273	-7.3%	155	-5.9%	3,302	-3.2%
Orr	41,700	118	-5.4%	258	-11.4%	880	-10.8%	236	-9.2%	4,015	-3.1%
Proctor	64,800	422	-4.0%	843	-4.0%	2,300	-4.0%	521	-4.0%	4,164	-2.6%
Tower	35,000	106	-4.2%	212	-4.2%	697	-6.0%	274	-8.7%	4,259	-2.9%
Virginia	47,200	101	-3.7%	278	-8.0%	1,033	-9.1%	188	-10.0%	3,692	-2.6%
Winton	22,700	74	-3.5%	147	-3.5%	395	-6.1%	314	-6.8%	4,513	-3.1%

ESTIMATED IMPACT OF HOUSE TAX COMMITTEE "BASE BILL"

BASED UPON PAYABLE 1999 DATA

NON-HOMESTEAD PROPERTIES

	\$70,000 Non-Home. Res.		\$1,000,000 Apartment		\$150,000 Business		\$10,000,000 Business	
	Current Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Current Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Current Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Current Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal
<u>SELECTED METROPOLITAN CITIES</u>								
Andover	1,043	-2.7%	29,210	-4.8%	4,617	-2.8%	435,270	-1.8%
Anoka	1,113	-2.6%	31,189	-4.8%	4,734	-2.8%	446,218	-1.8%
Apple Valley	1,146	-2.5%	31,740	-4.6%	4,865	-2.7%	457,059	-1.7%
Blaine	1,097	-2.7%	30,912	-4.9%	4,754	-2.9%	449,000	-1.8%
Bloomington	1,135	-2.3%	31,057	-4.4%	4,792	-2.6%	448,553	-1.6%
Brooklyn Center	1,392	-2.3%	37,784	-4.5%	5,499	-2.6%	512,975	-1.6%
Brooklyn Park	1,352	-2.4%	36,943	-4.6%	5,394	-2.7%	504,282	-1.7%
Burnsville	1,162	-2.4%	32,418	-4.5%	4,906	-2.6%	461,913	-1.6%
Champlin	1,196	-2.6%	33,551	-4.7%	4,997	-2.8%	471,199	-1.7%
Chanhassen	1,386	-2.7%	38,481	-4.8%	5,606	-2.9%	526,795	-1.9%
Chaska	1,210	-2.8%	33,811	-4.9%	5,049	-2.9%	475,460	-1.9%
Columbia Heights	1,232	-3.0%	34,969	-5.1%	5,132	-3.1%	485,622	-2.0%
Coon Rapids	1,045	-2.7%	29,251	-4.8%	4,578	-2.8%	431,414	-1.8%
Cottage Grove	1,273	-2.6%	34,134	-4.7%	5,131	-2.8%	477,030	-1.8%
Crystal	1,259	-2.5%	34,003	-4.6%	5,108	-2.7%	475,940	-1.7%
Eagan	1,066	-2.4%	29,570	-4.5%	4,642	-2.6%	436,361	-1.6%
Eden Prairie	1,297	-2.1%	35,467	-4.3%	5,245	-2.5%	490,618	-1.5%
Edina	1,250	-2.0%	33,132	-4.2%	4,991	-2.4%	462,234	-1.4%
Forest Lake	1,139	-2.5%	32,003	-4.6%	4,862	-2.7%	458,685	-1.7%
Fridley	1,118	-2.8%	31,713	-4.9%	4,788	-2.9%	452,973	-1.8%
Golden Valley	1,298	-2.3%	35,645	-4.4%	5,252	-2.5%	491,876	-1.5%
Ham Lake	1,000	-2.6%	27,957	-4.8%	4,502	-2.8%	424,222	-1.8%
Hamburg	1,544	-2.9%	43,612	-5.1%	5,971	-3.0%	563,941	-2.0%
Hastings	1,245	-2.8%	35,357	-4.9%	5,166	-2.9%	488,836	-1.8%
Hopkins	1,297	-2.1%	36,206	-4.2%	5,292	-2.4%	498,140	-1.3%
Hugo	1,103	-2.5%	30,118	-4.6%	4,726	-2.7%	442,190	-1.7%
Inver Grove Heights	1,200	-2.2%	32,098	-4.4%	4,960	-2.6%	461,031	-1.6%
Lakeland	1,058	-2.6%	28,761	-4.7%	4,581	-2.8%	428,095	-1.8%
Lakeville	1,101	-2.4%	30,417	-4.6%	4,729	-2.7%	444,028	-1.7%
Lilydale	988	-2.3%	27,070	-4.5%	4,331	-2.6%	405,712	-1.6%
Lino Lakes	1,263	-2.7%	35,343	-4.8%	5,191	-2.8%	489,027	-1.8%
Little Canada	1,404	-2.1%	36,982	-4.2%	5,476	-2.5%	505,931	-1.5%
Maple Grove	1,303	-2.3%	35,190	-4.4%	5,242	-2.6%	488,389	-1.6%
Maplewood	1,262	-2.5%	34,808	-4.6%	5,156	-2.7%	483,627	-1.7%
Mendota Heights	1,026	-2.5%	28,154	-4.7%	4,521	-2.7%	423,684	-1.7%
Minneapolis	1,367	-2.3%	38,116	-4.4%	5,510	-2.6%	518,371	-1.5%
Minnetonka	1,229	-2.2%	33,910	-4.3%	5,073	-2.5%	475,861	-1.5%
Mnetrista	1,222	-2.5%	34,407	-4.7%	5,084	-2.7%	479,828	-1.7%
Mounds View	1,259	-2.6%	34,405	-4.7%	5,151	-2.8%	481,811	-1.8%
New Brighton	1,212	-2.5%	33,062	-4.6%	5,018	-2.7%	469,124	-1.7%
New Hope	1,270	-2.2%	34,313	-4.4%	5,150	-2.6%	480,002	-1.6%
Newport	1,438	-2.5%	38,799	-4.6%	5,616	-2.7%	522,765	-1.7%
North St. Paul	1,180	-2.6%	33,001	-4.8%	4,947	-2.8%	465,989	-1.8%
Oakdale	1,118	-2.8%	31,217	-5.0%	4,781	-2.9%	450,303	-1.9%
Plymouth	1,193	-2.1%	31,869	-4.2%	4,914	-2.4%	456,624	-1.5%
Prior Lake	1,357	-2.4%	36,303	-4.6%	5,375	-2.7%	499,187	-1.7%
Ramsey	1,055	-2.6%	29,432	-4.7%	4,593	-2.8%	432,446	-1.8%
Richfield	1,311	-2.7%	37,444	-4.8%	5,421	-2.8%	513,999	-1.8%

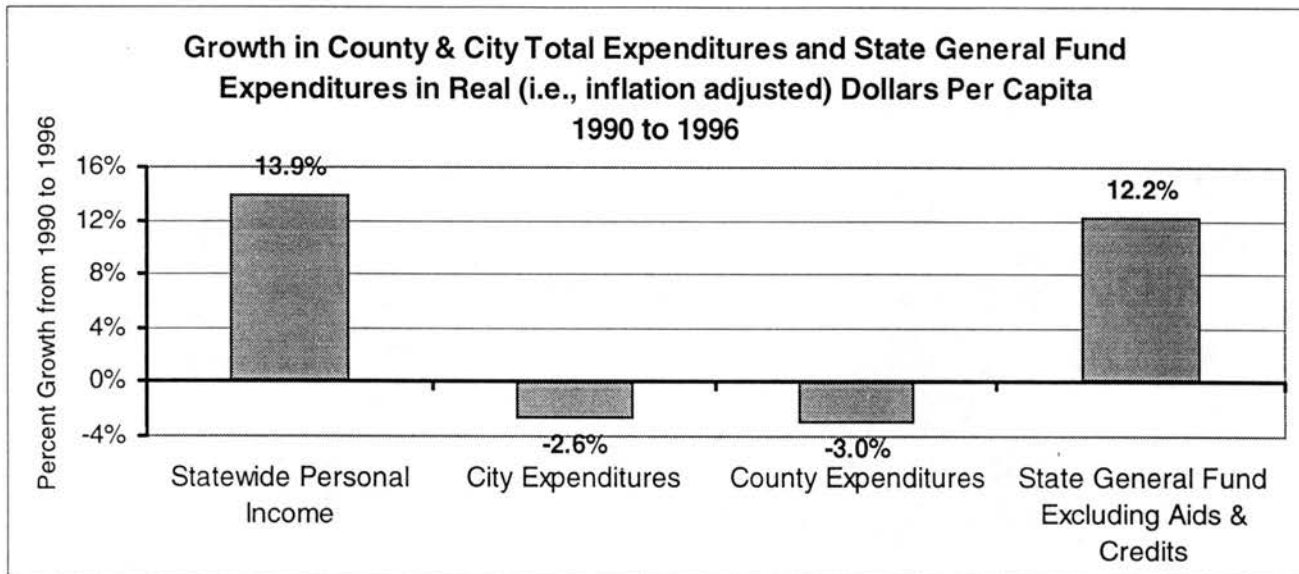
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Robbinsdale	1,266	-2.5%	33,870	-4.6%	5,058	-2.8%	469,904	-1.8%
Rogers	1,294	-2.3%	35,622	-4.4%	5,247	-2.6%	491,751	-1.6%
Rosemount	1,260	-2.4%	34,802	-4.5%	5,158	-2.6%	484,000	-1.6%
Roseville	1,353	-2.1%	35,746	-4.3%	5,336	-2.5%	493,585	-1.5%
Saint Anthony	1,384	-2.5%	37,913	-4.7%	5,509	-2.8%	515,464	-1.8%
Saint Louis Park	1,185	-2.5%	33,791	-4.7%	4,992	-2.7%	473,005	-1.6%
Saint Paul	1,332	-2.5%	38,066	-4.6%	5,497	-2.7%	521,131	-1.6%
Saint Paul Park	1,191	-2.5%	31,744	-4.6%	4,904	-2.7%	455,281	-1.8%
Savage	1,262	-2.6%	35,049	-4.7%	5,173	-2.8%	486,144	-1.8%
Shakopee	1,234	-2.5%	34,128	-4.6%	5,086	-2.7%	477,499	-1.7%
Shoreview	1,213	-2.5%	32,987	-4.6%	5,020	-2.7%	468,841	-1.7%
South St. Paul	1,129	-2.8%	32,236	-4.9%	4,753	-2.9%	450,546	-1.9%
Spring Lake Park	1,167	-2.9%	33,311	-5.0%	4,956	-3.0%	469,711	-1.9%
Stillwater	1,236	-2.6%	33,822	-4.8%	5,075	-2.8%	474,902	-1.8%
Vadnais Heights	1,208	-2.4%	32,920	-4.5%	5,008	-2.7%	468,048	-1.7%
West St. Paul	1,093	-2.4%	30,076	-4.6%	4,699	-2.7%	440,583	-1.7%
White Bear Lake	1,224	-2.4%	33,374	-4.5%	5,044	-2.7%	471,417	-1.7%
Woodbury	1,234	-2.4%	32,835	-4.6%	4,980	-2.7%	461,878	-1.8%
<u>SELECTED GREATER MINNESOTA CITIES</u>								
Albany	1,319	-2.9%	31,971	5.3%	5,452	-3.1%	514,308	-2.1%
Albert Lea	1,263	-2.7%	35,430	-4.8%	5,210	-2.9%	491,247	-1.9%
Alexandria	1,093	-1.9%	30,778	-4.0%	4,526	-2.1%	427,147	-1.0%
Austin	1,176	-2.8%	32,919	-4.9%	4,841	-3.0%	456,133	-2.0%
Baxter	989	-1.2%	27,667	-3.4%	4,069	-1.4%	383,209	-0.4%
Bemidji	1,542	-2.7%	43,456	-4.8%	6,390	-2.9%	603,226	-1.9%
Big Lake	1,104	-2.6%	31,551	-4.7%	4,638	-2.8%	439,719	-1.7%
Brainerd	1,070	-1.5%	29,965	-3.7%	4,407	-1.8%	415,243	-0.7%
Brownsdale	1,215	-3.0%	34,705	-5.1%	5,102	-3.1%	483,690	-2.1%
Buffalo	1,098	-2.6%	31,353	-4.7%	4,609	-2.8%	436,859	-1.7%
Cannon Falls	1,206	-2.5%	34,462	-4.7%	5,066	-2.7%	480,297	-1.6%
Chisholm	1,636	-3.4%	45,877	-5.6%	6,689	-3.7%	630,510	-2.6%
Cloquet	1,432	-3.0%	40,251	-5.1%	5,919	-3.2%	558,399	-2.2%
Cook	1,668	-3.1%	40,659	5.2%	6,885	-3.3%	650,847	-2.3%
Courtland	1,219	-2.7%	34,318	-4.8%	5,046	-2.9%	476,255	-1.9%
Crookston	1,530	-2.8%	43,713	-4.9%	6,426	-2.9%	609,223	-1.9%
Detroit Lakes	1,260	-2.2%	35,443	-4.3%	5,212	-2.4%	491,800	-1.3%
Duluth	1,295	-2.8%	36,362	-5.0%	5,347	-3.1%	504,260	-2.0%
Dumont	1,479	-2.5%	42,260	-4.6%	6,212	-2.7%	588,971	-1.6%
Elk River	1,151	-2.2%	31,523	-4.4%	4,638	-2.5%	433,981	-1.5%
Fairmont	1,135	-2.5%	32,077	-4.6%	4,716	-2.7%	445,657	-1.7%
Faribault	1,246	-2.7%	34,446	-4.8%	5,067	-3.0%	475,483	-2.0%
Fergus Falls	1,157	-2.3%	32,475	-4.4%	4,776	-2.5%	450,341	-1.5%
Fisher	1,519	-3.2%	43,412	-5.3%	6,382	-3.4%	605,027	-2.4%
Foley	1,521	-2.4%	43,056	-4.5%	6,330	-2.6%	598,520	-1.5%
Gary	1,601	-2.7%	44,398	-4.9%	6,531	-3.0%	613,475	-2.0%
Gilbert	1,767	-3.7%	49,845	-5.8%	7,289	-3.9%	688,441	-2.9%
Hermantown	1,377	-2.6%	38,704	-4.8%	5,691	-2.8%	536,929	-1.8%
Hibbing	1,525	-3.1%	42,864	-5.2%	6,280	-3.3%	592,351	-2.2%
Hutchinson	1,328	-2.9%	37,944	-5.0%	5,578	-3.1%	528,829	-2.0%
Janesville	1,580	-2.3%	42,894	-4.6%	6,312	-2.8%	588,991	-1.9%
Lake Benton	1,106	-2.7%	26,642	5.5%	4,538	-2.9%	427,172	-1.9%
Mankato	1,117	-2.2%	31,310	-4.3%	4,604	-2.4%	434,008	-1.4%
Maple Lake	1,274	-2.7%	35,796	-4.8%	5,264	-2.9%	496,492	-1.8%
Marshall	1,194	-2.2%	32,998	-4.3%	4,854	-2.5%	455,485	-1.5%
Montevideo	1,475	-2.7%	42,139	-4.8%	6,194	-2.9%	587,289	-1.8%
Monticello	1,195	-2.1%	33,529	-4.2%	4,931	-2.3%	464,866	-1.3%
Moorhead	1,261	-2.8%	35,308	-5.0%	5,192	-3.1%	489,279	-2.0%
New Ulm	1,320	-2.8%	37,187	-4.9%	5,468	-3.0%	516,240	-2.0%
New York Mills	1,167	-2.1%	28,226	6.2%	4,812	-2.3%	453,525	-1.2%
North Branch	1,311	-2.9%	36,872	-5.0%	5,422	-3.1%	511,554	-2.0%

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North Mankato	1,119	-2.5%	31,378	-4.6%	4,614	-2.7%	434,951	-1.6%
Northfield	1,198	-2.5%	32,461	-4.7%	4,777	-2.8%	445,453	-1.9%
Owatonna	1,139	-2.5%	31,559	-4.7%	4,642	-2.8%	435,939	-1.8%
Paynesville	1,369	-3.0%	33,203	5.2%	5,663	-3.2%	534,265	-2.2%
Pine City	1,266	-3.0%	31,106	5.5%	5,317	-3.1%	504,104	-2.1%
Pipestone	1,317	-2.9%	32,209	5.5%	5,501	-3.1%	520,718	-2.0%
Proctor	1,375	-2.9%	38,625	-5.0%	5,680	-3.1%	535,680	-2.1%
Red Wing	1,145	-2.2%	32,703	-4.3%	4,807	-2.4%	455,786	-1.3%
Rochester	1,293	-2.6%	35,571	-4.8%	5,233	-2.9%	490,383	-1.9%
Rockford	1,200	-2.6%	33,555	-4.7%	4,935	-2.8%	464,741	-1.8%
Saint Clair	1,274	-2.6%	35,184	-4.8%	5,176	-3.0%	485,566	-2.0%
Saint Cloud	1,273	-2.4%	35,012	-4.5%	5,151	-2.7%	482,592	-1.7%
Saint Joseph	1,305	-2.8%	35,918	-4.9%	5,284	-3.1%	495,193	-2.1%
Saint Martin	1,311	-3.1%	31,774	5.1%	5,418	-3.3%	511,114	-2.3%
Saint Michael	1,103	-2.6%	31,323	-4.8%	4,605	-2.8%	435,766	-1.8%
Saint Peter	1,188	-2.7%	33,181	-4.8%	4,880	-2.9%	459,383	-1.9%
Thief River Falls	1,733	-3.1%	48,850	-5.2%	7,183	-3.3%	678,221	-2.3%
Virginia	1,328	-2.7%	37,245	-4.8%	5,478	-2.9%	516,426	-1.8%
Waite Park	1,170	-2.1%	32,068	-4.3%	4,718	-2.4%	441,549	-1.4%
Waldorf	1,518	-1.4%	35,692	6.4%	6,054	-1.8%	564,513	-0.8%
Waverly	1,157	-2.5%	32,126	-4.7%	4,725	-2.8%	444,053	-1.8%
Wells	1,264	-2.4%	29,846	5.3%	5,066	-2.9%	473,159	-1.9%
Wheaton	1,378	-3.1%	33,868	5.3%	5,789	-3.3%	548,864	-2.2%
Willmar	1,253	-2.4%	35,188	-4.5%	5,175	-2.6%	487,996	-1.6%
Winona	1,140	-2.9%	32,417	-5.1%	4,766	-3.1%	451,180	-2.1%
Worthington	1,150	-2.6%	32,662	-4.7%	4,802	-2.8%	454,472	-1.7%
<u>HENNEPIN COUNTY CITIES</u>								
Bloomington	1,135	-2.3%	31,057	-4.4%	4,792	-2.6%	448,553	-1.6%
Brooklyn Center	1,392	-2.3%	37,784	-4.5%	5,499	-2.6%	512,975	-1.6%
Brooklyn Park	1,352	-2.4%	36,943	-4.6%	5,394	-2.7%	504,282	-1.7%
Champlin	1,196	-2.6%	33,551	-4.7%	4,997	-2.8%	471,199	-1.7%
Corcoran	1,129	-2.5%	31,695	-4.6%	4,838	-2.7%	456,333	-1.6%
Crystal	1,259	-2.5%	34,003	-4.6%	5,108	-2.7%	475,940	-1.7%
Dayton	1,208	-2.5%	33,631	-4.6%	5,029	-2.7%	473,095	-1.7%
Deephaven	1,245	-2.5%	34,383	-4.6%	5,117	-2.7%	480,102	-1.7%
Eden Prairie	1,297	-2.1%	35,467	-4.3%	5,245	-2.5%	490,618	-1.5%
Edina	1,250	-2.0%	33,132	-4.2%	4,991	-2.4%	462,234	-1.4%
Excelsior	1,335	-2.4%	36,935	-4.5%	5,380	-2.6%	505,029	-1.6%
Golden Valley	1,298	-2.3%	35,645	-4.4%	5,252	-2.5%	491,876	-1.5%
Greenfield	1,194	-2.4%	33,462	-4.6%	5,006	-2.7%	471,886	-1.6%
Greenwood	1,255	-2.5%	34,668	-4.6%	5,144	-2.7%	482,634	-1.7%
Hopkins	1,297	-2.1%	36,206	-4.2%	5,292	-2.4%	498,140	-1.3%
Independence	1,245	-2.6%	35,221	-4.7%	5,156	-2.8%	487,387	-1.7%
Long Lake	1,248	-2.6%	35,660	-4.7%	5,176	-2.7%	490,743	-1.7%
Loretto	1,175	-2.5%	32,973	-4.6%	4,950	-2.7%	466,748	-1.6%
Maple Grove	1,303	-2.3%	35,190	-4.4%	5,242	-2.6%	488,389	-1.6%
Maple Plain	1,284	-2.6%	36,679	-4.7%	5,278	-2.8%	500,429	-1.7%
Medicine Lake	1,274	-2.1%	34,182	-4.2%	5,105	-2.4%	474,599	-1.4%
Medina	1,136	-2.4%	31,635	-4.5%	4,851	-2.6%	456,446	-1.6%
Minneapolis	1,367	-2.3%	38,116	-4.4%	5,510	-2.6%	518,371	-1.5%
Minnetonka	1,229	-2.2%	33,910	-4.3%	5,073	-2.5%	475,861	-1.5%
Minnetonka Beach	1,225	-2.6%	34,990	-4.7%	5,121	-2.8%	485,539	-1.7%
Minnetrista	1,222	-2.5%	34,407	-4.7%	5,084	-2.7%	479,828	-1.7%
Mound	1,225	-2.7%	34,513	-4.8%	5,091	-2.9%	480,540	-1.8%
New Hope	1,270	-2.2%	34,313	-4.4%	5,150	-2.6%	480,002	-1.6%
Orono	1,171	-2.6%	33,155	-4.7%	4,944	-2.8%	467,455	-1.7%
Osseo	1,349	-2.1%	36,705	-4.2%	5,381	-2.4%	502,369	-1.4%
Plymouth	1,193	-2.1%	31,869	-4.2%	4,914	-2.4%	456,624	-1.5%
Richfield	1,311	-2.7%	37,444	-4.8%	5,421	-2.8%	513,999	-1.8%
Robbinsdale	1,266	-2.5%	33,870	-4.6%	5,058	-2.8%	469,904	-1.8%

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Saint Anthony	1,384	-2.5%	37,913	-4.7%	5,509	-2.8%	515,464	-1.8%
Saint Bonifacius	1,303	-2.5%	36,029	-4.6%	5,278	-2.7%	495,342	-1.7%
Saint Louis Park	1,185	-2.5%	33,791	-4.7%	4,992	-2.7%	473,005	-1.6%
Shorewood	1,301	-2.5%	36,000	-4.7%	5,276	-2.7%	495,299	-1.7%
Spring Park	1,299	-2.3%	36,629	-4.4%	5,315	-2.5%	501,790	-1.5%
Tonka Bay	1,268	-2.5%	35,042	-4.6%	5,182	-2.7%	486,210	-1.7%
Wayzata	1,258	-1.9%	33,743	-4.0%	5,084	-2.3%	472,666	-1.3%
Woodland	1,217	-2.4%	33,562	-4.6%	5,002	-2.7%	469,137	-1.7%
<u>RAMSEY COUNTY CITIES</u>								
Arden Hills	1,203	-2.4%	32,757	-4.5%	4,981	-2.6%	465,430	-1.6%
Falcon Heights	1,351	-2.1%	35,379	-4.2%	5,287	-2.5%	487,613	-1.5%
Gem Lake	1,216	-2.3%	33,134	-4.4%	5,022	-2.6%	469,388	-1.6%
Lauderdale	1,460	-2.1%	38,490	-4.3%	5,645	-2.5%	521,610	-1.5%
Little Canada	1,404	-2.1%	36,982	-4.2%	5,476	-2.5%	505,931	-1.5%
Maplewood	1,262	-2.5%	34,808	-4.6%	5,156	-2.7%	483,627	-1.7%
Mounds View	1,259	-2.6%	34,405	-4.7%	5,151	-2.8%	481,811	-1.8%
New Brighton	1,212	-2.5%	33,062	-4.6%	5,018	-2.7%	469,124	-1.7%
North Oaks	1,110	-2.4%	30,137	-4.5%	4,731	-2.7%	441,906	-1.7%
North St. Paul	1,180	-2.6%	33,001	-4.8%	4,947	-2.8%	465,989	-1.8%
Roseville	1,353	-2.1%	35,746	-4.3%	5,336	-2.5%	493,585	-1.5%
Saint Paul	1,332	-2.5%	38,066	-4.6%	5,497	-2.7%	521,131	-1.6%
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Vadnais Heights	1,208	-2.4%	32,920	-4.5%	5,008	-2.7%	468,048	-1.7%
White Bear Lake	1,224	-2.4%	33,374	-4.5%	5,044	-2.7%	471,417	-1.7%
<u>SAINT LOUIS COUNTY CITIES</u>								
Aurora	1,699	-3.7%	47,496	-5.8%	6,985	-3.9%	657,774	-2.9%
Babbitt	1,575	-3.6%	38,369	4.6%	6,534	-3.8%	617,529	-2.8%
Biwabik	1,833	-3.7%	51,300	-5.8%	7,544	-4.0%	710,803	-3.0%
Brookston	1,358	-3.4%	38,338	-5.5%	5,637	-3.6%	532,510	-2.6%
Buhl	1,322	-3.7%	37,066	-5.8%	5,451	-3.9%	513,846	-2.9%
Chisholm	1,636	-3.4%	45,877	-5.6%	6,689	-3.7%	630,510	-2.6%
Cook	1,668	-3.1%	40,659	5.2%	6,885	-3.3%	650,847	-2.3%
Duluth	1,295	-2.8%	36,362	-5.0%	5,347	-3.1%	504,260	-2.0%
Ely	1,525	-3.3%	37,267	5.1%	6,358	-3.4%	601,606	-2.4%
Eveleth	1,309	-2.9%	36,754	-5.0%	5,406	-3.1%	509,913	-2.1%
Floodwood	1,966	-3.2%	47,871	5.1%	8,170	-3.4%	771,935	-2.4%
Gilbert	1,767	-3.7%	49,845	-5.8%	7,289	-3.9%	688,441	-2.9%
Hermantown	1,377	-2.6%	38,704	-4.8%	5,691	-2.8%	536,929	-1.8%
Hibbing	1,525	-3.1%	42,864	-5.2%	6,280	-3.3%	592,351	-2.2%
Hoyt Lakes	1,570	-2.8%	37,804	5.3%	6,437	-3.1%	605,857	-2.1%
Iron Junction	1,145	-2.6%	32,077	-4.7%	4,749	-2.9%	447,540	-1.8%
Kinney	1,636	-2.9%	46,033	-5.0%	6,769	-3.1%	638,827	-2.1%
Leonidas	878	-1.9%	24,448	-4.0%	3,619	-2.1%	340,461	-1.1%
Mc Kinley	822	-1.4%	22,840	-3.5%	3,366	-1.6%	316,450	-0.6%
Meadowlands	1,591	-3.5%	38,759	4.8%	6,616	-3.7%	625,271	-2.7%
Mountain Iron	1,219	-2.7%	33,086	-4.8%	4,885	-3.0%	455,882	-2.0%
Orr	1,416	-3.3%	34,469	4.9%	5,881	-3.5%	555,652	-2.5%
Proctor	1,375	-2.9%	38,625	-5.0%	5,680	-3.1%	535,680	-2.1%
Tower	1,491	-3.2%	36,298	5.0%	6,191	-3.4%	585,063	-2.4%
Virginia	1,328	-2.7%	37,245	-4.8%	5,478	-2.9%	516,426	-1.8%
Winton	1,566	-3.6%	44,467	-5.7%	6,538	-3.8%	618,611	-2.8%

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FACTS ABOUT COUNTY & CITY SPENDING AND THE REVERSE REFERENDA



Revenue and spending data from the State Auditor (for counties and cities) and the Department of Finance (for state general fund). Population data from the State Demographer and Metro Council. Inflation adjustment based upon chain-weighted IPD from DRI. County and state expenditures adjusted to account for state takeover of income maintenance and public defender costs. School aids, property tax aids & credits, and other major local assistance excluded from state general fund expenditures.

Local elected officials have proven their ability to control expenditures. Reverse referenda and other restrictions upon the authority of local governments to determine their budgets are unnecessary.

Legislators should note that:

- If referendum requirements were imposed upon state government, the state would routinely be subject to referendum, since state tax revenues have consistently grown faster than inflation.
- Legislators are aware of how difficult it is for the legislature to agree on spending targets and to do fiscal planning for upcoming bienniums. Consider the additional complexity and uncertainty that would be added to the process if all increases in state taxes were subject to referendum. The legislature should not impose a provision on local governments that the legislature itself would find untenable.
- Local elected officials, like state officials, are accountable to their constituents through the ballot box.

REVERSE REFERENDA ARE NOT THE SOLUTION TO THE PROPERTY TAX CRISES. Ultimately, the only lasting solution is meaningful revenue diversification that reduces dependence on the property tax.

VOTE TO DEFEAT THE REVERSE REFERENDA

Lindeke, Terry

From: Dana Frey [dfrey@mica.org]
Sent: Monday, April 19, 1999 3:06 PM
To: Lindeke Terry; Davidson Mary; Conley Pat; Corbid Kevin
Subject: FW: RE: House tax bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Dana Frey [mailto:dfrey@mica.org]
Sent: Monday, April 19, 1999 3:04 PM
To: Bensen, Brian; Brunner Julie; Devlin Dick; Mahn Gene; McLinden Jay; Reinert, Robert; Richardson, Brandt; Rindelaub, George; Schug, Jim; Stoltz, Dick; Twa, Dave; Unmacht, Dave
Cc: Helfritz Bill; Devine John; Bendzick, Bob; Berg, Jim; Boethin Fred; Books Jerry; Johnson Terry; Neumann Rick; Pyan, Dan; Schreifels, Randy; Windschitl, Fran; Vanasek, Bob; Tilley, Barry; Ongaro John; Ladwig Sue; Caucutt Amy; Boland John; Brewington, Claudia
Subject: RE: House tax bill

This morning, the House Tax Committee released their proposed tax bill for 1999. The good news for taxpayers is that at \$2.2 billion this bill would easily be the largest tax cut in the history of the state. The bill includes a one-half percent reduction in each of the individual income tax rates, an expansion of the brackets for married couples (cutting the marriage penalty), and a sales tax rebate along the lines of that supported by the Governor and Senate.

For counties, the news is mixed:

FAMILY PRESERVATION AID: The bill fully funds family preservation aid for taxes payable next year, \$20 million in new property tax relief. The Governor had proposed delaying this aid one year.

SALES TAX: Exempts county highway construction equipment and gravel from the sales tax.

LEVY LIMITS: Extends levy limits for two more years, and eliminates the additional adjustment for new commercial/industrial construction. Levy limit base is NOT recalculated, those of you who did not levy to your limit do not lose that additional authority.

Requires counties and cities to adopt a formal resolution in order to increase property tax revenue from one year to the next. An additional certification would be required in mid-October, in the form of a resolution.

REVERSE REFERENDUM: Subjects any levy increase over 2% to a reverse referendum. After a county board or city council sets its budget in December for the next year, tax opponents would have 14 days to circulate a petition that, if signed by 10% of the registered voters in city or county, would force a referendum on the entire levy increase. If this referendum, held in late January, rejects that levy increase, the city or county would revert to the prior year's tax amount -- in other words, the city or county could not levy even an additional dollar. There would be no appeal.

PENALTY AND INTEREST: Changes the distribution of penalty and interest revenue from 50% county, 50% school district to 50% school district, county and city allocated in proportion to levy. This would result in a shift in revenue from counties to cities of approximately \$6 to \$8 million.

LIMITED MARKET VALUE: Reduces the value increase subject to limited market value from 10% to 7%, and the "catch-up" from 25% of the difference between the old limited market value and the new full value to 15% of the difference.

RATE COMPRESSION: Reduces class rates on virtually every property type,

protecting homeowners by raising the education homestead credit from 66% with a \$320 maximum to 96% with a \$450 maximum.

COURT FUNDING: Includes funding components for court financing in the 5th, 7th, 8th, and 9th judicial districts. Provides that the state pays one-half of the six-month problem. Repeals the HACA transfer to family preservation aid.

FARM RELIEF: Creates a new "education agricultural credit" equal to 50% of the education tax on ag homestead property (40% for nonhomestead property).

UTILITY TAXES: Includes utility personal property with regular business property, allowing "small business" property tax benefits for each parcel of utility property.

OTHER:

- Prohibits any levy for light rail transit.
- Cuts the met council's levy limit by 10%
- Advances many truth in taxation dates by 7 days.
- Prohibits the use of TIF for social and recreational facilities, permits

pooling to make up deficits due to rate compression, gives revenue the ability to enforce TIF violations referred by the state auditor, provides special TIF authority for several cities.

- Makes technical and substantive changes to tax forfeited procedures
- Eliminates the ability to request local impact notes on administrative

rules

The bill is scheduled to be heard, beginning tomorrow, and voted out of committee on Thursday. The Senate bill is scheduled for release on Wednesday (property taxes) and Friday (all else). We will keep you advised of any changes to the legislation; if you would like a copy of the summary or of specific sections of the bill (the entire bill is nearly 300 pages), let us know by return email.

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HUMAN SERVICES			
SF569 Ranum HF1352 Entenza Statewide bill	Child Maltreatment Reports Alternative Response Programs/Child Welfare Proposals/ Child Protection Legislation	NOTE: All of the child welfare/child protection proposals are still under consideration as of today's date. Several of the program proposals match those in the County Board's Legislative Package. However, none of the proposals has yet secured funding. We are using the fiscal note process in relation to them because of the potential for new/expanded mandates to counties without revenues to carry out the tasks.	<u>Senate</u> 3/16 - Cmte Report to pass as amended and re-refer to Health and Family Security <u>House</u> 3/15 - Recalled and re-refer Civil Law 3/29 - Cmte report, pass as amended, re-refer to Health and Human Services Policy 4/6 - Cmte report, pass as amended, re-refer to Health and Human Services Finance
SF748 Ranum HF1220 Dempsey Statewide bill	Child Welfare/Child Protection Proposals	See NOTE, above.	<u>Senate</u> 2/15 - Intro and First rdg, refer to Children, Families and Learning 3/1 - Withdrawn and re-refer to Governmental Operations and Veterans ¾ Cmte report to pass as amend and re-refer to Children, Families and Learning 3/11 - Cmte report to pass as amend and re-refer to Health and Family Services 3/16 - Cmte report to pass and re- refer to Crime Prevention 3/24 - Cmte report, to pass as amended, re-refer to Children, Families and Learning <u>House</u> 3/1 - First rdg, refer to K-12 Education Finance

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SF1707 Junge HF449 Broecker Ramsey County-specific bill	ACE (All Children Excel) Project (Juvenile) Juvenile Crime Prevention Proposal Specific to Ramsey County	This proposal has passed bill deadlines in both House and Senate and is being considered for the omnibus bills. \$300, 000 Funding	<u>Senate</u> 3/11 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Crime Prevention <u>House</u> 3/2 - First rdg and refer to Judiciary Finance 3/25 - Recalled and re-refer to Family and Early Childhood Education Finance Included in House Omnibus Bill
SF964 Berglin HF942 Mariani Statewide bill	Safety Net For Those Unable to Work	Minnesota Family Investment Program statewide 60-month limit exception and work participation support program This proposal is still alive and moving.	In Governor's budget <u>Senate</u> 2/22 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Health and Family Security 2/25 - Author added Terwilliger Senate Policy Committee aprvd bill stopping time clock for participants who are disabled, caring for disabled household member, or who are working <u>House</u> 2/22 - First rdg, refer to Hlth & Human Services Policy 3/1 Authors added Wejcman, Koskinen 3/2 Author added Abeler The companion was offered as an amendment to DHS bill in House, but was not approved. <u>Senate</u> Approved by Policy Committee <u>House</u> Did not receive a hearing.

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SF483 Samuelson HF546 Greenfield Statewide bill	Child Care Assistance Program Funds Available to all counties State-wide to Pay for Sliding Fee Day Care	This proposal is still alive and moving forward.	<u>Senate</u> 2/4 - Intro and first rdg , refer to Health and Family Security 2/4 - Author added Stevens 3/4 - Author stricken Stevens <u>House</u> 2/8 - First rdg, refer to Health and Human Services Policy 2/10 - Author added Luther
SF483 Samuelson HF546 Greenfield Statewide bill	State Food Assistance for Legal Immigrants \$200,000 for RC Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Statewide Eligibility Provisions, Modifications and Federal TANF Block Grant Transfers	This bill is still alive and moving; Ramsey County residents will be significant beneficiaries if it passes and is signed by the Governor. Approved by both Senate and House policy committees.	<u>Senate</u> 2/4 Intro and First rdg, refer to Hlth & Family Security 2/4 Auth added Stevens 3/4 - Author stricken Stevens <u>House</u> 2/8 - First rdg, refer to Hlth & Human Services Policy 2/10 - Author added Luther
SF543 Lourey HF1678 Kelliher Statewide bill	Eliminate Provision MFIP Participants by Grants \$100 if Live in HUD-Subsidized Housing	Possible inclusion in omnibus bill.	<u>Senate</u> 2/4 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Hlth & Family Security <u>House</u> 3/8 - First rdg, refer to Health and Human Services Policy
SF1010 Cohen HF1156 Rhodes Statewide bill	Inclusionary Policies for Affordable Housing in Metro Area	Metropolitan area voluntary inclusionary housing policy incentives provided, policy defined, money appropriated. These proposals are still alive and moving forward.	<u>Senate</u> 2/25 Intro and first rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy & Community Development 4/9 - Author stricken Beckman, author added Weiner <u>House</u> 3/1 - First rdg, refer to Jobs & Economic Development Policy 3/2 - Author added Paymar 3/18 - Cmte report, pass as amended, re-refer to Jobs and Economic Development Finance

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SF1526 Samuelson HF1392 Jennings Statewide bill	Continue Food Assistance to Legal Immigrants Reduce Job Counselor Caseloads	Approved by both House and Senate Policy Committees. These proposals are alive and moving forward.	<u>Senate</u> 3/8 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Health and Family Security 3/11 - Author added Stevens <u>House</u> 3/4 First rdg, refer to Health and Human Services Policy 3/29 - Cmte Report pass as amended, re-refer to Health Human Services Finance
SF768 Pappas HF751 Trimble Statewide bill	Pre-Admission Screening	This bill is not alive	<u>Senate</u> 2/15 Intro and first rdg, refer to Local and Metropolitan Government 3/16 Cmte report to pass as amended, consent calendar, second rdg 3/18 - Consent calendar, third rdg, passed <u>House</u> 2/15 - First rdg, refer to Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs
SF837 Novak HF2013 Hausman Ramsey County-specific bill	Targeted Training Program for Immigrants \$750,000 for Ramsey County only, to train immigrants for employment	This bill is still alive and moving	<u>Senate</u> 2/18 Intro and First rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy & Community Development <u>House</u> 3/15 - First rdg, refer to Jobs and Economic Development Finance 4/2 - Passed cmte
SF483 Samuelson HF546 Greenfield Statewide proposals	Income Maintenance Programs/Reimbursement to Counties Statewide for the County Costs of Administering the TANF and other Public Assistance/Welfare Programs	In Governor's budget, These proposals are still alive and moving forward.	<u>Senate</u> 2/4 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Health & Family Security 2/4 - Author added Stevens 3/4 - Author stricken Stevens <u>House</u> 2/8 - First rdg, refer to Health and Human Services Policy 2/10 Author added Luther

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SF1178 Solon HF2069 Jaros Statewide proposals	Changes MFIP Cash Grant for Child Only Cases Minnesota Family Investment Program; would modify cash grants	Minnesota Family Investment Program statewide cases cash grant modification. These proposals have passed second bill deadline are still alive.	<u>Senate</u> 3/1 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Health and Family Security <u>House</u> 3/17 - First rdg, refer to Health and Human Svcs Policy
SF745 Kelly HF1694 Stanek	Minnesota Cities Grant	Helps to fund truancy center within Ramsey County. Still alive.	<u>Senate</u> 2/15 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy and Community Development 3/1 - Cmte report, pass and re-refer to Crime Prevention <u>House</u> 3/8 - First rdg, refer to Family and Early Childhood Education Finance
SF906 Pappas HF829 Mahoney Ramsey County-specific bill	Chemical Dependency Services for Women	\$38,000 is requested to help fund Ramsey County group residential housing facility for chemically dependent women. This proposal is dead for this session.	<u>Senate</u> 2/22 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Hlth and Family Security <u>House</u> 2/18 - First rdg, refer to Local, Government & Metropolitan Affairs
	Parents' Fair Share		
SF1856 Wiger HF1901 Broecker Ramsey County-specific bill	Lake Owasso Residence	RC, Lake Owasso Intermediate Care facility replacement authorized. This proposal is specific to Ramsey County only; however, it has opposition from the State Department of Human Services and the Minnesota Assn. Of Retarded Citizens. This proposal is still moving forward.	<u>Senate</u> 3/15 - Intro & 1st rdg, refer to Health and Family Security <u>House</u> 3/15 - 1st rdg, refer to Health and Human Service Finance 3/17 - Recalled and re-refer to Health and Human Services Policy

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Senate author Dallas Sams	Welfare-to-work transportation	This proposal is one that was developed by the Joint Powers Board and is part of their legislative package, as well as that of the seven metropolitan counties. It is a request to find \$2 million in TANF funds for welfare-to-work transportation programs. Securing this money would allow us to continue our current programs that were funded during the last legislative session. This proposal will be considered the week of 4/12.	<u>Senate</u> Will have first hearing on 4/14. <u>House</u> No hearings yet scheduled.
SF990 Anderson HF748 Trimble	Tenant/Landlord Dispute Resolution Program	This bill has had hearings in the Senate and is being considered for possible inclusion in omnibus economic development bill.	<u>Senate</u> 2/25 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy and Community Development Has had policy and finance hearings. <u>House</u> 2/15 - First rdg, refer to Jobs and Economic Development Policy This bill did not have hearings in the House.
SF1361 Hottinger HF1395 Rhodes	Group Residential Housing Block Grant Pilot Project Program	Help homeless individuals with disabilities live more independently Still alive.	<u>Senate</u> ¾ - Intro and first rdg, refer to Health and Family Security <u>House</u> ¾ - First rdg, refer to Health and Human Services Policy
CORRECTIONS/PUBLIC SAFETY			
SF1648 Kelly HF2228 Broecker Regional and statewide bills	Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington Counties authorized grants to construct law enforcement training facilities and money for regional jails (statewide).	This proposal is alive and moving forward.	<u>Senate</u> 3/10 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Crime Prevention <u>House</u> 3/22 - First rdg, to Judiciary Finance 3/31 - Cmte report, pass as amended, re-refer to Capital Improvement

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SF345 Foley HF278 Entenza	DWI Funding	\$12 million state-wide \$2.2 million for Ramsey County DWI repeat violations felony penalties, incarceration in local correctional facilities required minimum mandatory penalties provided and enhanced gross misdemeanor references repealed This proposal is still alive.	<u>Senate</u> 1/28 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Crime Prevention 2/1 - Author added Wiger <u>House</u> 1/25 - First rdg, refer Crime Prevention
May not be Separate Bill Statewide proposal	Community Corrections Act Subsidy	In Governor's budget. \$5 million state-wide; \$5 million first year, \$1 million second year, \$1.5 million biennium. This proposal is still alive. It would bring \$800,000/year into Ramsey County.	
SF237 Johnson HF216 Stanek Statewide bill	Influx of Felons From Other Jurisdictions	\$6 million for Ramsey County, although this is a statewide bill. Pretrial status prisoner transfers between jail and workhouse, authorization clarified This item is alive and moving forward.	Ramsey County <u>Senate</u> 1/21 Intro and first rdg, refer to Crime Prevention HF Substituted in Cmte <u>House</u> 1/21 First rdg, refer to Crime Prevention 2/4 Cmte report, pass, second rdg 2/25 Rule 1.21, placed on calendar for day 3/1 - Third rdg and passage 4/6 - Returned from Senate

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HF637 Paymar introduced NOTE: There are a number of bills in both the House and Senate that are trying to expand the use of Camp Ripley. The Senate bill looks favorably on these program expansions, which could benefit counties statewide. However, the House is considering elimination of the entire program.	Camp Ripley Correctional Facility NOTE: There are a number of bills in both the House and Senate that are trying to expand the use of Camp Ripley. The Senate bill looks favorably on these program expansions, which could benefit counties statewide. However, the House is considering elimination of the program.	Policy – loosen criteria for placement Camp Ripley Work Program slope expanded	<u>House</u> 2/10 - 1 st rdg, refer to Crime Prevention
Federal Level - Not at State Level	Medical Costs for Adults and Juveniles in Correctional Facilities NOTE: This proposal is not contained in any state legislation.		
Bishop (in House)	Productive Day (adult and juvenile)	Ramsey County, along with Hennepin, St. Louis, and Olmsted Counties, currently receives funding for Productive Day programming for adult inmates. These counties, and Anoka County, have made a request to expand this program to juvenile inmates. Both bodies have included this in their omnibus bill.	The current adult Productive Day proposal has been recommended for defunding in the Governor's budget.
SF1208 Kelly HF1090 Bishop Statewide bill	Probation Workload Reduction Funding	County probation officers caseload and workload reduction appropriation \$8 million state-wide (approx. 10% goes to Ramsey County) This proposal is still alive.	<u>Senate</u> 3/1 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Crime Prevention <u>House</u> 2/25 - First rdg, refer to Crime Prevention 3/10 - Recalled and re-refer to Judiciary Finance
PARKS & RECREATION			
Region-wide bill	Capital Funding for Regional Parks	\$480,000 for Ramsey County \$2.459 million metro-wide. This is still alive.	Part of Omnibus Appropriations Bill and LCMR.

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SF758 Price HF654 Tingelstad Region-wide bill	Regional Park Operations and Maintenance Funding	\$350,000/year for Ramsey County \$9.9 million metro-wide Metropolitan area regional parks maintenance and operation funded and money appropriated. Senate - targets 3% cut from Gov's recommendation House - targets 10% from Gov's recommendation Senate omnibus spending bill must be completed by 4/16 House omnibus spending bill must be completed by 4/16	<u>Senate</u> 2/15 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local & Metropolitan Gov't 3/15 - Cmte report to pass and re- refer to Environment and Natural Resources Senate Environment and Agriculture Budget Div has not heard this bill - if they hear it, will be omnibus spending bill Spending bills sent to Senate State Government Finance Committee <u>House</u> 2/11 - First rdg, refer to Environment & Natural Resources Finance 2/15 - Author added Wagenius omnibus spending bill by 4/16 Spending bills would be referred to House Ways and Means Committee
SF1612 Wiger HF1381 Hausman	Soccer Facility and Youth Soccer	\$12 million state-wide. Minnesota Access Facilities Development Act provided for acquisition and development of soccer and other amateur athletic facilities and money appropriated. NOTE: All the various soccer proposals are still moving forward.	<u>Senate</u> 3/10 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Governmental Operations and Veterans <u>House</u> ¾ - First rdg, refer to Governmental Operations and Veterans Affairs 3/22 - Cmte report, pass as amended, re-refer to Taxes

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SF904 Metzen HF1341 Abrams	Soccer and Other Amateur Sports Facilities	\$3 million state-wide. Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission grants authorized for youth athletic facilities and money appropriated.	<u>Senate</u> 2/22 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Governmental Operations and Veterans <u>House</u> ¾ - First rdg, refer to Governmental Operations and Veterans Affairs Policy 3/18 - Cmte report, pass and re-refer to State Government Finance
HF2046 Hausman	U of M Women's Intercollegiate Soccer Stadium		<u>House</u> 3/17 - First rdg, refer to Higher Education Finance
LIBRARIES			
SF850 Pappas HF888 Erickson Statewide bill	Electronic Database Access	\$3 million state-wide Library basic system supports grants and multicounty, multitype library systems appropriations Could become part of omnibus bill.	<u>Senate</u> 2/18 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Children, Families & Lrng <u>House</u> 2/22 - First rdg, refer to K-12 Education Finance
SF988 Robertson HF1459 Johnson Statewide bill	Library, School Media Center Programs Funding	\$19,948,000 state-wide Learning academy training expanded, library site technology grants eligibility requirements modified, database access program for public libraries and schools modified, money appropriated Could become part of omnibus bill.	<u>Senate</u> 2/25 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Children, Families & Lrng <u>House</u> ¾ - First rdg, refer to K-12 Education Finance
PUBLIC HEALTH			
SF1683 Statewide proposal	Home Visitation	This proposal, if funded, would provide \$3.6 million for Ramsey County and \$20 million statewide.	Bill is dead for the session

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Was never put in bill form Statewide proposal	Immunization Registry	\$420,000 for Ramsey County \$3 million statewide Not alive. This proposal has statewide implications and got tied up in the debate on data privacy issues and release of information.	No legislation this year; not in Governor's Budget
SF1016 Berglin HF1102 Haas Statewide bill	Uncompensated Care/billing county of residence.	County hospital and clinic special payments for resident uncompensated care. This proposal has been "locked up" in the Senate Tax Committee because of the fiscal notes.	<u>Senate</u> 2/25 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Health and Family Security 3/24 - Cmte report, to pass as amended, second rdg 3/29 - General Order stricken and re-refer to Taxes <u>House</u> 2/25 - First rdg and refer to Health and Human Services Policy
SF1709 Kelly HF1700 Paulsen Region-wide bill	Uncompensated Care and Fiscal Disparities Changes	Metropolitan revenue distribution formula modification for uncompensated health care costs. This proposal is still alive. Created by Hennepin County, this would use fiscal disparities money to help fund HCMC. Under the proposal, Ramsey County would not lose any revenue, but it also wouldn't benefit Regions Hospital, and other counties who receive fiscal disparities would lose revenues	<u>Senate</u> 3/11 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local and Metropolitan Government <u>House</u> Heard in Tax Committee and laid over for inclusion in omnibus tax bill

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SF1127 Berglin HF1115 Haas Statewide bill	Uncompensated care	Up to \$17 million for Regions Hospital charity care equity fund, providing health care services to certain low-income or uninsured persons. NOTE: The three uncompensated care proposals are still alive at this time, but not uniformly healthy. AMC is working in opposition to both the fiscal disparities bill and the bill that would allow hospitals to bill the county of residence for indigent patients. The fiscal disparities bill has significant opposition from those counties and cities that are potentially affected. This proposal has passed bill deadlines and is alive and well.	<u>Senate</u> 2/25 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Health and Family Security <u>House</u> 2/25 - First rdg, refer to Health and Human Services Policy 3/8 Authors added Mares, Broecker, McGuire, Mariani 4/6 - Cmte report, pass as amended, re-refer to Health and Human Services Finance

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SF1269 Moe HF1600 Goodno Statewide bill	Public Health Endowment	Minnesota families foundation and health related endowment funds creation, tobacco litigation settlement proceeds disposition This proposal is no longer alive.	<u>Senate</u> 3/2 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Health and Family Security 3/25 - Cmte report to pass as amend and re-refer to Governmental Operations and Veterans Jt Rule 2.03, refer to Rules and Admin 3/29 - Cmte report, adopt previous cmte report, re-refer to Governmental Operations and Veterans 3/31 - Cmte report, pass as amended and re-refer to Human Services Finance, Jt Rule 2.03, refer to Rules and Administration, rules suspended and re-refer to Human Resources Finance 4/8 - Cmte report to pass as amended, second rdg 4/9 - Special Order, amended, third rdg, passed <u>House</u> 3/8 - First rdg, refer to Health and Human Svcs Policy 3/17 - Cmte report, amend and re-refer to Governmental Operations and Veterans Affairs Policy 3/24 - Cmte report, amend and re-refer to Health Human Svcs Finance
PROPERTY RECORDS & REVENUE			

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HF/SF Author	BILL SUBJECT	COMMENTS	STATUS
SF465 Pappas HF908 Dawkins Statewide bill.	Security Deposits	No cost to state. County recorders' minimum security deposits requirement authority. This proposal has passed both the House and Senate policy committees, has made bill deadlines, and will be included in omnibus tax bills.	<u>Senate</u> 2/4 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local & Metropolitan Government 2/22 - Cmte report to pass consent calendar 2/22 Second rdg SPP 2/25 Consent calendar third rdg passed 4/9 - Returned from House <u>House</u> 2/22 - First rdg, refer to Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs
SF431 Flynn HF1311 Dawkins	This Old House	No cost to state. Property tax valuation exclusion for certain improvements application requirements modified. Passed in Senate Property Tax. This proposal is still alive and available for inclusion in the omnibus tax bills.	<u>Senate</u> 2/1 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local and Metropolitan Government <u>House</u> 3/1 - First rdg, refer to Taxes
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT			
SF178 J. Johnson HF1282 Jennings Statewide bill	Design-Build	No cost to state. Local government units public buildings construction/design build contracts. Dead – didn't make deadline.	<u>Senate</u> 1/19 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local and Metropolitan Government <u>House</u> 3/1 - First rdg, refer to Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs
SOLID WASTE			

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HF/SF Author	BILL SUBJECT	COMMENTS	STATUS
SF669 J. Johnson HF1049 Ozment Statewide bill	Administrative Penalty Orders	Only extending existing law. Not well; may be amended onto another vehicle since it hasn't made bill deadlines.	<u>Senate</u> 2/11 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Environment & Natural Resources 3/11 Chief author stricken Morse and Chief author added J. Johnson In Environment omnibus bill <u>House</u> 2/25 - First rdg, refer to Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs 3/22 - Cmte report, pass as amended, re-refer to Environment and Natural Resources Policy
MISCELLANEOUS			
SF1800 Anderson HF1931 Trimble Statewide bill	Brownfields	Alive; may possibly be considered in omnibus jobs and economic development bill.	<u>Senate</u> 3/15 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy and Community Dev 3/16 - Auth added Wiger <u>House</u> 3/15 - First rdg, refer to Jobs and Economic Development
SF923 Pappas Statewide bill	Polluted Lands (Brownfields)	No longer alive.	(Part of housing legislation) <u>Senate</u> 2/22 - Intro and 1 st rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy and Community Development 3/8 - Cmte report, pass as amend and re-refer to Local and Metropolitan Government

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SF365 Novak HF595 Holsten Statewide bill	Polluted Lands (Brownfields) Petro Fund Use Expanded	Petroleum tank fund, expenditure and reimbursement provisions and redevelopment grant program and modifications. This proposal is still alive and moving forward.	<u>Senate</u> 1/28 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy and Community Development 2/1 Cmte report to pass and re-refer to Environment and Natural Resources 2/1 Author added Beckman 3/16 - Cmte report, to pass as amend and re-refer to State Government Finance <u>House</u> 2/8 - First rdg, refer to Jobs and Economic Development Policy 2/11 Authors added Seifert, M, Dorman, Kuisle, Peterson, Jennings, Stang, Finseth, Fuller, Howes, Tunheim, Osthoff, Workman, Winter, Swenson 2/25 - Cmte report to pass, re-refer to Commerce 3/4 - Cmte report, pass as amended and re-refer to Environment and Natural Resources 3/17 - Cmte report, pass as amended and re-refer to Environment and Natural Resources Policy 3/25 - Cmte report, pass as amended, re-refer to Ways and Means 4/12 - Cmte report, pass as amended and second rdg 4/13 - Journal statement House Rule 4.03

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HF/SF Author	BILL SUBJECT	COMMENTS	STATUS
SF1143 Flynn HF532 Orfield Region-wide bill	Provides for Elected Met Council	Met Council made an elective body and candidate contributions regulated. No longer moving forward.	<u>Senate</u> 3/1 Intro and first rdg, refer to Local and Metropolitan Government Affairs 3/17 - Withdrawn and return to author <u>House</u> 2/8 - Intro and refer to Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs
SF991 Novak HF881 Dawkins Ramsey County-specific bill	After-School Enrichment Grants Fiscal Responsibility	No cost to state. Ramsey County/St. Paul After School Enrichment role clarification. This bill has been laid on the table without a vote. A study rider is being proposed for the omnibus bill.	<u>Senate</u> 2/25 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Children, Families and Learning 3/1 - Author added Wiger <u>House</u> 2/22 - First rdg, refer to Education Policy 3/11 - Hearing - laid over
SF Novak	Electric Utility Deregulation	Policy issues - removes property tax on equipment. No legislation yet, but the issue continues to be discussed.	
	Achievement Plus	\$3.1 million (in St. Paul). NOTE: There will be no legislation necessary during this year.	Ramsey County

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HF/SF Author	BILL SUBJECT	COMMENTS	STATUS
SF1610 Wiger HF1543 Hausman SF483 Samuelson Statewide bill	Joint Procurement	No cost to state, policy change. No longer alive.	<u>Senate</u> 3/10 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local and Metropolitan Government <u>House</u> 3/8 - First rdg, Refer to Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs 3/24 - Author stricken Molnau House did not hear companion to SF483. A provision exempting several categories when rule takes effect in July was offered as amendment to HF1392 and aprvd by policy committee
SF965 Lourey HF945 Huntley Statewide bills	Amend MFIP Statute Expand Education and Job Training Opportunities MFIP Participants	There are a variety of these proposals still being discussed. Issue is still alive.	<u>Senate</u> 2/22 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Health & Family Security 2/25 - Author added Terwilliger 3/11 - Authors stricken Hottinger and co-author Berglin 3/11 Chief author Lourey added <u>House</u> 2/22 - First rdg, refer Hlth & Human Resources Policy 3/2 Authors added Seifert, J. Dorn, Wejcmn <u>Senate -</u> Approved by policy committee <u>House -</u> Did not receive a hearing
TRANSIT/TRANSPORTATION			

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HF/SF Author	BILL SUBJECT	COMMENTS	STATUS
SF828 Flynn HF2180 Workman	Regional rail authority bonds	Still alive and under discussion.	<u>Senate</u> 2/18 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local & Metropolitan Government <u>House</u> 3/18 - First rdg, refer to Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs
Statewide bill.	Maintenance Funding	No cost to state. Bill heard and laid over for possible action in the future. Proposal has not been heard in the Senate and has been heard in the house and is available for inclusion in the HS omnibus tax bill.	Drafted
SF2138 Runbeck HF2087 Krinke	Property Tax Use for Light Rail Prohibited		<u>Senate</u> 3/30 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local and Metropolitan Government <u>House</u> 3/17 - First rdg, refer to Taxes
SF2139 Runbeck HF1886 Krinke Region-wide bill with state-wide funding implications.	Regional Rail Authority funding proposal	\$110 million cost to state. Seven-county metropolitan area regional rail authorities abolished These proposals are still alive.	<u>Senate</u> 3/30 - Intro and first rdg, rear to Local and Metropolitan Government <u>House</u> 3/11 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Transportation 3/15 - Recalled and re-refer to Transportation Finance
HOUSING			
SF990 E. Anderson HF748 Trimble Ramsey County-specific bill.	Clearinghouse for Tenants/Landlords	\$180,000 for St. Paul/Ramsey County. St. Paul/Ramsey County landlords and tenants education and dispute resolution pilot program establishment and evaluation. Bill is still alive and moving forward. May possibly be included in omnibus bill.	Ramsey County <u>Senate</u> 2/25 - Intro and First rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy & Community Development 3/9 Jobs, Energy & Community Development Hearing <u>House</u> 2/15 - First rdg, refer to Jobs & Economic Development Policy

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SF923 Pappas Statewide bill	1% Solution for Housing	Not going anywhere in this format.	<u>Senate</u> 2/22 - Intro and First rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy & Community Development 3/8 - Committee report, pass as amend and re-refer to Local and Metropolitan Government
SF493 Anderson HF584 Dawkins Statewide bill	Low Income Housing Tax Credit	Still alive and moving forward. NOTE: Several of the various housing proposals are still under discussion and moving forward, although the dollar amounts are changing.	<u>Senate</u> 2/4 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy and Community Development 2/8 - Author added Berglin 3/1 Cmte report to pass and re-refer to Taxes <u>House</u> 2/8 - First rdg, refer to Jobs and Economic Development Policy 3/1 - Cmte report to pass and re-refer to Taxes
TAXES			
SF1018 Johnson H. Abrams State-wide bills/proposals	Reforming the state/local fiscal relationship -Realignment of service, and funding responsibilities * - Diversification of revenue - Reform of state aids School aid Limited market value Class rate compression * Sales tax on local government purchases Price of government Electric utility deregulation and utility tax issues Levy limits, freezes, referendum requirements, and super majorities	The tax proposals are all still alive. Tax Committee begins "in-earnest" negotiations within the next week.	<u>Senate</u> 2/25 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local & Metropolitan Government

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SF1088 Runbeck HF1009 Broecker Ramsey County-specific bill	Green Acres exemption for Lande property	No cost to state. Passed in both bodies and for consideration in House and Senate in Omnibus bills.	<u>Senate</u> 2/25 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local & Metropolitan Gov't <u>House</u> 2/25 - First rdg, refer to Taxes; held for inclusion in omnibus tax bill
SF483 Samuelson HF546 Greenfield Statewide proposals	Title XX funding.	\$1 million in 1998 and projected \$1.8 million 1999. In Governor's budget. The proposals to re-fund Title XX are still very much alive.	<u>Senate</u> 2/4 - Intro and 1 st rdg, refer to Health and Family Security ¾ - Author stricken Stevens <u>House</u> 2/8 - First rdg, refer to Health and Human Services Policy 2/10 - Author added Luther
SF1308 Ten Eyck KHF1272 Abrams	District Court Programs and Personnel State Funding	Transfers court operating expenses from counties to the State - an amendment to the bill reduced Family Preservation Aid (FPA) increase by \$10 million and canceled the \$10 million reduction to HACA. These changes are "a wash" to each county in the state. It will be part of the tax committee discussions as the omnibus bill is put together.	<u>Senate</u> ¾ - Intro and first rdg, refer to Judiciary 3/8 - Withdrawn and re-refer Governmental Operations Veterans 3/25 - Cmte report, to pass as amend and re-refer to Judiciary 4/7 - Cmte report, to pass as amend, re-refer to Taxes <u>House</u> 3/1 - First rdg, refer to Civil Law ¾ - Recalled and re-refer to Governmental Operations and Veterans Affairs Policy 3/8 - Cmte report, pass as amended, re-refer to Judiciary Finance 3/18 - Cmte report, pass as amended, re-refer to Taxes
PERSONNEL			

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HF/SF Author	BILL SUBJECT	COMMENTS	STATUS
SF768 Pappas HF751 Trimble Ramsey County-specific bill	Changes to RC Hiring	No cost to state. Ramsey County personnel process modified related to application and screening. This proposal has passed both bodies in an amended version and is moving forward.	Ramsey County <u>Senate</u> 2/15 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local & Metropolitan Government - Passed 3/16 - Cmte report, to pass as amend, Consent cal, second rdg, SPP149 3/18 - Consent calendar, third rdg, passed <u>House</u> 2/15 - First rdg, refer to Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

OTHER LEGISLATIVE BILLS/PROPOSALS OF INTEREST- 4/12/99

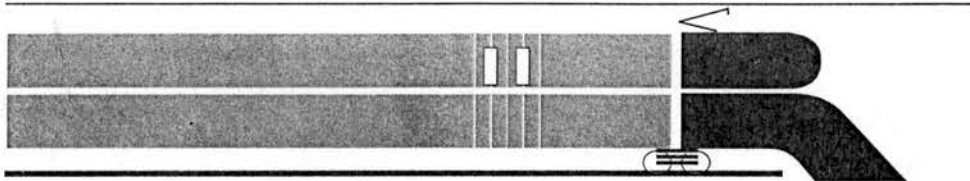
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SF808 Kelly HF1340 Trimble	Rehab housing	<u>Senate</u> 2/18 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy and Community Development <u>House</u> 3/4 - First rdg, refer to Jobs and Economic Development Policy	\$6 million for St. Paul. St. Paul Rehabilitation Program housing activities grants.
SF797 Kelly HF1432 Hausman	RiverCentre skyway link	<u>Senate</u> 2/25 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy & Community Development 2/22 - Auth added Wiger, Larson <u>House</u> 3/4 - First rdg, refer to Jobs and Economic Development Policy	\$1 million. St. Paul RiverCentre and skyway system underground connection construction grant bond issue and appropriation.
SF798 Kelly HF1123 McCollum	Hoyt Ave. flood prevention	<u>Senate</u> 2/18 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy & Community Development <u>House</u> 2/25 - First rdg, refer to Jobs & Economic Development Policy 3/22 - Committee report, re-refer to Jobs and Energy Development Finance 3/25 - Recalled and re-refer to Capital Investment	\$2.5 million. St. Paul Hoyt Avenue area flood mitigation dry basin holding pond construction grant appropriation.
SF813 Flynn HF723 McElroy	Transit pass tax credit for employers	<u>Senate</u> 2/18 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Taxes <u>House</u> 2/15 - First rdg and refer to Taxes 2/18 Author added Luther	Income tax credit for employer provided transit passes.

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SF846 Ranum HF1068 Skoglund	Out-of-home placement	<u>Senate</u> 2/18 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Judiciary 2/25 Withdrawn and re-referred to Crime Prevention 3/4 - Cmte report to pass and re-refer to Hlth & Family Security 3/8 Withdrawn and re-refer to Governmental Operations and Veterans 3/11 Cmte report to pass as amend and re-refer to Health and Family Security 3/15 - Cmte report, to pass as amend and re-refer to Crime Prevention <u>House</u> 2/25 - First rdg, refer to Crime Prevention 3/30 - Cmte report, pass as amended, second reading	Juvenile out of home placement requirements and work groups established and rule required.
SF259 Johnson HF220 Solberg	Property Tax Penalties and Interest Distribution Modification	<u>Senate</u> 1/25 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local & Metropolitan Government <u>House</u> 1/21 - First rdg, refer to Taxes	
SF962 E. Anderson HF1481 Hausman	Complete Construction of Como Park Education Resource Center	<u>Senate</u> 2/22 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local and Metropolitan 3/8 - Withdrawn and re-refer to Environment and Natural Resources <u>House</u> 3/4 - First rdg; refer to Env and Natural Resources	

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SF614 Wiger HF513 Mares	For non-motorized Trail Around White Bear Lake	<u>Senate</u> 2/8 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Environmental and Natural Resources <u>House</u> 2/4 - First rdg, refer to Environmental and Natural Resources Policy 3/4 - Cmte report, pass and re-refer to Environment and Natural Resource Finance	
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Agenda

Regional Railroad Authority Meeting

April 20, 1999

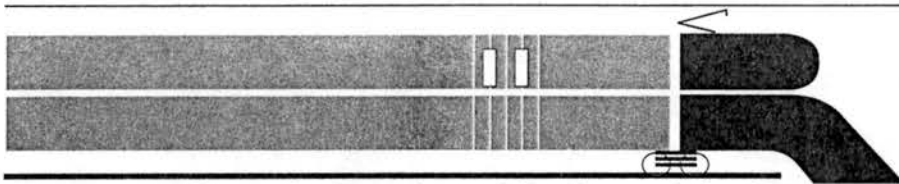
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RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

Minutes

April 13, 1999

The Regional Railroad Authority met on Tuesday, April 14, 1999, in Council Chambers, Third Floor Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Tony Bennett
Commissioner Dino Guerin
Commissioner Susan Haig
Commissioner Rafael Ortega
Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt
Commissioner Janice Rettman (arrived at 3:00 p.m.)
Commissioner Jan Wiessner

OTHERS PRESENTS:

Bonnie Jackelen, Jim Van Houdt, Tim Mayasich, Cyndy McLeod, Jane McClure, Karen Tero, Terry Lindeke, Vern Sehlage, Gene Haselmann, Paul Kirkwold, Kris Longhenry, Arlene Shepard

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

1. Approve Minutes of March 16, 1999 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Guerin, seconded by Commissioner Wiessner to accept the minutes from the March 16, 1999 RCRRRA meeting.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0
Motion accepted.

2. Comprehensive Transit and Transportation Plan.

Paul Kirkwold stated that they are moving ahead and making progress. The first portion of the packet that was distributed earlier has a checkoff chart that shows all of the different issue papers and the status of each.

The second portion of the packet contains some of the new draft issue papers such as land use, access management, right of way and transportation and system management (TSM) that will be sent out for review. It is about what kind of role the county should be playing as property develops and redevelops in Ramsey County and how we should partner with our communities, recognizing that how the land is used adjacent to the county road system really impacts the county road system.

Access management is a concept that addresses the issue of how the property that is adjacent to the road gets its access. There is a definite correlation between the number of driveways on a roadway and the number of accidents that occur on that roadway, a phenomenon that was supported nationally and then

the legislature, two years ago, directed MnDOT to develop a policy for MnDOT on access management which really relates to rural trunk highways but it can also be applied to urban streets such as our county road system.

There is an issue paper on right of way. Since 1928, Ramsey County has had a major street plan. The major street plan identifies desirable right of ways or roadways that are considered major streets in Ramsey County, not only the county road system but also portions of the trunk highway system.

There is a definite relationship between access and mobility, as you increase the access on a roadway you decrease the level of mobility. Interstate highways have the most mobility, cul-de-sacs have the least.

Chair Bennett asked regarding the County Board's policy allowing for pedestrian crossing under the road. What point might we start to have some data as to see if that has helped increase safety and the flow of traffic?

Paul Kirkwold stated it will definitely increase the safety of the traffic along the roadway. The problem with accidents has to do with the differential in speed. It will probably take 3-5 years to have enough data to come to a conclusion.

Chair Bennett asked if it was an issue that they might want to look at just for the flow of traffic in any other locations, are they thinking about that as they do their transportation plan?

Paul Kirkwold stated that they did put the policy in place and asked for municipal participation. The document is constructed so there really is no change in the county's role and pedestrians. It is a local issue. We need to be a partner with our communities and talk about the benefits and the kinds of facilities that we are asking them to help pay for.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated that she appeared before the Maplewood City Council last evening and one of the questions that she was asked was regarding the transportation plan and the involvement of communities. For example, there is a lot of work being done on White Bear Avenue, in that entire corridor area and they wanted to make sure that whatever the county was planning on doing regarding transportation and transit issues that the community voice was heard.

Paul Kirkwold responded that written comments they received back from cities indicate that they really liked the idea that they were notified early on in the plans. Every community gets one of these documents, they don't all respond. Maplewood and their staff have been good to deal with.

We've been exploring several options for getting public involvement pieces as far as how do we get citizen participation in a document that is rather lengthy and also one that covers issues that really broad and general.

Some of the things that have come to mind are focus groups and a telephone survey to talk about the key points of the comprehensive plan and are they in favor that the county has a role.

We've also just lately talked about the idea of putting that same survey on the computers in the public library. So the brochure would be there, the plan would be there and those citizens who would want to look at that can also take the survey in the computer and then we could have the feedback.

Commissioner Ortega asked if that had been done before, using the computers in the library?

Paul Kirkwold responded that to his knowledge this had not been done before.

Commissioner Ortega stated that something like that could be used for a lot of other things.

Commissioner Haigh wondered about the letter from Greg Mack about the issue of the bicycle trails and corridors. With the inclusion of the letter is Ramsey County going to try and integrate the park rec function with the transportation function?

Paul Kirkwold responded that the letter is in response to draft map that was sent out that looked at the various bicycle corridors that exist and those that went along and served a minor arterial bicycle transportation piece. They have met again with Larry Holmberg and Greg Mack and now the bicycle maps will show a plan that connects all of the county park facilities.

Commissioner Haigh asked if there are bike paths on the county roads that the county is responsible for in the City of St. Paul?

Paul Kirkwold responded the one he knows of is Warner Road. Most of the bicycle operations are integrated on the sidewalk in St. Paul.

Commissioner Haigh said she raised the issue because a person can go east and west but it is really hard to go north and south and get into the Regional Bicycle Trail System from the City of St. Paul.

Paul Kirkwold said it is an issue that they look at in every project. There is a resolution that states the county is to look at bicycle trails on every roadway that is reconstructed.

The right of way issue paper addresses if different types of facilities should be included, bicycle trails, pedestrian walkways and reasonably sized boulevards and still accommodate the traffic.

Commissioner Wiessner stated that when looking at the different charts and graphs, the Department of Economic Development information is interesting but was wondering if there is more recent information that could be included than from 1995-96.

Commissioner Wiessner asked is the Department of Economic Security might have more recent information. When we talked to them about job forecasts they seem to be able to pull out more recent information.

Paul Kirkwold said they will check with them, it can be added to the information. This document has to be approved by the Metropolitan Council and we want to make sure we have their information in there.

Commissioner Wiessner asked regarding the map that show the railroads and airports, where is Benson Airport?

Chair Bennett responded that Benson Airport is in his district in White Bear Township and is located off of Highway #61 across from Bald Eagle Lake and is used by small aircraft and gliders.

Chair Bennett thanked Paul and stated that Paul has been very active in transit things and he thinks outside of the box. He took time to look at the Highway #5 Riverview Corridor bridge and came back with some of the information that it is doable.

Chair Bennett changed the Agenda and moved to Item #4

4. Ratify Rush Line Joint Powers Agreement.

Commissioner Reinhardt noted that there are housekeeping, basically numbering of sections and paragraphs that the attorney has assured that can be done without any issue, very minor things. The Rush Line Joint Powers Agreement was put together because proposed legislation that needed to be in place by April 1 and Chisago County, Washington County and Ramsey County determined they wanted to have open the option for the communities and for the regional rail authorities to be part of and included in that legislation and this is modeled very closely after the Red Rock Joint Powers Agreement. This says in order for the workplan and budget to be approved that it must be an unanimous vote and that protects any member of the Joint Powers Agreement from having expenditures assessed or imposed on them and all of the members of the Joint Powers which are Chisago, Ramsey and Washington Counties felt that it was very important we have that in there.

This task force has been meeting and has given updates on the task force but the need for the Joint Powers Agreement was as a result of the proposed legislation and keeping the options open.

At this point, we have just myself that is listed as the delegate or representative from Ramsey Regional Rail Authority and I am the Chair of the task force. Commissioner Tom Delaney from Chisago County is Chair of the steering committee that pulls together the workplan and budget. But we do need to designate an alternate to the Rush Line Corridor. The task force meets quarterly and it is a way that is very similar to the Red Rock Corridor, a way to make sure we are involving all of the communities in the process

Commissioner Wiessner requested Kathy DeSpiegelaere to explain the route of the Rush Line.

Chair Bennett responded that the section was in his district and he described the section in detail.

Commissioner Rettner also asked for the details of the route as to location in the City of St. Paul.

Kathy DeSpiegelaere explained the route on the overhead.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated the Joint Powers Agreement that is being discussed doesn't deal with a specific commuter line. The communities that are listed include the city of Maplewood which includes that part of the corridor. The idea was that we would have a group together with the municipalities and the regional rail authorities that would be coming back to the regional rail authorities with their thoughts as to what should happen, what did they want to see happen with land use, what did they want to happen with the different possibilities as far as transportation and this doesn't limit itself to commuter rail, it says light rail, it says light buses.

Commissioner Rettman stated she wanted to be an alternate on this.

Commissioner Reinhardt moved for ratification of Rush Line Joint Agreement seconded by Commissioner

Ayes - 7, Nays - 0

Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, Rush Line Corridor is defined as the North State Trunk Highway 61 transportation corridor from Rush City through St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has committed to preserve this corridor for future rail transit alternatives; and

WHEREAS, In Ramsey county, the area impacted is generally north of downtown, east of Rice Street to I-694, west to T.H. 61, north along T.H. 61 to County Road J; and

WHEREAS, The Rush Line Corridor has significant transportation, safety and land use issues; and

WHEREAS, There are opportunities for a variety of multi-modal transportation improvements in the corridor, including bus improvement, commuter, light and freight rail, multi use paths and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS); and

WHEREAS, The Rush Line Task Force consists of cities, counties and towns from St. Paul to Rush City; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force is considering transit improvements and land use along this corridor; and

WHEREAS, The communities wish to collaboratively plan for multi-modal transportation improvements to the corridor and for the related land use and development impacts; and

WHEREAS, A Joint Powers Agreement has been signed by the Chairs of the Chisago, Washington and Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authorities; Now, Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority ratifies the Joint Powers Agreement establishing the Rush Line Corridor Task Force.

Chair Bennett asked if there were any volunteers who would like to serve as the alternate on this committee?

Commissioner Guerin moved that Commissioner Rettman be the alternate, seconded by Commissioner Ortega.

Ayes, 7, Nays - 0
Motion accepted

Chair Bennett then discussed a special resolution relating to transit improvements.

Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated regarding the resolution, she has been meeting with Metro Transit staff for several months regarding transit improvements in the Riverview Corridor. They were successful in obtaining both federal funding and state funding for transit improvements in the corridor. When a Request For Proposal was issued for the Riverview Corridor Major Investment Study, it was very important that transit be designed broadly, that it was not just light rail and also there were concerns because funding had been spent to study corridors and the Board wanted to see something implemented. The money that was obtained was to implement transit improvements in the Riverview Corridor now and working with Metro Transit staff a list was developed of potential needs in the corridor. The needs that have been identified are for support funding for bus shelters along West Seventh Street, to upgrade thirteen bus shelters, information kiosks at transit stops, lighting bus stops to improve personal safety and visibility and four transit shelters in downtown St. Paul to serve buses that operate in Riverview Corridor.

The total amount is \$1.5 million and the resolution requests staff work with MnDOT to complete the application for the funding that's been committed and the Rail Authority authorize the use of these funds which are state and federal by Metro Transit for these specific transit improvements in the corridor.

Commissioner Guerin stated he felt this should be an initiative by Metro Transit but the federal dollars are precious and it looks like we are using them to improve buses on West Seventh Street and the Riverview Corridor hasn't really been established, it could be Shepard Road, it could be the railroad tracks.

Commissioner Guerin thought it was more planning of a Riverview Corridor and didn't know West Seventh Street was the designated route for the Riverview Corridor. If that decision has been made then it is appropriate but if it hasn't been then we are just improving the main artery in the district.

Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated there are two alignments being analyzed in the Riverview Corridor and at the next meeting there will be a report on what those are. There is the CP Rail alignment and the West Seventh alignment for major transit improvements. The Shepard Road corridor is a little out of the developed area, less accessible, as was determined in a previous study and recommended by a citizen's task force.

However, even if the CP Rail line were used for major transit improvements there would still be bus on West Seventh so these improvements would be useful.

Commissioner Wiessner asked when they would be getting the consultant's report on the Riverview Corridor?

Commissioner Ortega stated the Riverview Corridor also covers the Eastside. Are any dollars being expended on the Eastside?

Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated that at the meeting with Metro Transit she asked them to identify needs on the Eastside and she will come back with additional information and specific needs. The plan at Metro Transit is to extend the area from the eastside of downtown St. Paul out toward Seegers Square.

Chair Bennett stated they are presently spending about \$8 million for transit improvements on the Central Corridor.

Commissioner Rettman stated she wants to make sure there is not inequality in the city along the bus stops. This is a lot of money and how are we making sure there is equity throughout the area and throughout the rest of St. Paul that are transit dependent?

Kathy DeSpiegelaere replied that Metro Transit determines the overall needs. The federal fund success was because the Riverview Corridor is an authorized project in getting funding for this particular corridor but in addition these locations are very deserving. The route along West Seventh has a high number of transit users.

Commissioner Rettman asked how they were going to address all areas and make sure all areas are heard and not just ones that happen to be on a preferred transit route? That is the commitment from the Board is that they are also going to be doing an equal sharing of this.

Chair Bennett stated the reason they are being allowed to do this is because they have federal funding for the corridor.

Commissioner Haigh stated that some of the money was to be used for corridor development and transit improvements, we weren't just going to plan with it, we were going to look at light rail and transit ways in the Riverview Corridor but were going to make improvements in mass transit use.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated that this is one of the steps that have to be taken as part of the whole approach to multi modal system. Right now the buses are what they have and they have to make sure it is going to work, a multi modal system.

Commissioner Wiessner stated a concern that this item was that it was not on the agenda, it is \$1.5 million with no documentation and it seems too quick.

Kathy DeSpiegelaere apologized for the short timeline but this is not something that is ill conceived. She had several meetings with Metro Transit and St. Paul's staff on this subject. These are thing that they have identified, they have researched, they have priced.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated that although this is specific in what it will be in the dollar amount associated with it, the Board has talked about and adopted what the regional system will look like and this is consistent with what has been discussed in a broader aspect but at some point they will have specifics.

Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated regarding the timing issue – she received a call asking if they would put the request into a document at the Metropolitan Council called the Transportation Improvement Program and there is a corresponding document, a state document that is similar to that.

Commissioner Rettman asked what funds are these?

Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated that the funds have already been approved, they are federal funds that have been identified by MnDOT and there are state funds that were allocated to Regional Rail. Part of it could come from the \$3 million that they were allocated from the legislature last session when they applied for those funds for the Riverview Corridor, said it was for planning, engineering and implementation with an eye toward using it toward implement some transit improvements.

Commissioner Ortega stated these not in competition with funds they are seeking now, there are old dollars.

Commissioner Ortega moved, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt to adopt the resolution.

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is committed to improved transit services for the region; and

WHEREAS, The Riverview Transit Corridor has been identified as a location for transit improvements; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County has received commitments of federal and state funding for improving transit in the Riverview Corridor; and

WHEREAS, Metro Transit has identified the following immediate unfunded needs for transit services in the Riverview Corridor;

\$ 21,000 Bus shelters along West Seventh/Fort Road
\$ 196,000 Upgrade existing bus shelters along West Seventh
\$ 130,000 Information kiosks at transit stops along West Seventh
\$ 210,000 Lighting at bus stops along West Seventh
\$ 960,000 Shelters at downtown St. Paul locations which serve Riverview Corridor buses

\$1,517,000 TOTAL

Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority authorizes its staff to work with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to complete the application for the funding that has been committed by the state and federal governments for the transit improvements for the Riverview Corridor; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority authorizes the use of the state and federal funds in the amount of \$1,517,000 by Metro Transit for the transit improvements for the Riverview Corridor.

3. Legislative Report.

Chair Bennett stated they were going to combine the legislative report of the whole with the transportation agenda.

Commissioner Reinhardt passed out two status updates, one on Ramsey County Board's 1999 State Legislative Proposals dated April 12, and one on Other Legislative Bills/Proposals of Interest dated April 12.

Terry Lindeke stated the legislative packages are new as of this morning based on things that happened last evening. Some things that happened today are not in here and one of them includes some things on transit. The big funding bills are being put together this week and the deadline for those bills is the end of this week, on those items that are the biggest financial items for this Board, like Lake Owasso which is still moving although there was significant trouble on the House side. There was a hearing this morning on Lake Owasso because the Association of Retarded Citizens and the State Department of Human Services have not been in support of this and have been working very actively against the proposal. It is soundly there on the Senate side. We'll have some sense on how that goes by the end of this week.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated regarding the Lake Owasso she wanted to point out that the parents' group is trying to set up a meeting and coming up with some potential compromises and will thoroughly keep the Board informed as to what may come out of it.

Terry Lindeke stated that might be especially important in the House discussion because the House has been very hesitant to move forward with the proposal. Even there have been a couple of hearings on it, they did lay it aside and said they would not take action. It is really touch and go and the compromise with Ramsey County ARAC might be significant to having that move forward successfully on both the House and Senate.

The Board has an interest in the whole child welfare/child protection proposals and the project aid piece of that is moving well. The financial proposals aren't doing as well.

The transit proposal is very much up in the air. There are several places where this bill is being heard, in Tax Committee. There are four or five bills or proposals in both the House and Senate side that have an effect on the Board. One is to eliminate regional rail authorities entirely, that is in the House.

There is legislation on the House side to take away authority to levy. It is likely to show up in the Omnibus House Tax Bill. But there is no companion piece in the Senate. There are a number of bills in the House that do not have matching bills in the Senate side but they are going to end some place.

On the Senate side, Senator Kelly and Senator Pappas, Senator Cohen in your delegation but also Senators Wiger and Anderson have been working very hard with Chair Mondale to put together a compromise based on the things you want and that include funding for the transit triangle and the ability to proceed with all parts of the triangle through another year with some funding attached. We have been working with Senator Johnson who is the Chair of the Finance Committee and Senator Cohen has been working that issue in the larger Senate leadership along with Roger Moe.

Housing continues to be one of those things that is up and down. Senator Anderson continues to work hard on this. Senator Cohen had a hearing last evening on the exclusionary, the policy changes that have been talked about and it is still going well. I think Roger Moe has changed some of his money focus on this because of the need for farm assistance.

A number of Ramsey County only bills are moving well or are on their own, travelling on their own or they have been put in Omnibus bills or have been heard and have the ability to be put in Omnibus bills

Some things have died. For example, the design build bill but they have another plan for that. The thinking is that work should be done with the Charter Commission because the design build bill was at one time a pilot, Jolly liked, Greg Mack liked it but some of the opposition to it is coming from the State Auditor.

In the corrections area, Senator Kelly had done a lot of work and wants to help with the whole jail concept. So, there jail bonding is being talked about. For next session, there jail planning money, there is also money for regional training facility.

The soccer bills are still moving along.

The Administrative Penalty Orders for Solid Waste (APO), Representative Workman was going to do something about it.

Terry Lindeke - uncompensated care has three bills, fiscal disparities change, the charity pool and the billing of counties. Fiscal disparities is locked up, the billing of counties is locked up. The charity care pools still has the ability to move but it doesn't look like there will be money for it. Senator Pappas is trying to do something similar to the charity pool using one of these other bills as a vehicle and Commissioner Haigh will be testifying to that on Thursday, we hope that it will move.

Public health endowment is not alive but other parts of the tobacco settlement continue to be moving forward.

Commissioner Haigh asked about the issue of court takeover.

Terry Lindeke stated the dollar amount, Ramsey County doesn't benefit from this because they do not have a lot of court takeover and doesn't affect the metro counties. The dollar amount that would be needed would be approximately \$88,000 over and above what was available through some of the counties

where the takeover was actually happening. There is a bill in the House and the Senate that would move up the study of takeover in the metro area.

In the tax area there are two proposals happening that you have positions on through association with AMC and the Property Tax Study project. One of them is not to expand the limited market value and there is a proposal to expand it substantially but there is also the proposal of reverse referendum which would mean that if you would raise property taxes any dollar increase would be subject to a referendum. AMC is also asking County Boards to write their legislators or call them.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated that the Board has taken a position and Terry and Nick have been reiterating that position at the legislature.

Terry Lindeke suggested the Board put their position in writing and send it to Representative Dawkins for him to be able to use.

Commissioner Haigh stated that she and Commissioner Wiessner spent time on the Property Tax Project and they think it is a very important issue, very important for legislators to understand trying to limit market value essentially shifts onto those properties that do not have a property increase. No one likes to see the increases in the market value but to artificially limit it to those whose property values didn't go up will have a bigger share of the tax burden.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated as a follow-up she noted the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce has come out and stated this isn't good for the businesses. This is not just a residential issue, it is not good for the business as well. I think the reverse referendum issue is very difficult and I think we should take some action on that one.

Commissioner Guerin stated there are times when people might find an increase in the market value that might result in a 20 percent increase in the taxes which is unacceptable. He supports having a cap on how much the values can go up. There is talk about lowering the cap.

Terry Lindeke stated the cap in place is 10 percent now and there is talk about lowering it to 5 percent.

Chair Bennett then responded the valuation can go up any amount but the tax bill can only go up 10 percent, the way the law reads right now. So, Terry, what you are saying is they want to reduce the amount to 5 percent that your taxes could go up. The county does not have a choice in raising valuations. They are governed by the state on how valuations can be raised. They must be between 95 and 105 percent of the actual value of that home. The state audits on a yearly basis and if the county is not doing it and the county gets into trouble.

Terry Lindeke stated that it would be the lesser of 5 percent or the price for inflation so it wouldn't allow a catch up, it is an absolute freeze.

Commissioner Wiessner stated that all now properties are treated according to what they can actually be sold for. If you start applying an artificial freeze on some properties then you end up disproportionately taxing the others that don't have the freeze.

Chair Bennett thanked Terry Lindeke and Nick Riley for their hard work at the legislature and noted they spend much time making decisions to the best of their ability.

Terry Lindeke reminded the Board about the change in the meeting with Washington County moving it to May 11, with the Washington County Board.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated she received a fax regarding the Minnesota Rivers Joint Powers Board which Ramsey County is a member but the legislature is considering revoking funding for that and she said she would point that it because it is in their best interest to make sure the 37 member Joint Powers Board, which is the largest in the country, is able to continue to pull together.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. DeSpiegelaere
Authorized Signature

April 13, 1999
Date

Board Action Requested

Riverview Corridor update.

DISCUSSION ONLY

Request Justification

Discussion will occur at the meeting about status of the Riverview Corridor project.

Budgeting and Accounting

County Attorney

Risk Management

Vern Wellfong
Dan Mac Miller

Documentation certified complete for:

April 20, 1999
Board Date

Kristine A. Longhenry
Signature

4-13-99
Date

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Legislative update.

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN

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Very Well
Dan MacMillan

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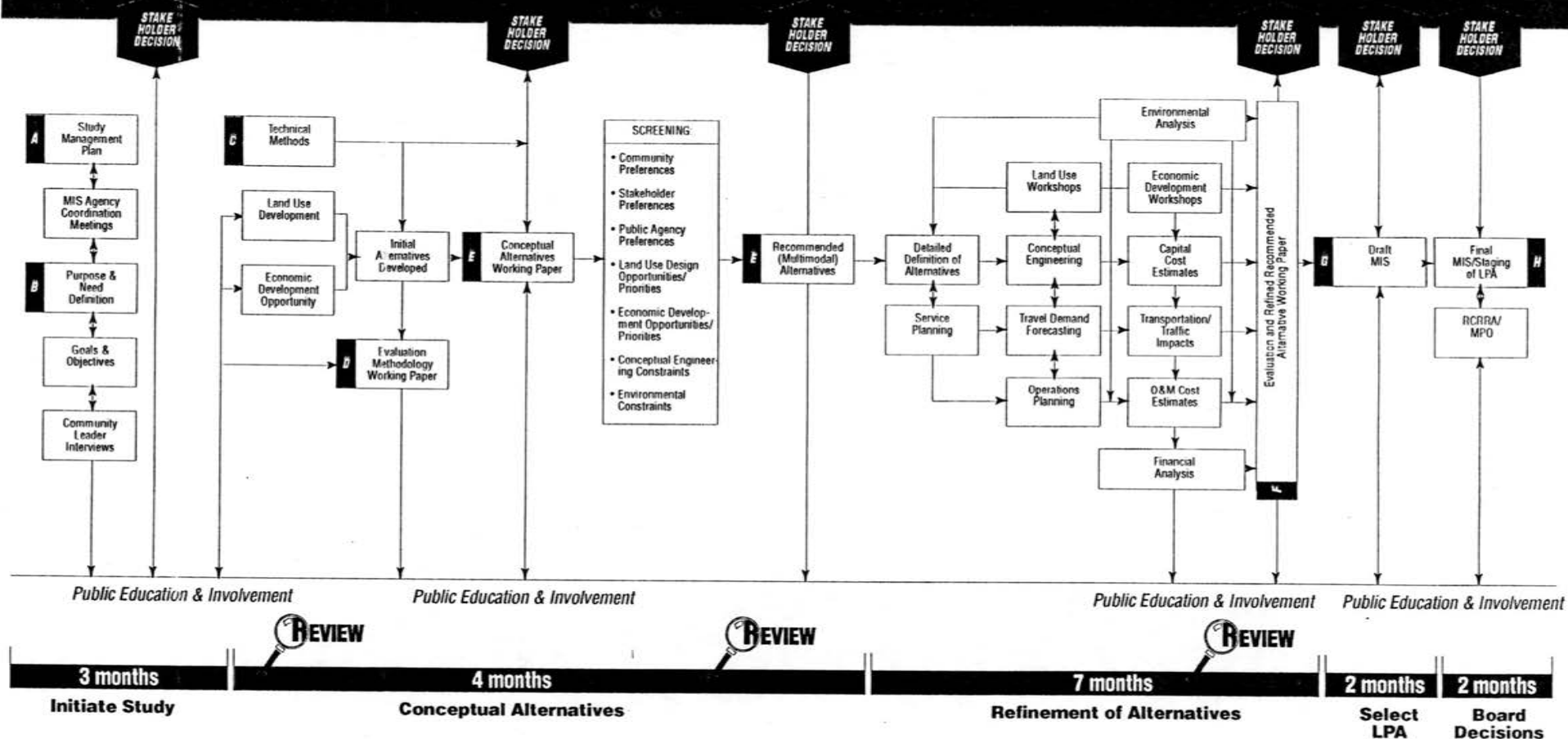
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A Major Deliverable

REVIEW Technical Review

Project Work Flow and Schedule

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Subject: A bad tax bill

FACTS ABOUT
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The provisions of the "base" omnibus tax bill were summarized today in the House Tax Committee. During the rest of the week, the Committee will take testimony and consider amendments to this base bill. From the perspective of local governments and those interested in good tax policy, this is a bad tax bill.

The following is a summary of the portions of the bill of concern to local governments.

SPENDING RESTRAINTS

If the certified levy of a county or a city with a population over 2,500 increases by more than the greater of (1) 2% or (2) the consumer price index, the levy increase would be subject to repeal through a reverse referendum upon petition of 10% of the voters. (art. 8, sec. 5)

I am attaching a draft fact sheet on the reverse referenda. Please get back to me ASAP regarding changes that you would like to see made in this fact sheet. I will circulate this draft to various local government finance lobbyists tomorrow to see which if any are willing to cooperate with us in putting their organizations name on this or a similar fact sheet for distribution to legislators. From a local government perspective, the reverse referenda is probably the worst provision in a very bad tax bill.

The levy limits upon cities and counties are extended for 2 more years and are tightened by the removal of the adjustment for growth in C/I market value. (article 7, sec. 2-3)

Cities and counties would be required to pass a resolution approving a tax rate that results in an increase in the certified levy. (art. 8, section 9) This is essentially the same provision that was summarized in the e-mail sent to you 2 days ago. It was hoped that this provision would replace the reverse referendum provision; instead, it is in addition to it. I think there may be some technical problems with this provision; tomorrow I will meet with LMC staff to discuss these problems.

LIMITED MARKET VALUE

Tighter limits on the growth in taxable market values are imposed, but not as tight as those contained in some of the bills heard in the tax committee (e.g., HF88, 200, and 2219). The growth in taxable market value would be the greater of (1) 7% of the prior year's value (10% under current law) or (2) 15% of the growth in value from the previous assessment to the current assessment (25% under current law). The bill would continue to apply only to homestead, cabin, non-homestead residential (1-3 units), and agricultural property. (article 6, section 7)

CLASS RATE COMPRESSION

Another round of commercial/industrial and apartment class rate reductions are contained in the bill. The class rate for C/I property with a value over \$150,000 is reduced from 3.5% to 3.25%, while the rate for C/I property under \$150,000 is reduced from 2.45% to 2.25%. The class rate for regular apartments is reduced from 2.5% to 2.25%. (article 6, various sections)

The tier breakpoint for homestead, cabins, and non-homestead residential property is increased from \$75,000 to \$78,000. The class rate for cabin property is reduced from 2.2% to 1.6% on the upper tier and from 1.25% to 1.15% on the lower tier. The class rate for non-homestead residential property is reduced from 1.7% to 1.6% on the upper tier and from 1.25% to 1.15% on the lower tier. The class rate on upper tier homestead value is reduced from 1.7% to 1.6%, with no class rate reduction for the lower tier. (article 6, various sections).

In addition to these class rate reductions, even lower "target" class rates are set for selected properties. The target class rates are 3.0% for C/I value over \$150,000, 2.0% for apartments, and 1.5% second tier residential property. (article 6, section 1)

I have come across information that shows that the business share of total state and local taxes in Minnesota is only 1.4% above the national average. Furthermore, this figure was calculated *prior to the tax relief given during the 1997 and 1998 sessions*. The disparity in effective tax rates between business properties in Minnesota and elsewhere in the country has dropped substantially as a result of the relief given in the last 2 sessions. For these reasons, I would argue that more C/I relief is not needed. I can put this information into a short fact sheet if people think that it would be useful.

To offset the shift of tax burdens on to first tier homestead property, the education homestead credit percentage is increased from 66.2% to 96% and the maximum is increased from \$320 to \$450. In addition, a new education agricultural credit is created. (article 6, section 20)

OTHER PROPERTY TAX PROVISIONS

Cities are to begin receiving a share of penalties and interest collected on property taxes. The county's share of these interest and penalties will be reduced by this provision. School districts will not be affected. (art. 6, sec. 23)

Local governments are prohibited from using property tax revenues to fund LRT. Various other LRT funding restrictions are imposed. (art. 6, section 28)

The transit zone tax (a discretionary tax for Minneapolis and St. Paul) is repealed (art. 6, sec. 36)

Changes are made to the senior property tax deferral program, expanding eligibility by raising income thresholds and lowering the portion of the tax that the taxpayer must pay in order to qualify for the deferral. (article 6, section 24-27)

Various restrictions in the "this old house" program are made. These are the changes that were contained in Rep. Abrams' bill and were summarized in an e-mail I sent to all Project participants a few days ago. (article 6, section 8)

Certain types of utility property receive tax relief, but there is no general tax exemption for all types electrical generating machinery. The preferential class rate applied to the 1st \$150,000 of value would be extended to utility property. Under current law, the reduced class rate applies to only one utility property per owner per county. (article 6, sections 4-6 and 16)

Article 10 makes numerous TIF changes.

NON-PROPERTY TAX PROVISIONS

The state will assume of court costs in the 5th, 7th, 8th, and 9th judicial districts. I believe that the state will take over selected court expenses in all judicial districts, although my reading of the bill is unclear on this point. There will be a HACA reduction and a transfer of fine revenues to the state to fund this state takeover. The transfer of \$10 million from HACA into FPA is cancelled.

There is no general sales tax exemption for local governments. However, county purchases of machinery, equipment, and gravel used exclusively for road and bridge maintenance would be exempted from the sales tax. (article 3, sections 6 and 16) A similar exemption already applies to townships.

Various changes are made to the education tax credit for K-12 education related expenses, including phase-out of the credit for claimants whose household income exceeds \$33,500. (article 2, sections 15 and 16)

Taxpayers could endorse their rebate checks to one of 6 purposes, including K-6 class size reduction and contaminated site clean-up. (article 1, section 3)

PROVISIONS NOT IN THE BASE TAX BILL

There is no sales tax exemption for local governments, except for the road equipment and gravel exemption for counties noted above.

There is apparently no change in the city LGA program.

The bill does not repeal the increase in Family Preservation Aid approved during the 1998 session for the year 2000. Although the increase is reduced from \$30 million to \$20 million, the transfer of \$10 million out of county HACA is also canceled. Therefore, the net aid to each county is not changed.

Tonight I will do an analysis of the property tax impacts of the House Tax Committee base bill. I will e-mail this analysis to Project participants when it is complete. I will e-mail the House Research summary of the entire tax bill when it becomes available. If you have any questions, please contact me.

-- Jeff VW

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Subject: Analysis of Tax Comm. base bill



Attached is an analysis of the House Tax Committee "base bill" that was brought to the Committee this morning. The first attachment is a description of the methods / assumptions used in the analysis and the second attachment shows the results for selected cities, including all cities in Hennepin, Ramsey, and St. Louis counties. This second attachment is an Excel spreadsheet and you may have problems getting it to print properly. If you do have problems, please contact me.

I have not yet had the opportunity to check my results with House Research. Please note that this analysis is preliminary and subject to revision.

Folks in St. Paul in Minneapolis should note that the tax reductions in these cities are generally smaller than the reductions received in other metro cities on properties of similar values. This is the same pattern that we observed over the last 2 years and is largely the result of the C/I class rate compression. The tax rate disparity between the 2 metropolitan first class cities and the rest of the state increases under this bill. The tax reductions in Duluth, on the other hand, are for the most part typical of the reductions received in other cities in St. Louis County.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact me.
-- Jeff VW

Property Tax Study Project

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County of Ramsey
County of Saint Louis

Minneapolis Public Schools
Saint Paul Public Schools

City of Duluth
City of Minneapolis
City of Saint Paul

PROPERTY TAX SIMULATION

Current Law vs. House Tax Comm. "Base Bill"

Baseline: Current Law for Taxes Payable in 2000

Current law for taxes payable in 2000 was modeled using levy and valuation data for taxes payable in 1999.

- Current law class rates for taxes payable in 2000 were imposed upon payable 1999 data.
- School aid and city LGA amounts were recalculated based upon the payable 2000 current law class rates.
- The changes to the education homestead credit approved by the 1998 legislature for taxes payable in 2000 are included in the current law simulation.
- The year lag in the fiscal disparity program was removed. Please see section below regarding the fiscal disparity year lag.

Proposal: House Tax Committee "Base Bill"

The simulation of the proposal is identical to the simulation of the current law baseline with the exception of the following changes contained in the House Tax Committee base bill:

- The various class rate reductions.
- The increase in the residential property tier breakpoint from \$75,000 to \$78,000.
- Increases in the percentage and maximum of the education homestead credit.

Because the simulation of the baseline and the proposal are identical except for these provisions of base bill, any differences in estimated tax burdens is the result of the changes made in the base bill. In modeling the proposal, the year lag in the fiscal disparity program was removed; please see the section below regarding this.

Removal of the Year Lag in Fiscal Disparities

The year lag in the fiscal disparity program causes the full impact of business class rate changes to be postponed for one year. Thus, a simulation of the year one impact of a proposal involving business class rate changes will not be indicative of the full long-term impact of the proposal. In order to give a better estimation of the long-term impact of the proposal, the effects of the year lag in the fiscal disparities program are removed under both the baseline (current law) and the proposal (House Tax Committee base bill).

Description of the Printout

The attached printout shows the estimated tax under the baseline and the estimated percent change in that tax that would occur as a result of the changes made in the proposal for various types of properties in selected cities. The first part of the printout shows the impact on homestead property of varying values. The second part shows the impact upon selected types of non-homestead property.

ESTIMATED IMPACT OF HOUSE TAX COMMITTEE "BASE BILL"

BASED UPON PAYABLE 1999 DATA

HOMESTEAD PROPERTY

		½ Average Value		Average Value		2 x Average Value		\$40,000 Value		\$200,000 Value	
	Average Value Home	Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal
SELECTED METROPOLITAN CITIES											
Andover	132,900	615	-7.3%	1,729	-5.5%	4,393	-2.5%	370	-7.3%	3,074	-3.3%
Anoka	97,600	493	-6.0%	1,135	-9.2%	3,201	-3.1%	404	-6.0%	3,304	-3.0%
Apple Valley	134,000	707	-5.6%	1,955	-4.6%	4,890	-2.1%	422	-5.6%	3,400	-2.8%
Blaine	100,900	492	-6.9%	1,159	-7.7%	3,293	-3.1%	390	-6.9%	3,255	-3.1%
Bloomington	131,100	680	-6.3%	1,867	-4.7%	4,693	-2.0%	415	-6.3%	3,353	-2.7%
Brooklyn Center	81,900	562	-2.8%	1,181	-5.2%	3,227	-2.7%	549	-2.8%	4,180	-2.1%
Brooklyn Park	101,600	668	-3.3%	1,550	-6.5%	4,140	-2.3%	526	-3.3%	4,057	-2.3%
Burnsville	125,200	671	-5.0%	1,791	-4.8%	4,582	-2.0%	429	-5.0%	3,459	-2.6%
Champlin	112,800	620	-5.2%	1,569	-5.5%	4,164	-2.4%	440	-5.2%	3,575	-2.7%
Chanhassen	182,400	1,350	-6.7%	3,719	-2.7%	8,557	-1.5%	531	-3.7%	4,185	-2.4%
Chaska	133,800	753	-5.1%	2,080	-4.5%	5,190	-2.2%	450	-5.1%	3,619	-2.9%
Columbia Heights	83,500	478	-4.6%	1,022	-7.4%	2,919	-3.5%	458	-4.6%	3,706	-2.9%
Coon Rapids	99,300	461	-7.3%	1,069	-9.5%	3,053	-3.3%	371	-7.3%	3,081	-3.3%
Cottage Grove	108,600	662	-5.2%	1,594	-5.7%	4,192	-2.6%	487	-5.2%	3,781	-2.8%
Crystal	89,500	538	-4.9%	1,178	-7.6%	3,244	-3.0%	481	-4.9%	3,743	-2.7%
Eagan	134,900	648	-6.5%	1,814	-4.9%	4,565	-2.1%	384	-6.5%	3,141	-2.9%
Eden Prairie	180,500	1,221	-7.2%	3,398	-2.4%	7,843	-1.1%	490	-4.4%	3,878	-2.1%
Edina	200,100	1,368	-6.6%	3,697	-2.3%	8,371	-1.1%	481	-4.8%	3,695	-2.3%
Forest Lake	107,400	550	-6.1%	1,361	-6.3%	3,717	-2.5%	410	-6.1%	3,392	-2.7%
Fridley	98,700	492	-6.5%	1,145	-8.2%	3,274	-3.1%	398	-6.5%	3,331	-3.0%
Golden Valley	134,900	816	-5.1%	2,278	-3.6%	5,610	-1.6%	484	-5.1%	3,886	-2.2%
Ham Lake	131,500	576	-8.1%	1,616	-5.9%	4,142	-2.6%	350	-8.1%	2,932	-3.5%
Hamburg	85,600	626	-3.7%	1,357	-6.6%	3,864	-2.6%	585	-3.7%	4,723	-2.3%
Hastings	107,600	617	-4.7%	1,522	-5.7%	4,116	-2.5%	459	-4.7%	3,750	-2.7%
Hopkins	110,200	673	-3.5%	1,666	-4.4%	4,410	-1.6%	488	-3.5%	3,902	-1.8%
Hugo	142,700	715	-7.0%	2,048	-4.6%	5,035	-2.2%	401	-7.0%	3,248	-3.1%
Inver Grove Heights	119,400	684	-5.1%	1,727	-5.1%	4,417	-2.2%	458	-5.1%	3,542	-2.6%
Lakeland	138,300	662	-7.6%	1,862	-5.2%	4,633	-2.4%	383	-7.6%	3,098	-3.4%
Lakeville	144,700	724	-6.3%	2,089	-4.4%	5,130	-2.0%	400	-6.3%	3,251	-2.9%
Lilydale	154,100	683	-9.7%	2,015	-4.6%	4,909	-2.1%	349	-8.2%	2,877	-3.3%
Lino Lakes	142,300	839	-4.6%	2,393	-3.8%	5,847	-1.9%	472	-4.7%	3,793	-2.6%
Little Canada	107,300	748	-3.5%	1,760	-4.7%	4,566	-1.9%	558	-3.5%	4,184	-2.1%
Maple Grove	134,400	843	-4.3%	2,273	-3.8%	5,577	-1.7%	502	-4.3%	3,885	-2.4%
Maplewood	111,100	665	-4.2%	1,634	-5.2%	4,308	-2.2%	479	-4.2%	3,774	-2.5%
Mendota Heights	185,200	953	-10.3%	2,713	-3.7%	6,327	-1.8%	369	-7.5%	3,002	-3.4%
Minneapolis	96,500	631	-3.1%	1,445	-6.3%	3,945	-2.1%	523	-3.1%	4,129	-2.0%
Minnetonka	171,500	1,054	-7.6%	3,000	-2.7%	7,021	-1.2%	456	-5.0%	3,668	-2.2%
Minnetrista	261,400	2,033	-4.2%	5,113	-1.9%	11,272	-1.1%	447	-5.3%	3,666	-2.5%
Mounds View	101,400	607	-4.6%	1,408	-6.9%	3,821	-2.7%	479	-4.6%	3,754	-2.7%
New Brighton	126,900	729	-4.8%	1,920	-4.7%	4,836	-2.1%	460	-4.8%	3,600	-2.7%
New Hope	106,900	651	-4.4%	1,547	-5.4%	4,109	-2.2%	487	-4.4%	3,778	-2.4%
Newport	100,700	711	-3.5%	1,635	-5.5%	4,359	-2.2%	565	-3.5%	4,321	-2.3%
North St. Paul	99,900	546	-5.1%	1,269	-8.3%	3,517	-2.8%	437	-5.1%	3,521	-2.8%
Oakdale	106,300	535	-6.9%	1,305	-7.1%	3,586	-3.1%	402	-6.9%	3,316	-3.2%
Plymouth	164,900	986	-7.1%	2,732	-3.1%	6,422	-1.4%	455	-4.9%	3,517	-2.5%
Prior Lake	144,300	949	-4.4%	2,630	-3.5%	6,306	-1.7%	526	-4.4%	4,049	-2.4%
Ramsey	124,000	585	-7.0%	1,572	-5.9%	4,081	-2.6%	377	-7.0%	3,110	-3.2%
Richfield	100,000	609	-3.8%	1,432	-6.2%	3,971	-2.3%	487	-3.8%	3,971	-2.3%

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Robbinsdale	87,300	530	-5.0%	1,145	-7.6%	3,151	-3.1%	486	-5.0%	3,755	-2.7%
Rogers	137,300	845	-4.0%	2,331	-3.6%	5,717	-1.6%	492	-4.0%	3,877	-2.2%
Rosemount	129,900	773	-4.2%	2,083	-4.1%	5,206	-1.8%	476	-4.2%	3,768	-2.4%
Roseville	117,000	772	-4.3%	1,929	-4.4%	4,883	-1.9%	528	-4.3%	4,024	-2.2%
Saint Anthony	111,200	746	-3.5%	1,827	-4.7%	4,752	-2.1%	536	-3.5%	4,163	-2.3%
Saint Louis Park	112,400	594	-5.8%	1,542	-5.4%	4,127	-2.2%	423	-5.8%	3,556	-2.5%
Saint Paul	87,200	542	-3.3%	1,191	-6.4%	3,380	-2.4%	498	-3.3%	4,043	-2.1%
Saint Paul Park	88,800	502	-5.8%	1,091	-8.4%	3,010	-3.4%	452	-5.8%	3,510	-3.0%
Savage	132,400	786	-4.5%	2,149	-4.2%	5,348	-2.0%	475	-4.5%	3,783	-2.6%
Shakopee	112,000	645	-4.9%	1,611	-5.4%	4,250	-2.3%	461	-4.9%	3,685	-2.6%
Shoreview	136,000	775	-5.5%	2,131	-4.3%	5,255	-2.1%	456	-5.5%	3,601	-2.8%
South St. Paul	88,500	450	-5.6%	996	-8.6%	2,869	-3.4%	407	-5.6%	3,373	-2.9%
Spring Lake Park	94,500	499	-5.6%	1,141	-8.8%	3,249	-3.1%	422	-5.6%	3,499	-3.0%
Stillwater	126,200	725	-5.8%	1,948	-4.8%	4,910	-2.2%	460	-5.8%	3,680	-2.8%
Vadnais Heights	126,300	717	-5.2%	1,899	-4.7%	4,791	-2.1%	454	-5.2%	3,587	-2.7%
West St. Paul	104,200	521	-6.2%	1,228	-7.2%	3,398	-2.9%	400	-6.2%	3,223	-3.0%
White Bear Lake	110,400	642	-4.6%	1,560	-5.6%	4,123	-2.3%	465	-4.6%	3,640	-2.6%
Woodbury	147,500	870	-5.5%	2,434	-3.9%	5,842	-1.9%	472	-5.5%	3,647	-2.8%
SELECTED GREATER MINNESOTA CITIES											
Albany	72,000	442	-4.8%	885	-4.8%	2,558	-3.8%	492	-4.8%	3,981	-2.7%
Albert Lea	56,600	330	-5.1%	660	-5.1%	1,685	-5.2%	466	-5.1%	3,794	-2.6%
Alexandria	77,700	375	-6.2%	768	-8.3%	2,303	-3.2%	386	-6.2%	3,243	-2.2%
Austin	60,500	322	-6.4%	643	-6.4%	1,723	-5.4%	425	-6.4%	3,508	-3.0%
Baxter	99,700	402	-10.0%	992	-7.3%	2,887	-1.9%	323	-10.0%	2,898	-1.9%
Bemidji	53,900	401	-2.6%	802	-2.6%	1,972	-4.0%	595	-2.6%	4,715	-2.0%
Big Lake	88,700	436	-5.9%	967	-9.0%	2,808	-3.3%	394	-5.9%	3,293	-2.8%
Brainerd	58,900	276	-6.4%	552	-6.4%	1,472	-4.8%	375	-6.4%	3,162	-1.9%
Brownsdale	50,200	271	-6.5%	542	-6.5%	1,306	-6.8%	432	-6.5%	3,656	-2.9%
Buffalo	106,800	524	-5.8%	1,285	-6.7%	3,563	-2.7%	393	-5.8%	3,273	-2.9%
Cannon Falls	92,300	509	-4.4%	1,153	-7.7%	3,267	-2.7%	442	-4.4%	3,628	-2.4%
Chisholm	40,700	111	-2.8%	340	-5.3%	1,063	-7.0%	328	-5.4%	4,699	-2.9%
Cloquet	68,400	461	-4.4%	921	-4.4%	2,606	-3.7%	539	-4.4%	4,349	-2.5%
Cook	37,200	129	-2.7%	312	-5.3%	913	-3.6%	357	-5.0%	4,843	-2.4%
Courtland	76,700	428	-5.3%	869	-6.7%	2,560	-3.6%	447	-5.3%	3,656	-2.7%
Crookston	52,100	377	-3.0%	755	-3.0%	1,844	-4.2%	579	-3.0%	4,692	-2.0%
Detroit Lakes	71,400	423	-3.3%	846	-3.3%	2,399	-3.2%	474	-3.3%	3,788	-2.0%
Duluth	71,300	431	-4.7%	862	-4.7%	2,470	-3.8%	484	-4.7%	3,901	-2.7%
Dumont	21,600	154	-1.9%	307	-1.9%	614	-1.9%	569	-1.9%	4,525	-1.8%
Elk River	113,600	604	-5.6%	1,516	-5.6%	4,001	-2.2%	425	-5.6%	3,406	-2.6%
Fairmont	58,900	303	-5.5%	605	-5.5%	1,582	-5.4%	411	-5.5%	3,384	-2.7%
Faribault	85,900	500	-5.2%	1,081	-7.9%	3,054	-3.2%	466	-5.2%	3,725	-2.8%
Fergus Falls	66,800	349	-5.7%	698	-5.7%	1,970	-4.2%	418	-5.7%	3,449	-2.5%
Fisher	48,500	342	-4.7%	684	-4.7%	1,617	-5.4%	564	-4.7%	4,657	-2.5%
Foley	62,800	457	-2.4%	913	-2.4%	2,462	-3.0%	582	-2.4%	4,650	-1.6%
Gary	21,000	167	-1.8%	335	-1.8%	669	-1.8%	638	-1.8%	4,885	-2.0%
Gilbert	34,900	103	-2.9%	291	-6.0%	898	-3.9%	380	-5.3%	5,136	-3.0%
Hermantown	98,500	645	-3.4%	1,495	-6.6%	4,090	-2.3%	524	-3.4%	4,170	-2.3%
Hibbing	49,400	123	-3.4%	410	-6.0%	1,367	-6.3%	272	-7.3%	4,340	-2.6%
Hutchinson	89,700	552	-4.3%	1,231	-7.4%	3,497	-2.9%	492	-4.3%	4,029	-2.6%
Janesville	65,700	508	-3.1%	1,016	-3.1%	2,738	-2.9%	619	-3.1%	4,788	-1.9%
Lake Benton	36,800	180	-7.7%	360	-7.7%	719	-7.7%	391	-7.7%	3,276	-3.1%
Mankato	86,900	430	-6.6%	938	-9.4%	2,754	-3.0%	396	-6.6%	3,317	-2.5%
Maple Lake	75,800	450	-4.5%	906	-5.2%	2,646	-3.4%	475	-4.5%	3,833	-2.5%
Marshall	86,500	483	-4.5%	1,047	-7.2%	2,939	-2.8%	447	-4.5%	3,555	-2.4%
Montevideo	54,900	388	-2.3%	776	-2.3%	1,926	-4.1%	565	-2.3%	4,511	-2.0%
Monticello	98,500	551	-3.6%	1,275	-6.9%	3,504	-2.2%	447	-3.6%	3,573	-2.1%
Moorhead	75,900	450	-4.4%	908	-5.1%	2,618	-3.7%	475	-4.4%	3,786	-2.8%
New Ulm	77,300	477	-4.3%	974	-6.2%	2,830	-3.3%	494	-4.3%	3,985	-2.6%
New York Mills	42,000	220	-5.8%	440	-5.8%	941	-8.5%	419	-5.8%	3,481	-2.2%
North Branch	92,700	569	-4.4%	1,283	-7.6%	3,587	-2.8%	491	-4.4%	3,956	-2.6%

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North Mankato	103,900	519	-6.7%	1,256	-6.8%	3,492	-2.7%	399	-6.7%	3,324	-2.8%
Northfield	119,200	669	-5.7%	1,719	-5.3%	4,417	-2.4%	449	-5.7%	3,548	-2.8%
Owatonna	93,900	489	-6.0%	1,104	-9.0%	3,113	-3.1%	417	-6.0%	3,378	-2.9%
Paynesville	58,600	377	-4.4%	754	-4.4%	1,961	-4.7%	515	-4.4%	4,146	-2.7%
Pine City	69,700	406	-4.7%	812	-4.7%	2,334	-4.1%	466	-4.7%	3,825	-2.8%
Pipestone	45,400	279	-4.1%	558	-4.1%	1,250	-7.3%	492	-4.1%	3,985	-2.6%
Proctor	64,800	422	-4.0%	843	-4.0%	2,300	-4.0%	521	-4.0%	4,164	-2.6%
Red Wing	95,300	499	-4.0%	1,146	-7.4%	3,217	-2.4%	419	-4.0%	3,426	-2.2%
Rochester	89,300	549	-4.4%	1,208	-7.2%	3,345	-3.0%	492	-4.4%	3,872	-2.6%
Rockford	106,500	593	-4.9%	1,431	-6.1%	3,886	-2.5%	445	-4.9%	3,587	-2.7%
Saint Clair	80,600	483	-4.8%	1,008	-7.2%	2,871	-3.3%	479	-4.8%	3,815	-2.7%
Saint Cloud	85,300	515	-4.2%	1,108	-6.9%	3,095	-2.9%	483	-4.2%	3,807	-2.4%
Saint Joseph	75,400	467	-4.7%	937	-5.0%	2,689	-3.7%	496	-4.7%	3,912	-2.8%
Saint Martin	54,500	327	-5.9%	654	-5.9%	1,657	-5.6%	480	-5.9%	3,955	-2.9%
Saint Michael	129,000	630	-6.6%	1,767	-5.1%	4,523	-2.2%	391	-6.6%	3,284	-2.9%
Saint Peter	80,100	435	-5.9%	905	-8.3%	2,639	-3.6%	434	-5.9%	3,547	-2.8%
Thief River Falls	52,700	446	-2.5%	892	-2.5%	2,177	-3.9%	677	-2.5%	5,339	-2.2%
Virginia	47,200	101	-3.7%	278	-8.0%	1,033	-9.1%	188	-10.0%	3,692	-2.6%
Waite Park	76,200	403	-6.7%	813	-7.6%	2,410	-3.4%	423	-6.7%	3,469	-2.4%
Waldorf	38,100	284	-1.9%	567	-1.9%	1,145	-2.8%	596	-1.9%	4,586	-0.9%
Waverly	89,700	474	-5.9%	1,048	-8.8%	2,983	-3.2%	423	-5.9%	3,439	-2.8%
Wells	40,200	239	-5.2%	478	-5.2%	994	-7.5%	476	-5.2%	3,768	-2.6%
Wheaton	37,000	243	-3.0%	487	-3.0%	973	-3.0%	526	-3.0%	4,194	-2.6%
Willmar	76,600	445	-4.4%	903	-5.7%	2,635	-3.1%	465	-4.4%	3,764	-2.3%
Winona	81,300	409	-7.2%	861	-9.8%	2,580	-3.9%	402	-7.2%	3,406	-3.1%
Worthington	71,100	372	-5.1%	744	-5.1%	2,150	-4.1%	419	-5.1%	3,437	-2.7%
HENNEPIN COUNTY CITIES											
Bloomington	131,100	680	-6.3%	1,867	-4.7%	4,693	-2.0%	415	-6.3%	3,353	-2.7%
Brooklyn Center	81,900	562	-2.8%	1,181	-5.2%	3,227	-2.7%	549	-2.8%	4,180	-2.1%
Brooklyn Park	101,600	668	-3.3%	1,550	-6.5%	4,140	-2.3%	526	-3.3%	4,057	-2.3%
Champlin	112,800	620	-5.2%	1,569	-5.5%	4,164	-2.4%	440	-5.2%	3,575	-2.7%
Corcoran	156,500	811	-8.8%	2,412	-3.7%	5,813	-1.7%	404	-6.4%	3,357	-2.7%
Crystal	89,500	538	-4.9%	1,178	-7.6%	3,244	-3.0%	481	-4.9%	3,743	-2.7%
Dayton	137,800	762	-5.6%	2,167	-4.0%	5,357	-1.8%	443	-5.6%	3,607	-2.6%
Deephaven	290,500	2,420	-3.7%	5,871	-1.7%	12,775	-1.0%	470	-4.5%	3,721	-2.5%
Eden Prairie	180,500	1,221	-7.2%	3,398	-2.4%	7,843	-1.1%	490	-4.4%	3,878	-2.1%
Edina	200,100	1,368	-6.6%	3,697	-2.3%	8,371	-1.1%	481	-4.8%	3,695	-2.3%
Excelsior	155,800	1,009	-6.2%	2,887	-2.9%	6,860	-1.4%	506	-4.0%	4,014	-2.2%
Golden Valley	134,900	816	-5.1%	2,278	-3.6%	5,610	-1.6%	484	-5.1%	3,886	-2.2%
Greenfield	154,700	839	-8.5%	2,528	-3.4%	6,079	-1.6%	425	-6.7%	3,568	-2.5%
Greenwood	307,500	2,646	-3.4%	6,329	-1.6%	13,696	-1.0%	469	-4.9%	3,754	-2.5%
Hopkins	110,200	673	-3.5%	1,666	-4.4%	4,410	-1.6%	488	-3.5%	3,902	-1.8%
Independence	202,300	1,366	-6.1%	3,800	-2.5%	8,668	-1.3%	446	-6.1%	3,745	-2.5%
Long Lake	135,900	780	-4.2%	2,212	-3.8%	5,507	-1.7%	459	-4.2%	3,766	-2.4%
Loretto	128,100	696	-4.7%	1,882	-4.5%	4,780	-2.0%	435	-4.7%	3,509	-2.6%
Maple Grove	134,400	843	-4.3%	2,273	-3.8%	5,577	-1.7%	502	-4.3%	3,885	-2.4%
Maple Plain	113,000	676	-3.6%	1,713	-4.8%	4,532	-2.0%	479	-3.6%	3,883	-2.3%
Medicine Lake	240,000	1,869	-4.4%	4,743	-1.8%	10,493	-0.9%	490	-4.3%	3,785	-2.2%
Medina	276,800	2,031	-4.3%	5,045	-1.9%	11,072	-1.0%	410	-6.3%	3,373	-2.7%
Minneapolis	96,500	631	-3.1%	1,445	-6.3%	3,945	-2.1%	523	-3.1%	4,129	-2.0%
Minnetonka	171,500	1,054	-7.6%	3,000	-2.7%	7,021	-1.2%	456	-5.0%	3,668	-2.2%
Minnetonka Beach	421,200	3,941	-2.3%	8,952	-1.2%	18,973	-0.8%	436	-6.0%	3,689	-2.5%
Minnetrissa	261,400	2,033	-4.2%	5,113	-1.9%	11,272	-1.1%	447	-5.3%	3,666	-2.5%
Mound	126,800	719	-4.8%	1,947	-4.6%	4,943	-2.2%	454	-4.8%	3,676	-2.7%
New Hope	106,900	651	-4.4%	1,547	-5.4%	4,109	-2.2%	487	-4.4%	3,778	-2.4%
Orono	309,000	2,473	-3.6%	5,970	-1.7%	12,966	-1.0%	421	-5.8%	3,503	-2.7%
Osseo	93,900	611	-3.5%	1,371	-6.4%	3,732	-2.1%	521	-3.5%	4,043	-1.9%
Plymouth	164,900	986	-7.1%	2,732	-3.1%	6,422	-1.4%	455	-4.9%	3,517	-2.5%
Richfield	100,000	609	-3.8%	1,432	-6.2%	3,971	-2.3%	487	-3.8%	3,971	-2.3%
Robbinsdale	87,300	530	-5.0%	1,145	-7.6%	3,151	-3.1%	486	-5.0%	3,755	-2.7%

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		Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Curr. Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal
Rogers	137,300	845	-4.0%	2,331	-3.6%	5,717	-1.6%	492	-4.0%	3,877	-2.2%
Saint Anthony	111,200	746	-3.5%	1,827	-4.7%	4,752	-2.1%	536	-3.5%	4,163	-2.3%
Saint Bonifacius	120,300	742	-4.2%	1,927	-4.4%	4,920	-2.0%	493	-4.2%	3,910	-2.4%
Saint Louis Park	112,400	594	-5.8%	1,542	-5.4%	4,127	-2.2%	423	-5.8%	3,556	-2.5%
Shorewood	242,400	1,946	-4.4%	4,958	-2.0%	10,983	-1.1%	496	-3.9%	3,904	-2.4%
Spring Park	153,200	942	-5.1%	2,746	-2.8%	6,586	-1.2%	485	-3.8%	3,919	-2.0%
Tonka Bay	279,100	2,333	-3.8%	5,712	-1.8%	12,469	-1.0%	477	-4.6%	3,797	-2.5%
Wayzata	298,000	2,527	-3.1%	6,051	-1.2%	13,100	-0.5%	478	-4.8%	3,733	-2.1%
Woodland	575,600	5,664	-1.8%	12,342	-1.0%	25,700	-0.7%	457	-4.7%	3,626	-2.6%
RAMSEY COUNTY CITIES											
Arden Hills	150,600	858	-5.1%	2,443	-3.7%	5,875	-1.7%	455	-4.9%	3,569	-2.6%
Falcon Heights	134,700	899	-4.0%	2,370	-3.6%	5,749	-1.6%	534	-4.0%	4,008	-2.2%
Gem Lake	158,200	933	-7.2%	2,649	-3.3%	6,294	-1.6%	457	-5.0%	3,612	-2.5%
Lauderdale	85,200	626	-2.9%	1,333	-5.3%	3,561	-2.4%	587	-2.9%	4,366	-2.0%
Little Canada	107,300	748	-3.5%	1,760	-4.7%	4,566	-1.9%	558	-3.5%	4,184	-2.1%
Maplewood	111,100	665	-4.2%	1,634	-5.2%	4,308	-2.2%	479	-4.2%	3,774	-2.5%
Mounds View	101,400	607	-4.6%	1,408	-6.9%	3,821	-2.7%	479	-4.6%	3,754	-2.7%
New Brighton	126,900	729	-4.8%	1,920	-4.7%	4,836	-2.1%	460	-4.8%	3,600	-2.7%
North Oaks	339,500	2,629	-3.6%	6,192	-1.8%	13,320	-1.0%	407	-6.6%	3,264	-3.0%
North St. Paul	99,900	546	-5.1%	1,269	-8.3%	3,517	-2.8%	437	-5.1%	3,521	-2.8%
Roseville	117,000	772	-4.3%	1,929	-4.4%	4,883	-1.9%	528	-4.3%	4,024	-2.2%
Saint Paul	87,200	542	-3.3%	1,191	-6.4%	3,380	-2.4%	498	-3.3%	4,043	-2.1%
Shoreview	136,000	775	-5.5%	2,131	-4.3%	5,255	-2.1%	456	-5.5%	3,601	-2.8%
Vadnais Heights	126,300	717	-5.2%	1,899	-4.7%	4,791	-2.1%	454	-5.2%	3,587	-2.7%
White Bear Lake	110,400	642	-4.6%	1,560	-5.6%	4,123	-2.3%	465	-4.6%	3,640	-2.6%
SAINT LOUIS COUNTY CITIES											
Aurora	36,800	105	-3.1%	302	-6.4%	919	-4.2%	356	-5.9%	4,902	-3.1%
Babbitt	33,200	85	-4.2%	184	-11.4%	683	-6.2%	286	-8.9%	4,511	-3.2%
Biwabik	33,300	102	-3.0%	288	-6.4%	890	-4.1%	409	-5.4%	5,339	-2.9%
Brookston	32,700	90	-4.7%	180	-4.7%	546	-7.2%	222	-5.4%	3,823	-3.4%
Buhl	28,500	58	-7.6%	116	-7.6%	366	-14.2%	163	-7.8%	3,672	-3.9%
Chisholm	40,700	111	-2.8%	340	-5.3%	1,063	-7.0%	328	-5.4%	4,699	-2.9%
Cook	37,200	129	-2.7%	312	-5.3%	913	-3.6%	357	-5.0%	4,843	-2.4%
Duluth	71,300	431	-4.7%	862	-4.7%	2,470	-3.8%	484	-4.7%	3,901	-2.7%
Ely	43,100	103	-5.5%	289	-11.5%	1,001	-9.4%	246	-12.6%	4,352	-2.8%
Eveleth	35,500	73	-5.1%	147	-5.1%	547	-8.0%	171	-8.1%	3,630	-3.0%
Floodwood	25,900	109	-1.8%	217	-1.8%	721	-2.5%	491	-2.8%	5,818	-2.1%
Gilbert	34,900	103	-2.9%	291	-6.0%	898	-3.9%	380	-5.3%	5,136	-3.0%
Hermantown	98,500	645	-3.4%	1,495	-6.6%	4,090	-2.3%	524	-3.4%	4,170	-2.3%
Hibbing	49,400	123	-3.4%	410	-6.0%	1,367	-6.3%	272	-7.3%	4,340	-2.6%
Hoyt Lakes	34,800	92	-2.1%	225	-5.0%	765	-2.9%	305	-4.2%	4,475	-2.3%
Iron Junction	37,300	84	-5.7%	168	-5.7%	489	-9.1%	180	-5.7%	3,118	-3.1%
Kinney	20,300	55	-2.4%	110	-2.4%	332	-4.7%	322	-4.8%	4,703	-2.2%
Leonidas	33,600	42	-9.9%	84	-9.9%	177	-14.8%	100	-9.9%	2,215	-3.6%
Mc Kinley	25,400	29	-11.4%	57	-11.4%	114	-11.4%	90	-11.4%	2,030	-3.4%
Meadowlands	21,700	72	-3.1%	144	-3.1%	382	-5.4%	329	-5.8%	4,589	-2.9%
Mountain Iron	56,000	109	-5.9%	324	-11.7%	1,273	-7.3%	155	-5.9%	3,302	-3.2%
Orr	41,700	118	-5.4%	258	-11.4%	880	-10.8%	236	-9.2%	4,015	-3.1%
Proctor	64,800	422	-4.0%	843	-4.0%	2,300	-4.0%	521	-4.0%	4,164	-2.6%
Tower	35,000	106	-4.2%	212	-4.2%	697	-6.0%	274	-8.7%	4,259	-2.9%
Virginia	47,200	101	-3.7%	278	-8.0%	1,033	-9.1%	188	-10.0%	3,692	-2.6%
Winton	22,700	74	-3.5%	147	-3.5%	395	-6.1%	314	-6.8%	4,513	-3.1%

ESTIMATED IMPACT OF HOUSE TAX COMMITTEE "BASE BILL"

BASED UPON PAYABLE 1999 DATA

NON-HOMESTEAD PROPERTIES

	\$70,000 Non-Home. Res.		\$1,000,000 Apartment		\$150,000 Business		\$10,000,000 Business	
	Current Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Current Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Current Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Current Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal
<u>SELECTED METROPOLITAN CITIES</u>								
Andover	1,043	-2.7%	29,210	-4.8%	4,617	-2.8%	435,270	-1.8%
Anoka	1,113	-2.6%	31,189	-4.8%	4,734	-2.8%	446,218	-1.8%
Apple Valley	1,146	-2.5%	31,740	-4.6%	4,865	-2.7%	457,059	-1.7%
Blaine	1,097	-2.7%	30,912	-4.9%	4,754	-2.9%	449,000	-1.8%
Bloomington	1,135	-2.3%	31,057	-4.4%	4,792	-2.6%	448,553	-1.6%
Brooklyn Center	1,392	-2.3%	37,784	-4.5%	5,499	-2.6%	512,975	-1.6%
Brooklyn Park	1,352	-2.4%	36,943	-4.6%	5,394	-2.7%	504,282	-1.7%
Burnsville	1,162	-2.4%	32,418	-4.5%	4,906	-2.6%	461,913	-1.6%
Champlin	1,196	-2.6%	33,551	-4.7%	4,997	-2.8%	471,199	-1.7%
Chanhassen	1,386	-2.7%	38,481	-4.8%	5,606	-2.9%	526,795	-1.9%
Chaska	1,210	-2.8%	33,811	-4.9%	5,049	-2.9%	475,460	-1.9%
Columbia Heights	1,232	-3.0%	34,969	-5.1%	5,132	-3.1%	485,622	-2.0%
Coon Rapids	1,045	-2.7%	29,251	-4.8%	4,578	-2.8%	431,414	-1.8%
Cottage Grove	1,273	-2.6%	34,134	-4.7%	5,131	-2.8%	477,030	-1.8%
Crystal	1,259	-2.5%	34,003	-4.6%	5,108	-2.7%	475,940	-1.7%
Eagan	1,066	-2.4%	29,570	-4.5%	4,642	-2.6%	436,361	-1.6%
Eden Prairie	1,297	-2.1%	35,467	-4.3%	5,245	-2.5%	490,618	-1.5%
Edina	1,250	-2.0%	33,132	-4.2%	4,991	-2.4%	462,234	-1.4%
Forest Lake	1,139	-2.5%	32,003	-4.6%	4,862	-2.7%	458,685	-1.7%
Fridley	1,118	-2.8%	31,713	-4.9%	4,788	-2.9%	452,973	-1.8%
Golden Valley	1,298	-2.3%	35,645	-4.4%	5,252	-2.5%	491,876	-1.5%
Ham Lake	1,000	-2.6%	27,957	-4.8%	4,502	-2.8%	424,222	-1.8%
Hamburg	1,544	-2.9%	43,612	-5.1%	5,971	-3.0%	563,941	-2.0%
Hastings	1,245	-2.8%	35,357	-4.9%	5,166	-2.9%	488,836	-1.8%
Hopkins	1,297	-2.1%	36,206	-4.2%	5,292	-2.4%	498,140	-1.3%
Hugo	1,103	-2.5%	30,118	-4.6%	4,726	-2.7%	442,190	-1.7%
Inver Grove Heights	1,200	-2.2%	32,098	-4.4%	4,960	-2.6%	461,031	-1.6%
Lakeland	1,058	-2.6%	28,761	-4.7%	4,581	-2.8%	428,095	-1.8%
Lakeville	1,101	-2.4%	30,417	-4.6%	4,729	-2.7%	444,028	-1.7%
Lilydale	988	-2.3%	27,070	-4.5%	4,331	-2.6%	405,712	-1.6%
Lino Lakes	1,263	-2.7%	35,343	-4.8%	5,191	-2.8%	489,027	-1.8%
Little Canada	1,404	-2.1%	36,982	-4.2%	5,476	-2.5%	505,931	-1.5%
Maple Grove	1,303	-2.3%	35,190	-4.4%	5,242	-2.6%	488,389	-1.6%
Maplewood	1,262	-2.5%	34,808	-4.6%	5,156	-2.7%	483,627	-1.7%
Mendota Heights	1,026	-2.5%	28,154	-4.7%	4,521	-2.7%	423,684	-1.7%
Minneapolis	1,367	-2.3%	38,116	-4.4%	5,510	-2.6%	518,371	-1.5%
Minnetonka	1,229	-2.2%	33,910	-4.3%	5,073	-2.5%	475,861	-1.5%
Minnetrista	1,222	-2.5%	34,407	-4.7%	5,084	-2.7%	479,828	-1.7%
Mounds View	1,259	-2.6%	34,405	-4.7%	5,151	-2.8%	481,811	-1.8%
New Brighton	1,212	-2.5%	33,062	-4.6%	5,018	-2.7%	469,124	-1.7%
New Hope	1,270	-2.2%	34,313	-4.4%	5,150	-2.6%	480,002	-1.6%
Newport	1,438	-2.5%	38,799	-4.6%	5,616	-2.7%	522,765	-1.7%
North St. Paul	1,180	-2.6%	33,001	-4.8%	4,947	-2.8%	465,989	-1.8%
Oakdale	1,118	-2.8%	31,217	-5.0%	4,781	-2.9%	450,303	-1.9%
Plymouth	1,193	-2.1%	31,869	-4.2%	4,914	-2.4%	456,624	-1.5%
Prior Lake	1,357	-2.4%	36,303	-4.6%	5,375	-2.7%	499,187	-1.7%
Ramsey	1,055	-2.6%	29,432	-4.7%	4,593	-2.8%	432,446	-1.8%
Richfield	1,311	-2.7%	37,444	-4.8%	5,421	-2.8%	513,999	-1.8%

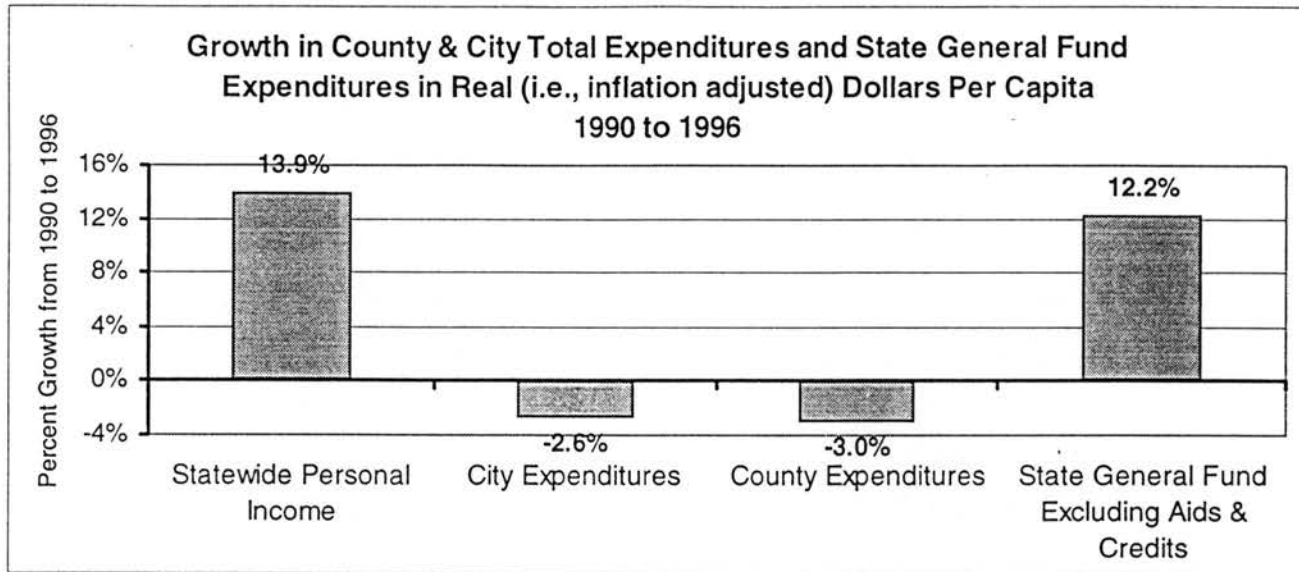
	\$70,000 Non-Home. Res.		\$1,000,000 Apartment		\$150,000 Business		\$10,000,000 Business	
	Current Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Current Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Current Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Current Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal
Robbinsdale	1,266	-2.5%	33,870	-4.6%	5,058	-2.8%	469,904	-1.8%
Rogers	1,294	-2.3%	35,622	-4.4%	5,247	-2.6%	491,751	-1.6%
Rosemount	1,260	-2.4%	34,802	-4.5%	5,158	-2.6%	484,000	-1.6%
Roseville	1,353	-2.1%	35,746	-4.3%	5,336	-2.5%	493,585	-1.5%
Saint Anthony	1,384	-2.5%	37,913	-4.7%	5,509	-2.8%	515,464	-1.8%
Saint Louis Park	1,185	-2.5%	33,791	-4.7%	4,992	-2.7%	473,005	-1.6%
Saint Paul	1,332	-2.5%	38,066	-4.6%	5,497	-2.7%	521,131	-1.6%
Saint Paul Park	1,191	-2.5%	31,744	-4.6%	4,904	-2.7%	455,281	-1.8%
Savage	1,262	-2.6%	35,049	-4.7%	5,173	-2.8%	486,144	-1.8%
Shakopee	1,234	-2.5%	34,128	-4.6%	5,086	-2.7%	477,499	-1.7%
Shoreview	1,213	-2.5%	32,987	-4.6%	5,020	-2.7%	468,841	-1.7%
South St. Paul	1,129	-2.8%	32,236	-4.9%	4,753	-2.9%	450,546	-1.9%
Spring Lake Park	1,167	-2.9%	33,311	-5.0%	4,956	-3.0%	469,711	-1.9%
Stillwater	1,236	-2.6%	33,822	-4.8%	5,075	-2.8%	474,902	-1.8%
Vadnais Heights	1,208	-2.4%	32,920	-4.5%	5,008	-2.7%	468,048	-1.7%
West St. Paul	1,093	-2.4%	30,076	-4.6%	4,699	-2.7%	440,583	-1.7%
White Bear Lake	1,224	-2.4%	33,374	-4.5%	5,044	-2.7%	471,417	-1.7%
Woodbury	1,234	-2.4%	32,835	-4.6%	4,980	-2.7%	461,878	-1.8%
SELECTED GREATER MINNESOTA CITIES								
Albany	1,319	-2.9%	31,971	5.3%	5,452	-3.1%	514,308	-2.1%
Albert Lea	1,263	-2.7%	35,430	-4.8%	5,210	-2.9%	491,247	-1.9%
Alexandria	1,093	-1.9%	30,778	-4.0%	4,526	-2.1%	427,147	-1.0%
Austin	1,176	-2.8%	32,919	-4.9%	4,841	-3.0%	456,133	-2.0%
Baxter	989	-1.2%	27,667	-3.4%	4,069	-1.4%	383,209	-0.4%
Bemidji	1,542	-2.7%	43,456	-4.8%	6,390	-2.9%	603,226	-1.9%
Big Lake	1,104	-2.6%	31,551	-4.7%	4,638	-2.8%	439,719	-1.7%
Brainerd	1,070	-1.5%	29,965	-3.7%	4,407	-1.8%	415,243	-0.7%
Brownsdale	1,215	-3.0%	34,705	-5.1%	5,102	-3.1%	483,690	-2.1%
Buffalo	1,098	-2.6%	31,353	-4.7%	4,609	-2.8%	436,859	-1.7%
Cannon Falls	1,206	-2.5%	34,462	-4.7%	5,066	-2.7%	480,297	-1.6%
Chisholm	1,636	-3.4%	45,877	-5.6%	6,689	-3.7%	630,510	-2.6%
Cloquet	1,432	-3.0%	40,251	-5.1%	5,919	-3.2%	558,399	-2.2%
Cook	1,668	-3.1%	40,659	5.2%	6,885	-3.3%	650,847	-2.3%
Courtland	1,219	-2.7%	34,318	-4.8%	5,046	-2.9%	476,255	-1.9%
Crookston	1,530	-2.8%	43,713	-4.9%	6,426	-2.9%	609,223	-1.9%
Detroit Lakes	1,260	-2.2%	35,443	-4.3%	5,212	-2.4%	491,800	-1.3%
Duluth	1,295	-2.8%	36,362	-5.0%	5,347	-3.1%	504,260	-2.0%
Dumont	1,479	-2.5%	42,260	-4.6%	6,212	-2.7%	588,971	-1.6%
Elk River	1,151	-2.2%	31,523	-4.4%	4,638	-2.5%	433,981	-1.5%
Fairmont	1,135	-2.5%	32,077	-4.6%	4,716	-2.7%	445,657	-1.7%
Faribault	1,246	-2.7%	34,446	-4.8%	5,067	-3.0%	475,483	-2.0%
Fergus Falls	1,157	-2.3%	32,475	-4.4%	4,776	-2.5%	450,341	-1.5%
Fisher	1,519	-3.2%	43,412	-5.3%	6,382	-3.4%	605,027	-2.4%
Foley	1,521	-2.4%	43,056	-4.5%	6,330	-2.6%	598,520	-1.5%
Gary	1,601	-2.7%	44,398	-4.9%	6,531	-3.0%	613,475	-2.0%
Gilbert	1,767	-3.7%	49,845	-5.8%	7,289	-3.9%	688,441	-2.9%
Hermantown	1,377	-2.6%	38,704	-4.8%	5,691	-2.8%	536,929	-1.8%
Hibbing	1,525	-3.1%	42,864	-5.2%	6,280	-3.3%	592,351	-2.2%
Hutchinson	1,328	-2.9%	37,944	-5.0%	5,578	-3.1%	528,829	-2.0%
Janesville	1,580	-2.3%	42,894	-4.6%	6,312	-2.8%	588,991	-1.9%
Lake Benton	1,106	-2.7%	26,642	5.5%	4,538	-2.9%	427,172	-1.9%
Mankato	1,117	-2.2%	31,310	-4.3%	4,604	-2.4%	434,008	-1.4%
Maple Lake	1,274	-2.7%	35,796	-4.8%	5,264	-2.9%	496,492	-1.8%
Marshall	1,194	-2.2%	32,998	-4.3%	4,854	-2.5%	455,485	-1.5%
Montevideo	1,475	-2.7%	42,139	-4.8%	6,194	-2.9%	587,289	-1.8%
Monticello	1,195	-2.1%	33,529	-4.2%	4,931	-2.3%	464,866	-1.3%
Moorhead	1,261	-2.8%	35,308	-5.0%	5,192	-3.1%	489,279	-2.0%
New Ulm	1,320	-2.8%	37,187	-4.9%	5,468	-3.0%	516,240	-2.0%
New York Mills	1,167	-2.1%	28,226	6.2%	4,812	-2.3%	453,525	-1.2%
North Branch	1,311	-2.9%	36,872	-5.0%	5,422	-3.1%	511,554	-2.0%

	\$70,000 Non-Home. Res.		\$1,000,000 Apartment		\$150,000 Business		\$10,000,000 Business	
	Current Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Current Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Current Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal	Current Law Tax	% Chg. Under Proposal
North Mankato	1,119	-2.5%	31,378	-4.6%	4,614	-2.7%	434,951	-1.6%
Northfield	1,198	-2.5%	32,461	-4.7%	4,777	-2.8%	445,453	-1.9%
Owatonna	1,139	-2.5%	31,559	-4.7%	4,642	-2.8%	435,939	-1.8%
Paynesville	1,369	-3.0%	33,203	5.2%	5,663	-3.2%	534,265	-2.2%
Pine City	1,266	-3.0%	31,106	5.5%	5,317	-3.1%	504,104	-2.1%
Pipestone	1,317	-2.9%	32,209	5.5%	5,501	-3.1%	520,718	-2.0%
Proctor	1,375	-2.9%	38,625	-5.0%	5,680	-3.1%	535,680	-2.1%
Red Wing	1,145	-2.2%	32,703	-4.3%	4,807	-2.4%	455,786	-1.3%
Rochester	1,293	-2.6%	35,571	-4.8%	5,233	-2.9%	490,383	-1.9%
Rockford	1,200	-2.6%	33,555	-4.7%	4,935	-2.8%	464,741	-1.8%
Saint Clair	1,274	-2.6%	35,184	-4.8%	5,176	-3.0%	485,566	-2.0%
Saint Cloud	1,273	-2.4%	35,012	-4.5%	5,151	-2.7%	482,592	-1.7%
Saint Joseph	1,305	-2.8%	35,918	-4.9%	5,284	-3.1%	495,193	-2.1%
Saint Martin	1,311	-3.1%	31,774	5.1%	5,418	-3.3%	511,114	-2.3%
Saint Michael	1,103	-2.6%	31,323	-4.8%	4,605	-2.8%	435,766	-1.8%
Saint Peter	1,188	-2.7%	33,181	-4.8%	4,880	-2.9%	459,383	-1.9%
Thief River Falls	1,733	-3.1%	48,850	-5.2%	7,183	-3.3%	678,221	-2.3%
Virginia	1,328	-2.7%	37,245	-4.8%	5,478	-2.9%	516,426	-1.8%
Waite Park	1,170	-2.1%	32,068	-4.3%	4,718	-2.4%	441,549	-1.4%
Waldorf	1,518	-1.4%	35,692	6.4%	6,054	-1.8%	564,513	-0.8%
Waverly	1,157	-2.5%	32,126	-4.7%	4,725	-2.8%	444,053	-1.8%
Wells	1,264	-2.4%	29,846	5.3%	5,066	-2.9%	473,159	-1.9%
Wheaton	1,378	-3.1%	33,868	5.3%	5,789	-3.3%	548,864	-2.2%
Willmar	1,253	-2.4%	35,188	-4.5%	5,175	-2.6%	487,996	-1.6%
Winona	1,140	-2.9%	32,417	-5.1%	4,766	-3.1%	451,180	-2.1%
Worthington	1,150	-2.6%	32,662	-4.7%	4,802	-2.8%	454,472	-1.7%
<u>HENNEPIN COUNTY CITIES</u>								
Bloomington	1,135	-2.3%	31,057	-4.4%	4,792	-2.6%	448,553	-1.6%
Brooklyn Center	1,392	-2.3%	37,784	-4.5%	5,499	-2.6%	512,975	-1.6%
Brooklyn Park	1,352	-2.4%	36,943	-4.6%	5,394	-2.7%	504,282	-1.7%
Champlin	1,196	-2.6%	33,551	-4.7%	4,997	-2.8%	471,199	-1.7%
Corcoran	1,129	-2.5%	31,695	-4.6%	4,838	-2.7%	456,333	-1.6%
Crystal	1,259	-2.5%	34,003	-4.6%	5,108	-2.7%	475,940	-1.7%
Dayton	1,208	-2.5%	33,631	-4.6%	5,029	-2.7%	473,095	-1.7%
Deephaven	1,245	-2.5%	34,383	-4.6%	5,117	-2.7%	480,102	-1.7%
Eden Prairie	1,297	-2.1%	35,467	-4.3%	5,245	-2.5%	490,618	-1.5%
Edina	1,250	-2.0%	33,132	-4.2%	4,991	-2.4%	462,234	-1.4%
Excelsior	1,335	-2.4%	36,935	-4.5%	5,380	-2.6%	505,029	-1.6%
Golden Valley	1,298	-2.3%	35,645	-4.4%	5,252	-2.5%	491,876	-1.5%
Greenfield	1,194	-2.4%	33,462	-4.6%	5,006	-2.7%	471,886	-1.6%
Greenwood	1,255	-2.5%	34,668	-4.6%	5,144	-2.7%	482,634	-1.7%
Hopkins	1,297	-2.1%	36,206	-4.2%	5,292	-2.4%	498,140	-1.3%
Independence	1,245	-2.6%	35,221	-4.7%	5,156	-2.8%	487,387	-1.7%
Long Lake	1,248	-2.6%	35,660	-4.7%	5,176	-2.7%	490,743	-1.7%
Loretto	1,175	-2.5%	32,973	-4.6%	4,950	-2.7%	466,748	-1.6%
Maple Grove	1,303	-2.3%	35,190	-4.4%	5,242	-2.6%	488,389	-1.6%
Maple Plain	1,284	-2.6%	36,679	-4.7%	5,278	-2.8%	500,429	-1.7%
Medicine Lake	1,274	-2.1%	34,182	-4.2%	5,105	-2.4%	474,599	-1.4%
Medina	1,136	-2.4%	31,635	-4.5%	4,851	-2.6%	456,446	-1.6%
Minneapolis	1,367	-2.3%	38,116	-4.4%	5,510	-2.6%	518,371	-1.5%
Minnetonka	1,229	-2.2%	33,910	-4.3%	5,073	-2.5%	475,861	-1.5%
Minnetonka Beach	1,225	-2.6%	34,990	-4.7%	5,121	-2.8%	485,539	-1.7%
Minnetrsta	1,222	-2.5%	34,407	-4.7%	5,084	-2.7%	479,828	-1.7%
Mound	1,225	-2.7%	34,513	-4.8%	5,091	-2.9%	480,540	-1.8%
New Hope	1,270	-2.2%	34,313	-4.4%	5,150	-2.6%	480,002	-1.6%
Orono	1,171	-2.6%	33,155	-4.7%	4,944	-2.8%	467,455	-1.7%
Osseo	1,349	-2.1%	36,705	-4.2%	5,381	-2.4%	502,369	-1.4%
Plymouth	1,193	-2.1%	31,869	-4.2%	4,914	-2.4%	456,624	-1.5%
Richfield	1,311	-2.7%	37,444	-4.8%	5,421	-2.8%	513,999	-1.8%
Robbinsdale	1,266	-2.5%	33,870	-4.6%	5,058	-2.8%	469,904	-1.8%

	\$70,000 Non-Home. Res.		\$1,000,000 Apartment		\$150,000 Business		\$10,000,000 Business	
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Rogers	1,294	-2.3%	35,622	-4.4%	5,247	-2.6%	491,751	-1.6%
Saint Anthony	1,384	-2.5%	37,913	-4.7%	5,509	-2.8%	515,464	-1.8%
Saint Bonifacius	1,303	-2.5%	36,029	-4.6%	5,278	-2.7%	495,342	-1.7%
Saint Louis Park	1,185	-2.5%	33,791	-4.7%	4,992	-2.7%	473,005	-1.6%
Shorewood	1,301	-2.5%	36,000	-4.7%	5,276	-2.7%	495,299	-1.7%
Spring Park	1,299	-2.3%	36,629	-4.4%	5,315	-2.5%	501,790	-1.5%
Tonka Bay	1,268	-2.5%	35,042	-4.6%	5,182	-2.7%	486,210	-1.7%
Wayzata	1,258	-1.9%	33,743	-4.0%	5,084	-2.3%	472,666	-1.3%
Woodland	1,217	-2.4%	33,562	-4.6%	5,002	-2.7%	469,137	-1.7%
<u>RAMSEY COUNTY CITIES</u>								
Arden Hills	1,203	-2.4%	32,757	-4.5%	4,981	-2.6%	465,430	-1.6%
Falcon Heights	1,351	-2.1%	35,379	-4.2%	5,287	-2.5%	487,613	-1.5%
Gem Lake	1,216	-2.3%	33,134	-4.4%	5,022	-2.6%	469,388	-1.6%
Lauderdale	1,460	-2.1%	38,490	-4.3%	5,645	-2.5%	521,610	-1.5%
Little Canada	1,404	-2.1%	36,982	-4.2%	5,476	-2.5%	505,931	-1.5%
Maplewood	1,262	-2.5%	34,808	-4.6%	5,156	-2.7%	483,627	-1.7%
Mounds View	1,259	-2.6%	34,405	-4.7%	5,151	-2.8%	481,811	-1.8%
New Brighton	1,212	-2.5%	33,062	-4.6%	5,018	-2.7%	469,124	-1.7%
North Oaks	1,110	-2.4%	30,137	-4.5%	4,731	-2.7%	441,906	-1.7%
North St. Paul	1,180	-2.6%	33,001	-4.8%	4,947	-2.8%	465,989	-1.8%
Roseville	1,353	-2.1%	35,746	-4.3%	5,336	-2.5%	493,585	-1.5%
Saint Paul	1,332	-2.5%	38,066	-4.6%	5,497	-2.7%	521,131	-1.6%
Shoreview	1,213	-2.5%	32,987	-4.6%	5,020	-2.7%	468,841	-1.7%
Vadnais Heights	1,208	-2.4%	32,920	-4.5%	5,008	-2.7%	468,048	-1.7%
White Bear Lake	1,224	-2.4%	33,374	-4.5%	5,044	-2.7%	471,417	-1.7%
<u>SAINT LOUIS COUNTY CITIES</u>								
Aurora	1,699	-3.7%	47,496	-5.8%	6,985	-3.9%	657,774	-2.9%
Babbitt	1,575	-3.6%	38,369	4.6%	6,534	-3.8%	617,529	-2.8%
Biwabik	1,833	-3.7%	51,300	-5.8%	7,544	-4.0%	710,803	-3.0%
Brookston	1,358	-3.4%	38,338	-5.5%	5,637	-3.6%	532,510	-2.6%
Buhl	1,322	-3.7%	37,066	-5.8%	5,451	-3.9%	513,846	-2.9%
Chisholm	1,636	-3.4%	45,877	-5.6%	6,689	-3.7%	630,510	-2.6%
Cook	1,668	-3.1%	40,659	5.2%	6,885	-3.3%	650,847	-2.3%
Duluth	1,295	-2.8%	36,362	-5.0%	5,347	-3.1%	504,260	-2.0%
Ely	1,525	-3.3%	37,267	5.1%	6,358	-3.4%	601,606	-2.4%
Eveleth	1,309	-2.9%	36,754	-5.0%	5,406	-3.1%	509,913	-2.1%
Floodwood	1,966	-3.2%	47,871	5.1%	8,170	-3.4%	771,935	-2.4%
Gilbert	1,767	-3.7%	49,845	-5.8%	7,289	-3.9%	688,441	-2.9%
Hermantown	1,377	-2.6%	38,704	-4.8%	5,691	-2.8%	536,929	-1.8%
Hibbing	1,525	-3.1%	42,864	-5.2%	6,280	-3.3%	592,351	-2.2%
Hoyt Lakes	1,570	-2.8%	37,804	5.3%	6,437	-3.1%	605,857	-2.1%
Iron Junction	1,145	-2.6%	32,077	-4.7%	4,749	-2.9%	447,540	-1.8%
Kinney	1,636	-2.9%	46,033	-5.0%	6,769	-3.1%	638,827	-2.1%
Leonidas	878	-1.9%	24,448	-4.0%	3,619	-2.1%	340,461	-1.1%
Mc Kinley	822	-1.4%	22,840	-3.5%	3,366	-1.6%	316,450	-0.6%
Meadowlands	1,591	-3.5%	38,759	4.8%	6,616	-3.7%	625,271	-2.7%
Mountain Iron	1,219	-2.7%	33,086	-4.8%	4,885	-3.0%	455,882	-2.0%
Orr	1,416	-3.3%	34,469	4.9%	5,881	-3.5%	555,652	-2.5%
Proctor	1,375	-2.9%	38,625	-5.0%	5,680	-3.1%	535,680	-2.1%
Tower	1,491	-3.2%	36,298	5.0%	6,191	-3.4%	585,063	-2.4%
Virginia	1,328	-2.7%	37,245	-4.8%	5,478	-2.9%	516,426	-1.8%
Winton	1,566	-3.6%	44,467	-5.7%	6,538	-3.8%	618,611	-2.8%

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FACTS ABOUT COUNTY & CITY SPENDING AND THE REVERSE REFERENDA



Revenue and spending data from the State Auditor (for counties and cities) and the Department of Finance (for state general fund). Population data from the State Demographer and Metro Council. Inflation adjustment based upon chain-weighted IPD from DRI. County and state expenditures adjusted to account for state takeover of income maintenance and public defender costs. School aids, property tax aids & credits, and other major local assistance excluded from state general fund expenditures.

Local elected officials have proven their ability to control expenditures. Reverse referenda and other restrictions upon the authority of local governments to determine their budgets are unnecessary.

Legislators should note that:

- If referendum requirements were imposed upon state government, the state would routinely be subject to referendum, since state tax revenues have consistently grown faster than inflation.
- Legislators are aware of how difficult it is for the legislature to agree on spending targets and to do fiscal planning for upcoming bienniums. Consider the additional complexity and uncertainty that would be added to the process if all increases in state taxes were subject to referendum. The legislature should not impose a provision on local governments that the legislature itself would find untenable.
- Local elected officials, like state officials, are accountable to their constituents through the ballot box.

REVERSE REFERENDA ARE NOT THE SOLUTION TO THE PROPERTY TAX CRISES. Ultimately, the only lasting solution is meaningful revenue diversification that reduces dependence on the property tax.

VOTE TO DEFEAT THE REVERSE REFERENDA

Lindeke, Terry

From: Dana Frey [dfrey@mica.org]
Sent: Monday, April 19, 1999 3:06 PM
To: Lindeke Terry; Davidson Mary; Conley Pat; Corbid Kevin
Subject: FW: RE: House tax bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Dana Frey [mailto:dfrey@mica.org]
Sent: Monday, April 19, 1999 3:04 PM
To: Bensen, Brian; Brunner Julie; Devlin Dick; Mahn Gene; McLinden Jay; Reinert, Robert; Richardson, Brandt; Rindelaub, George; Schug, Jim; Stoltz, Dick; Twa, Dave; Unmacht, Dave
Cc: Helfritz Bill; Devine John; Bendzick, Bob; Berg, Jim; Boethin Fred; Books Jerry; Johnson Terry; Neumann Rick; Pyan, Dan; Schreifels, Randy; Windschitl, Fran; Vanasek, Bob; Tilley, Barry; Ongaro John; Ladwig Sue; Caucutt Amy; Boland John; Brewington, Claudia
Subject: RE: House tax bill

This morning, the House Tax Committee released their proposed tax bill for 1999. The good news for taxpayers is that at \$2.2 billion this bill would easily be the largest tax cut in the history of the state. The bill includes a one-half percent reduction in each of the individual income tax rates, an expansion of the brackets for married couples (cutting the marriage penalty), and a sales tax rebate along the lines of that supported by the Governor and Senate.

For counties, the news is mixed:

FAMILY PRESERVATION AID: The bill fully funds family preservation aid for taxes payable next year, \$20 million in new property tax relief. The Governor had proposed delaying this aid one year.

SALES TAX: Exempts county highway construction equipment and gravel from the sales tax.

LEVY LIMITS: Extends levy limits for two more years, and eliminates the additional adjustment for new commercial/industrial construction. Levy limit base is NOT recalculated, those of you who did not levy to your limit do not lose that additional authority.

Requires counties and cities to adopt a formal resolution in order to increase property tax revenue from one year to the next. An additional certification would be required in mid-October, in the form of a resolution.

REVERSE REFERENDUM: Subjects any levy increase over 2% to a reverse referendum. After a county board or city council sets its budget in December for the next year, tax opponents would have 14 days to circulate a petition that, if signed by 10% of the registered voters in city or county, would force a referendum on the entire levy increase. If this referendum, held in late January, rejects that levy increase, the city or county would revert to the prior year's tax amount -- in other words, the city or county could not levy even an additional dollar. There would be no appeal.

PENALTY AND INTEREST: Changes the distribution of penalty and interest revenue from 50% county, 50% school district to 50% school district, county and city allocated in proportion to levy. This would result in a shift in revenue from counties to cities of approximately \$6 to \$8 million.

LIMITED MARKET VALUE: Reduces the value increase subject to limited market value from 10% to 7%, and the "catch-up" from 25% of the difference between the old limited market value and the new full value to 15% of the difference.

RATE COMPRESSION: Reduces class rates on virtually every property type,

protecting homeowners by raising the education homestead credit from 66% with a \$320 maximum to 96% with a \$450 maximum.

COURT FUNDING: Includes funding components for court financing in the 5th, 7th, 8th, and 9th judicial districts. Provides that the state pays one-half of the six-month problem. Repeals the HACA transfer to family preservation aid.

FARM RELIEF: Creates a new "education agricultural credit" equal to 50% of the education tax on ag homestead property (40% for nonhomestead property).

UTILITY TAXES: Includes utility personal property with regular business property, allowing "small business" property tax benefits for each parcel of utility property.

OTHER:

- Prohibits any levy for light rail transit.
- Cuts the met council's levy limit by 10%
- Advances many truth in taxation dates by 7 days.
- Prohibits the use of TIF for social and recreational facilities, permits

pooling to make up deficits due to rate compression, gives revenue the ability to enforce TIF violations referred by the state auditor, provides special TIF authority for several cities.

- Makes technical and substantive changes to tax forfeited procedures
- Eliminates the ability to request local impact notes on administrative

rules

The bill is scheduled to be heard, beginning tomorrow, and voted out of committee on Thursday. The Senate bill is scheduled for release on Wednesday (property taxes) and Friday (all else). We will keep you advised of any changes to the legislation; if you would like a copy of the summary or of specific sections of the bill (the entire bill is nearly 300 pages), let us know by return email.

STATUS UPDATE ON RAMSEY COUNTY BOARD'S 1999 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS - 4/20/99

HF/SF Author	BILL SUBJECT	COMMENTS	STATUS
HUMAN SERVICES			
SF569 Ranum HF1352 Entenza Statewide bill	Child Maltreatment Reports Alternative Response Programs/Child Welfare Proposals/ Child Protection Legislation	NOTE: All of the child welfare/child protection proposals are still under consideration as of today's date. Several of the program proposals match those in the County Board's Legislative Package. However, none of the proposals has yet secured funding. We are using the fiscal note process in relation to them because of the potential for new/expanded mandates to counties without revenues to carry out the tasks.	<u>Senate</u> 3/16 - Cmte Report to pass as amended and re-refer to Health and Family Security <u>House</u> 3/15 - Recalled and re-refer Civil Law 3/29 - Cmte report, pass as amended, re-refer to Health and Human Services Policy 4/6 - Cmte report, pass as amended, re-refer to Health and Human Services Finance
SF748 Ranum HF1220 Dempsey Statewide bill	Child Welfare/Child Protection Proposals	See NOTE, above.	<u>Senate</u> 2/15 - Intro and First rdg, refer to Children, Families and Learning 3/1 - Withdrawn and re-refer to Governmental Operations and Veterans ¾ Cmte report to pass as amend and re-refer to Children, Families and Learning 3/11 - Cmte report to pass as amend and re-refer to Health and Family Services 3/16 - Cmte report to pass and re- refer to Crime Prevention 3/24 - Cmte report, to pass as amended, re-refer to Children, Families and Learning <u>House</u> 3/1 - First rdg, refer to K-12 Education Finance

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SF1707 Junge HF449 Broecker Ramsey County-specific bill	ACE (All Children Excel) Project (Juvenile) Juvenile Crime Prevention Proposal Specific to Ramsey County	This proposal has passed bill deadlines in both House and Senate and is being considered for the omnibus bills. \$300, 000 Funding	<u>Senate</u> 3/11 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Crime Prevention <u>House</u> 3/2 - First rdg and refer to Judiciary Finance 3/25 - Recalled and re-refer to Family and Early Childhood Education Finance Included in House Omnibus Bill
SF964 Berglin HF942 Mariani Statewide bill	Safety Net For Those Unable to Work	Minnesota Family Investment Program statewide 60-month limit exception and work participation support program This proposal is still alive and moving.	In Governor's budget <u>Senate</u> 2/22 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Health and Family Security 2/25 - Author added Terwilliger Senate Policy Committee aprvd bill stopping time clock for participants who are disabled, caring for disabled household member, or who are working <u>House</u> 2/22 - First rdg, refer to Hlth & Human Services Policy 3/1 Authors added Wejeman, Koskinen 3/2 Author added Abeler The companion was offered as an amendment to DHS bill in House, but was not approved. <u>Senate</u> Approved by Policy Committee <u>House</u> Did not receive a hearing.

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SF483 Samuelson HF546 Greenfield Statewide bill	Child Care Assistance Program Funds Available to all counties State-wide to Pay for Sliding Fee Day Care	This proposal is still alive and moving forward.	<u>Senate</u> 2/4 - Intro and first rdg , refer to Health and Family Security 2/4 - Author added Stevens 3/4 - Author stricken Stevens <u>House</u> 2/8 - First rdg, refer to Health and Human Services Policy 2/10 - Author added Luther
SF483 Samuelson HF546 Greenfield Statewide bill	State Food Assistance for Legal Immigrants \$200,000 for RC Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Statewide Eligibility Provisions, Modifications and Federal TANF Block Grant Transfers	This bill is still alive and moving; Ramsey County residents will be significant beneficiaries if it passes and is signed by the Governor. Approved by both Senate and House policy committees.	<u>Senate</u> 2/4 Intro and First rdg, refer to Hlth & Family Security 2/4 Auth added Stevens 3/4 - Author stricken Stevens <u>House</u> 2/8 - First rdg, refer to Hlth & Human Services Policy 2/10 - Author added Luther
SF543 Lourey HF1678 Kelliher Statewide bill	Eliminate Provision MFIP Participants by Grants \$100 if Live in HUD-Subsidized Housing	Possible inclusion in omnibus bill.	<u>Senate</u> 2/4 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Hlth & Family Security <u>House</u> 3/8 - First rdg, refer to Health and Human Services Policy
SF1010 Cohen HF1156 Rhodes Statewide bill	Inclusionary Policies for Affordable Housing in Metro Area	Metropolitan area voluntary inclusionary housing policy incentives provided, policy defined, money appropriated. These proposals are still alive and moving forward.	<u>Senate</u> 2/25 Intro and first rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy & Community Development 4/9 - Author stricken Beckman, author added Weiner <u>House</u> 3/1 - First rdg, refer to Jobs & Economic Development Policy 3/2 - Author added Paymar 3/18 - Cmte report, pass as amended, re-refer to Jobs and Economic Development Finance

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SF1526 Samuelson HF1392 Jennings Statewide bill	Continue Food Assistance to Legal Immigrants Reduce Job Counselor Caseloads	Approved by both House and Senate Policy Committees. These proposals are alive and moving forward.	<u>Senate</u> 3/8 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Health and Family Security 3/11 - Author added Stevens <u>House</u> ¾ First rdg, refer to Health and Human Services Policy 3/29 - Cmte Report pass as amended, re-refer to Health Human Services Finance
SF768 Pappas HF751 Trimble Statewide bill	Pre-Admission Screening	This bill is not alive	<u>Senate</u> 2/15 Intro and first rdg, refer to Local and Metropolitan Government 3/16 Cmte report to pass as amended, consent calendar, second rdg 3/18 - Consent calendar, third rdg, passed <u>House</u> 2/15 - First rdg, refer to Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs
SF837 Novak HF2013 Hausman Ramsey County-specific bill	Targeted Training Program for Immigrants \$750,000 for Ramsey County only, to train immigrants for employment	This bill is still alive and moving	<u>Senate</u> 2/18 Intro and First rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy & Community Development <u>House</u> 3/15 - First rdg, refer to Jobs and Economic Development Finance 4/2 - Passed cmte
SF483 Samuelson HF546 Greenfield Statewide proposals	Income Maintenance Programs/Reimbursement to Counties Statewide for the County Costs of Administering the TANF and other Public Assistance/Welfare Programs	In Governor's budget, These proposals are still alive and moving forward.	<u>Senate</u> 2/4 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Health & Family Security 2/4 - Author added Stevens ¾ - Author stricken Stevens <u>House</u> 2/8 - First rdg, refer to Health and Human Services Policy 2/10 Author added Luther

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SF1178 Solon HF2069 Jaros Statewide proposals	Changes MFIP Cash Grant for Child Only Cases Minnesota Family Investment Program; would modify cash grants	Minnesota Family Investment Program statewide cases cash grant modification. These proposals have passed second bill deadline are still alive.	<u>Senate</u> 3/1 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Health and Family Security <u>House</u> 3/17 - First rdg, refer to Health and Human Svcs Policy
SF745 Kelly HF1694 Stanek	Minnesota Cities Grant	Helps to fund truancy center within Ramsey County. Still alive.	<u>Senate</u> 2/15 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy and Community Development 3/1 - Cmte report, pass and re-refer to Crime Prevention <u>House</u> 3/8 - First rdg, refer to Family and Early Childhood Education Finance
SF906 Pappas HF829 Mahoney Ramsey County-specific bill	Chemical Dependency Services for Women	\$38,000 is requested to help fund Ramsey County group residential housing facility for chemically dependent women. This proposal is dead for this session.	<u>Senate</u> 2/22 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Hlth and Family Security <u>House</u> 2/18 - First rdg, refer to Local, Government & Metropolitan Affairs
	Parents' Fair Share		
SF1856 Wiger HF1901 Broecker Ramsey County-specific bill	Lake Owasso Residence	RC, Lake Owasso Intermediate Care facility replacement authorized. This proposal is specific to Ramsey County only; however, it has opposition from the State Department of Human Services and the Minnesota Assn. Of Retarded Citizens. This proposal is still moving forward.	<u>Senate</u> 3/15 - Intro & 1st rdg, refer to Health and Family Security <u>House</u> 3/15 - 1st rdg, refer to Health and Human Service Finance 3/17 - Recalled and re-refer to Health and Human Services Policy

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Senate author Dallas Sams	Welfare-to-work transportation	This proposal is one that was developed by the Joint Powers Board and is part of their legislative package, as well as that of the seven metropolitan counties. It is a request to find \$2 million in TANF funds for welfare-to-work transportation programs. Securing this money would allow us to continue our current programs that were funded during the last legislative session. This proposal will be considered the week of 4/12.	<u>Senate</u> Will have first hearing on 4/14. <u>House</u> No hearings yet scheduled.
SF990 Anderson HF748 Trimble	Tenant/Landlord Dispute Resolution Program	This bill has had hearings in the Senate and is being considered for possible inclusion in omnibus economic development bill.	<u>Senate</u> 2/25 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy and Community Development Has had policy and finance hearings. <u>House</u> 2/15 - First rdg, refer to Jobs and Economic Development Policy This bill did not have hearings in the House.
SF1361 Hottinger HF1395 Rhodes	Group Residential Housing Block Grant Pilot Project Program	Help homeless individuals with disabilities live more independently Still alive.	<u>Senate</u> ¾ - Intro and first rdg, refer to Health and Family Security <u>House</u> ¾ - First rdg, refer to Health and Human Services Policy
CORRECTIONS/PUBLIC SAFETY			
SF1648 Kelly HF2228 Broecker Regional and statewide bills	Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington Counties authorized grants to construct law enforcement training facilities and money for regional jails (statewide).	This proposal is alive and moving forward.	<u>Senate</u> 3/10 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Crime Prevention <u>House</u> 3/22 - First rdg, to Judiciary Finance 3/31 - Cmte report, pass as amended, re-refer to Capital Improvement

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SF345 Foley HF278 Entenza	DWI Funding	\$12 million state-wide \$2.2 million for Ramsey County DWI repeat violations felony penalties, incarceration in local correctional facilities required minimum mandatory penalties provided and enhanced gross misdemeanor references repealed This proposal is still alive.	<u>Senate</u> 1/28 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Crime Prevention 2/1 - Author added Wiger <u>House</u> 1/25 - First rdg, refer Crime Prevention
May not be Separate Bill Statewide proposal	Community Corrections Act Subsidy	In Governor's budget. \$5 million state-wide; \$5 million first year, \$1 million second year, \$1.5 million biennium. This proposal is still alive. It would bring \$800,000/year into Ramsey County.	
SF237 Johnson HF216 Stanek Statewide bill	Influx of Felons From Other Jurisdictions	\$6 million for Ramsey County, although this is a statewide bill. Pretrial status prisoner transfers between jail and workhouse, authorization clarified This item is alive and moving forward.	Ramsey County <u>Senate</u> 1/21 Intro and first rdg, refer to Crime Prevention HF Substituted in Cmte <u>House</u> 1/21 First rdg, refer to Crime Prevention 2/4 Cmte report, pass, second rdg 2/25 Rule 1.21, placed on calendar for day 3/1 - Third rdg and passage 4/6 - Returned from Senate

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HF637 Paymar introduced NOTE: There are a number of bills in both the House and Senate that are trying to expand the use of Camp Ripley. The Senate bill looks favorably on these program expansions, which could benefit counties statewide. However, the House is considering elimination of the entire program.	Camp Ripley Correctional Facility NOTE: There are a number of bills in both the House and Senate that are trying to expand the use of Camp Ripley. The Senate bill looks favorably on these program expansions, which could benefit counties statewide. However, the House is considering elimination of the program.	Policy – loosen criteria for placement Camp Ripley Work Program slope expanded	<u>House</u> 2/10 - 1 st rdg, refer to Crime Prevention
Federal Level - Not at State Level	Medical Costs for Adults and Juveniles in Correctional Facilities NOTE: This proposal is not contained in any state legislation.		
Bishop (in House)	Productive Day (adult and juvenile)	Ramsey County, along with Hennepin, St. Louis, and Olmsted Counties, currently receives funding for Productive Day programming for adult inmates. These counties, and Anoka County, have made a request to expand this program to juvenile inmates. Both bodies have included this in their omnibus bill.	The current adult Productive Day proposal has been recommended for defunding in the Governor's budget.
SF1208 Kelly HF1090 Bishop Statewide bill	Probation Workload Reduction Funding	County probation officers caseload and workload reduction appropriation \$8 million state-wide (approx. 10% goes to Ramsey County) This proposal is still alive.	<u>Senate</u> 3/1 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Crime Prevention <u>House</u> 2/25 - First rdg, refer to Crime Prevention 3/10 - Recalled and re-refer to Judiciary Finance
PARKS & RECREATION			
Region-wide bill	Capital Funding for Regional Parks	\$480,000 for Ramsey County \$2.459 million metro-wide. This is still alive.	Part of Omnibus Appropriations Bill and LCMR.

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SF758 Price HF654 Tingelstad Region-wide bill	Regional Park Operations and Maintenance Funding	\$350,000/year for Ramsey County \$9.9 million metro-wide Metropolitan area regional parks maintenance and operation funded and money appropriated. Senate - targets 3% cut from Gov's recommendation House - targets 10% from Gov's recommendation Senate omnibus spending bill must be completed by 4/16 House omnibus spending bill must be completed by 4/16	<u>Senate</u> 2/15 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local & Metropolitan Gov't 3/15 - Cmte report to pass and re- refer to Environment and Natural Resources Senate Environment and Agriculture Budget Div has not heard this bill - if they hear it, will be omnibus spending bill Spending bills sent to Senate State Government Finance Committee <u>House</u> 2/11 - First rdg, refer to Environment & Natural Resources Finance 2/15 - Author added Wagenius omnibus spending bill by 4/16 Spending bills would be referred to House Ways and Means Committee
SF1612 Wiger HF1381 Hausman	Soccer Facility and Youth Soccer	\$12 million state-wide. Minnesota Access Facilities Development Act provided for acquisition and development of soccer and other amateur athletic facilities and money appropriated. NOTE: All the various soccer proposals are still moving forward.	<u>Senate</u> 3/10 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Governmental Operations and Veterans <u>House</u> 3/4 - First rdg, refer to Governmental Operations and Veterans Affairs 3/22 - Cmte report, pass as amended, re-refer to Taxes

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SF904 Metzen HF1341 Abrams	Soccer and Other Amateur Sports Facilities	\$3 million state-wide. Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission grants authorized for youth athletic facilities and money appropriated.	<u>Senate</u> 2/22 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Governmental Operations and Veterans <u>House</u> ¾ - First rdg, refer to Governmental Operations and Veterans Affairs Policy 3/18 - Cmte report, pass and re-refer to State Government Finance
HF2046 Hausman	U of M Women's Intercollegiate Soccer Stadium		<u>House</u> 3/17 - First rdg, refer to Higher Education Finance
LIBRARIES			
SF850 Pappas HF888 Erickson Statewide bill	Electronic Database Access	\$3 million state-wide Library basic system supports grants and multicounty, multitype library systems appropriations Could become part of omnibus bill.	<u>Senate</u> 2/18 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Children, Families & Lrng <u>House</u> 2/22 - First rdg, refer to K-12 Education Finance
SF988 Robertson HF1459 Johnson Statewide bill	Library, School Media Center Programs Funding	\$19,948,000 state-wide Learning academy training expanded, library site technology grants eligibility requirements modified, database access program for public libraries and schools modified, money appropriated Could become part of omnibus bill.	<u>Senate</u> 2/25 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Children, Families & Lrng <u>House</u> ¾ - First rdg, refer to K-12 Education Finance
PUBLIC HEALTH			
SF1683 Statewide proposal	Home Visitation	This proposal, if funded, would provide \$3.6 million for Ramsey County and \$20 million statewide.	Bill is dead for the session

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Was never put in bill form Statewide proposal	Immunization Registry	\$420,000 for Ramsey County \$3 million statewide Not alive. This proposal has statewide implications and got tied up in the debate on data privacy issues and release of information.	No legislation this year; not in Governor's Budget
SF1016 Berglin HF1102 Haas Statewide bill	Uncompensated Care/billing county of residence.	County hospital and clinic special payments for resident uncompensated care. This proposal has been "locked up" in the Senate Tax Committee because of the fiscal notes.	<u>Senate</u> 2/25 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Health and Family Security 3/24 - Cmte report, to pass as amended, second rdg 3/29 - General Order stricken and re-refer to Taxes <u>House</u> 2/25 - First rdg and refer to Health and Human Services Policy
SF1709 Kelly HF1700 Paulsen Region-wide bill	Uncompensated Care and Fiscal Disparities Changes	Metropolitan revenue distribution formula modification for uncompensated health care costs. This proposal is still alive. Created by Hennepin County, this would use fiscal disparities money to help fund HCMC. Under the proposal, Ramsey County would not lose any revenue, but it also wouldn't benefit Regions Hospital, and other counties who receive fiscal disparities would lose revenues	<u>Senate</u> 3/11 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local and Metropolitan Government <u>House</u> Heard in Tax Committee and laid over for inclusion in omnibus tax bill

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SF1127 Berglin HF1115 Haas Statewide bill	Uncompensated care	Up to \$17 million for Regions Hospital charity care equity fund, providing health care services to certain low-income or uninsured persons. NOTE: The three uncompensated care proposals are still alive at this time, but not uniformly healthy. AMC is working in opposition to both the fiscal disparities bill and the bill that would allow hospitals to bill the county of residence for indigent patients. The fiscal disparities bill has significant opposition from those counties and cities that are potentially affected. This proposal has passed bill deadlines and is alive and well.	<u>Senate</u> 2/25 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Health and Family Security <u>House</u> 2/25 - First rdg, refer to Health and Human Services Policy 3/8 Authors added Mares, Broecker, McGuire, Mariani 4/6 - Cmte report, pass as amended, re-refer to Health and Human Services Finance

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SF1269 Moe HF1600 Goodno Statewide bill	Public Health Endowment	Minnesota families foundation and health related endowment funds creation, tobacco litigation settlement proceeds disposition This proposal is no longer alive.	<u>Senate</u> 3/2 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Health and Family Security 3/25 - Cmte report to pass as amend and re-refer to Governmental Operations and Veterans Jt Rule 2.03, refer to Rules and Admin 3/29 - Cmte report, adopt previous cmte report, re-refer to Governmental Operations and Veterans 3/31 - Cmte report, pass as amended and re-refer to Human Services Finance, Jt Rule 2.03, refer to Rules and Administration, rules suspended and re-refer to Human Resources Finance 4/8 - Cmte report to pass as amended, second rdg 4/9 - Special Order, amended, third rdg, passed <u>House</u> 3/8 - First rdg, refer to Health and Human Svcs Policy 3/17 - Cmte report, amend and re-refer to Governmental Operations and Veterans Affairs Policy 3/24 - Cmte report, amend and re-refer to Health Human Svcs Finance
PROPERTY RECORDS & REVENUE			

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SF465 Pappas HF908 Dawkins Statewide bill.	Security Deposits	No cost to state. County recorders' minimum security deposits requirement authority. This proposal has passed both the House and Senate policy committees, has made bill deadlines, and will be included in omnibus tax bills.	<u>Senate</u> 2/4 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local & Metropolitan Government 2/22 - Cmte report to pass consent calendar 2/22 Second rdg SPP 2/25 Consent calendar third rdg passed 4/9 - Returned from House <u>House</u> 2/22 - First rdg, refer to Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs
SF431 Flynn HF1311 Dawkins	This Old House	No cost to state. Property tax valuation exclusion for certain improvements application requirements modified. Passed in Senate Property Tax. This proposal is still alive and available for inclusion in the omnibus tax bills.	<u>Senate</u> 2/1 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local and Metropolitan Government <u>House</u> 3/1 - First rdg, refer to Taxes
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT			
SF178 J. Johnson HF1282 Jennings Statewide bill	Design-Build	No cost to state. Local government units public buildings construction/design build contracts. Dead - didn't make deadline.	<u>Senate</u> 1/19 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local and Metropolitan Government <u>House</u> 3/1 - First rdg, refer to Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs
SOLID WASTE			

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SF669 J. Johnson HF1049 Ozment Statewide bill	Administrative Penalty Orders	Only extending existing law. Not well; may be amended onto another vehicle since it hasn't made bill deadlines.	<u>Senate</u> 2/11 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Environment & Natural Resources 3/11 Chief author stricken Morse and Chief author added J. Johnson In Environment omnibus bill <u>House</u> 2/25 - First rdg, refer to Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs 3/22 - Cmte report, pass as amended, re-refer to Environment and Natural Resources Policy
MISCELLANEOUS			
SF1800 Anderson HF1931 Trimble Statewide bill	Brownfields	Alive; may possibly be considered in omnibus jobs and economic development bill.	<u>Senate</u> 3/15 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy and Community Dev 3/16 - Auth added Wiger <u>House</u> 3/15 - First rdg, refer to Jobs and Economic Development
SF923 Pappas Statewide bill	Polluted Lands (Brownfields)	No longer alive.	(Part of housing legislation) <u>Senate</u> 2/22 - Intro and 1 st rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy and Community Development 3/8 - Cmte report, pass as amend and re-refer to Local and Metropolitan Government

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SF365 Novak HF595 Holsten Statewide bill	Polluted Lands (Brownfields) Petro Fund Use Expanded	Petroleum tank fund, expenditure and reimbursement provisions and redevelopment grant program and modifications. This proposal is still alive and moving forward.	<u>Senate</u> 1/28 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy and Community Development 2/1 Cmte report to pass and re-refer to Environment and Natural Resources 2/1 Author added Beckman 3/16 - Cmte report, to pass as amend and re-refer to State Government Finance <u>House</u> 2/8 - First rdg, refer to Jobs and Economic Development Policy 2/11 Authors added Seifert, M, Dorman, Kuisle, Peterson, Jennings, Stang, Finseth, Fuller, Howes, Tunheim, Osthoff, Workman, Winter, Swenson 2/25 - Cmte report to pass, re-refer to Commerce 3/4 - Cmte report, pass as amended and re-refer to Environment and Natural Resources 3/17 - Cmte report, pass as amended and re-refer to Environment and Natural Resources Policy 3/25 - Cmte report, pass as amended, re-refer to Ways and Means 4/12 - Cmte report, pass as amended and second rdg 4/13 - Journal statement House Rule 4.03

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SF1143 Flynn HF532 Orfield Region-wide bill	Provides for Elected Met Council	Met Council made an elective body and candidate contributions regulated. No longer moving forward.	<u>Senate</u> 3/1 Intro and first rdg, refer to Local and Metropolitan Government Affairs 3/17 - Withdrawn and return to author <u>House</u> 2/8 - Intro and refer to Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs
SF991 Novak HF881 Dawkins Ramsey County-specific bill	After-School Enrichment Grants Fiscal Responsibility	No cost to state. Ramsey County/St. Paul After School Enrichment role clarification. This bill has been laid on the table without a vote. A study rider is being proposed for the omnibus bill.	<u>Senate</u> 2/25 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Children, Families and Learning 3/1 - Author added Wiger <u>House</u> 2/22 - First rdg, refer to Education Policy 3/11 - Hearing - laid over
SF Novak	Electric Utility Deregulation	Policy issues - removes property tax on equipment. No legislation yet, but the issue continues to be discussed.	
	Achievement Plus	\$3.1 million (in St. Paul). NOTE: There will be no legislation necessary during this year.	Ramsey County

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SF1610 Wiger HF1543 Hausman SF483 Samuelson Statewide bill	Joint Procurement	No cost to state, policy change. No longer alive.	<u>Senate</u> 3/10 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local and Metropolitan Government <u>House</u> 3/8 - First rdg, Refer to Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs 3/24 - Author stricken Molnau House did not hear companion to SF483. A provision exempting several categories when rule takes effect in July was offered as amendment to HF1392 and aprvd by policy committee
SF965 Lourey HF945 Huntley Statewide bills	Amend MFIP Statute Expand Education and Job Training Opportunities MFIP Participants	There are a variety of these proposals still being discussed. Issue is still alive.	<u>Senate</u> 2/22 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Health & Family Security 2/25 - Author added Terwilliger 3/11 - Authors stricken Hottinger and co-author Berglin 3/11 Chief author Lourey added <u>House</u> 2/22 - First rdg, refer Hlth & Human Resources Policy 3/2 Authors added Seifert, J. Dorn, Wejeman <u>Senate -</u> Approved by policy committee <u>House -</u> Did not receive a hearing
TRANSIT/TRANSPORTATION			

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SF828 Flynn HF2180 Workman	Regional rail authority bonds	Still alive and under discussion.	<u>Senate</u> 2/18 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local & Metropolitan Government <u>House</u> 3/18 - First rdg, refer to Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs
Statewide bill.	Maintenance Funding	No cost to state. Bill heard and laid over for possible action in the future. Proposal has not been heard in the Senate and has been heard in the house and is available for inclusion in the HS omnibus tax bill.	Drafted
SF2138 Runbeck HF2087 Krinke	Property Tax Use for Light Rail Prohibited		<u>Senate</u> 3/30 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local and Metropolitan Government <u>House</u> 3/17 - First rdg, refer to Taxes
SF2139 Runbeck HF1886 Krinke Region-wide bill with state-wide funding implications.	Regional Rail Authority funding proposal	\$110 million cost to state. Seven-county metropolitan area regional rail authorities abolished These proposals are still alive.	<u>Senate</u> 3/30 - Intro and first rdg, rear to Local and Metropolitan Government <u>House</u> 3/11 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Transportation 3/15 - Recalled and re-refer to Transportation Finance
HOUSING			
SF990 E. Anderson HF748 Trimble Ramsey County-specific bill.	Clearinghouse for Tenants/Landlords	\$180,000 for St. Paul/Ramsey County. St. Paul/Ramsey County landlords and tenants education and dispute resolution pilot program establishment and evaluation. Bill is still alive and moving forward. May possibly be included in omnibus bill.	Ramsey County <u>Senate</u> 2/25 - Intro and First rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy & Community Development 3/9 Jobs, Energy & Community Development Hearing <u>House</u> 2/15 - First rdg, refer to Jobs & Economic Development Policy

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SF923 Pappas Statewide bill	1% Solution for Housing	Not going anywhere in this format.	<u>Senate</u> 2/22 - Intro and First rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy & Community Development 3/8 - Committee report, pass as amend and re-refer to Local and Metropolitan Government
SF493 Anderson HF584 Dawkins Statewide bill	Low Income Housing Tax Credit	Still alive and moving forward. NOTE: Several of the various housing proposals are still under discussion and moving forward, although the dollar amounts are changing.	<u>Senate</u> 2/4 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy and Community Development 2/8 - Author added Berglin 3/1 Cmte report to pass and re-refer to Taxes <u>House</u> 2/8 - First rdg, refer to Jobs and Economic Development Policy 3/1 - Cmte report to pass and re-refer to Taxes
TAXES			
SF1018 Johnson H. Abrams State-wide bills/proposals	Reforming the state/local fiscal relationship -Realignment of service, and funding responsibilities * - Diversification of revenue - Reform of state aids School aid Limited market value Class rate compression * Sales tax on local government purchases Price of government Electric utility deregulation and utility tax issues Levy limits, freezes, referendum requirements, and super majorities	The tax proposals are all still alive. Tax Committee begins "in-earnest" negotiations within the next week.	<u>Senate</u> 2/25 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local & Metropolitan Government

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SF1088 Runbeck HF1009 Broecker Ramsey County-specific bill	Green Acres exemption for Lande property	No cost to state. Passed in both bodies and for consideration in House and Senate in Omnibus bills.	<u>Senate</u> 2/25 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local & Metropolitan Gov't <u>House</u> 2/25 - First rdg, refer to Taxes; held for inclusion in omnibus tax bill
SF483 Samuelson HF546 Greenfield Statewide proposals	Title XX funding.	\$1 million in 1998 and projected \$1.8 million 1999. In Governor's budget. The proposals to re-fund Title XX are still very much alive.	<u>Senate</u> 2/4 - Intro and 1 st rdg, refer to Health and Family Security ¾ - Author stricken Stevens <u>House</u> 2/8 - First rdg, refer to Health and Human Services Policy 2/10 - Author added Luther
SF1308 Ten Eyck KHIF1272 Abrams	District Court Programs and Personnel State Funding	Transfers court operating expenses from counties to the State - an amendment to the bill reduced Family Preservation Aid (FPA) increase by \$10 million and canceled the \$10 million reduction to HACA. These changes are "a wash" to each county in the state. It will be part of the tax committee discussions as the omnibus bill is put together.	<u>Senate</u> ¾ - Intro and first rdg, refer to Judiciary 3/8 - Withdrawn and re-refer Governmental Operations Veterans 3/25 - Cmte report, to pass as amend and re-refer to Judiciary 4/7 - Cmte report, to pass as amend, re-refer to Taxes <u>House</u> 3/1 - First rdg, refer to Civil Law ¾ - Recalled and re-refer to Governmental Operations and Veterans Affairs Policy 3/8 - Cmte report, pass as amended, re-refer to Judiciary Finance 3/18 - Cmte report, pass as amended, re-refer to Taxes
PERSONNEL			

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SF768 Pappas HF751 Trimble Ramsey County-specific bill	Changes to RC Hiring	No cost to state. Ramsey County personnel process modified related to application and screening. This proposal has passed both bodies in an amended version and is moving forward.	Ramsey County <u>Senate</u> 2/15 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local & Metropolitan Government - Passed 3/16 - Cmte report, to pass as amend, Consent cal, second rdg, SPP149 3/18 - Consent calendar, third rdg, passed <u>House</u> 2/15 - First rdg, refer to Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs

OTHER LEGISLATIVE BILLS/PROPOSALS OF INTEREST- 4/12/99

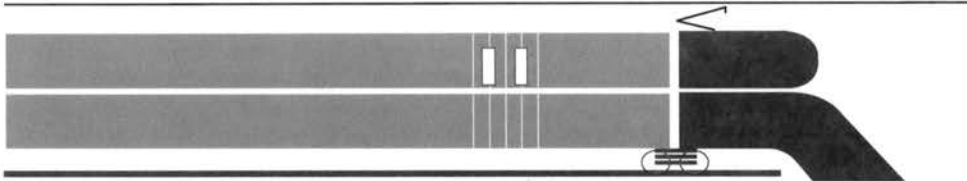
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SF808 Kelly HF1340 Trimble	Rehab housing	<u>Senate</u> 2/18 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy and Community Development <u>House</u> 3/4 - First rdg, refer to Jobs and Economic Development Policy	\$6 million for St. Paul. St. Paul Rehabilitation Program housing activities grants.
SF797 Kelly HF1432 Hausman	RiverCentre skyway link	<u>Senate</u> 2/25 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy & Community Development 2/22 - Auth added Wiger, Larson <u>House</u> 3/4 - First rdg, refer to Jobs and Economic Development Policy	\$1 million. St. Paul RiverCentre and skyway system underground connection construction grant bond issue and appropriation.
SF798 Kelly HF1123 McCollum	Hoyt Ave. flood prevention	<u>Senate</u> 2/18 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Jobs, Energy & Community Development <u>House</u> 2/25 - First rdg, refer to Jobs & Economic Development Policy 3/22 - Committee report, re-refer to Jobs and Energy Development Finance 3/25 - Recalled and re-refer to Capital Investment	\$2.5 million. St. Paul Hoyt Avenue area flood mitigation dry basin holding pond construction grant appropriation.
SF813 Flynn HF723 McElroy	Transit pass tax credit for employers	<u>Senate</u> 2/18 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Taxes <u>House</u> 2/15 - First rdg and refer to Taxes 2/18 Author added Luther	Income tax credit for employer provided transit passes.

OTHER LEGISLATIVE BILLS/PROPOSALS OF INTEREST- 4/12/99

SF846 Ranum HF1068 Skoglund	Out-of-home placement	<u>Senate</u> 2/18 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Judiciary 2/25 Withdrawn and re-referred to Crime Prevention ¾ - Cmte report to pass and re-refer to Hlth & Family Security 3/8 Withdrawn and re-refer to Governmental Operations and Veterans 3/11 Cmte report to pass as amend and re-refer to Health and Family Security 3/15 - Cmte report, to pass as amend and re-refer to Crime Prevention <u>House</u> 2/25 - First rdg, refer to Crime Prevention 3/30 - Cmte report, pass as amended, second reading	Juvenile out of home placement requirements and work groups established and rule required.
SF259 Johnson HF220 Solberg	Property Tax Penalties and Interest Distribution Modification	<u>Senate</u> 1/25 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local & Metropolitan Government <u>House</u> 1/21 - First rdg, refer to Taxes	
SF962 E. Anderson HF1481 Hausman	Complete Construction of Como Park Education Resource Center	<u>Senate</u> 2/22 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Local and Metropolitan 3/8 - Withdrawn and re-refer to Environment and Natural Resources <u>House</u> ¾ - First rdg; refer to Env and Natural Resources	

OTHER LEGISLATIVE BILLS/PROPOSALS OF INTEREST- 4/12/99

SF614 Wiger HF513 Mares	For non-motorized Trail Around White Bear Lake	<u>Senate</u> 2/8 - Intro and first rdg, refer to Environmental and Natural Resources <u>House</u> 2/4 - First rdg, refer to Environmental and Natural Resources Policy 3/4 - Cmte report, pass and re-refer to Environment and Natural Resource Finance	
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Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

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Agenda

Regional Railroad Authority Meeting

April 27, 1999

Immediately following Administrative Board Meeting

Third Floor Council Chambers Courthouse

1. * Approve minutes of the April 20, 1999 meeting.
2. * Approve contract with Goff and Howard in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for legislative and public information assistance through May, 1999.
3. * Legislative update.

* Action is requested

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

Minutes

April 20, 1999

The Regional Railroad Authority met on Tuesday, April 20, 1999, in Council Chambers, Third Floor Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Tony Bennett
Commissioner Dino Guerin
Commissioner Susan Haigh
Commissioner Rafael Ortega (arrived at 1:57 p.m.)
Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt (arrived at 1:58 p.m.)
Commissioner Janice Rettman
Commissioner Jan Wiessner

OTHERS PRESENT: Terry Schutten, Kathy DeSpiegelaere, Jim Van Houdt, Karen Tero, Terry Lindeke, Nick Riley, Monty Martin, Ginnee Engberg, Bobbie Crancer, Paul Kirkwold, Allen Lovejoy, Tom Oertel, Anna Mae Hogan, Therese Richard, Lorene Magnusen, Jacki McCormack, Dave MacMillan, Myrna Valdez, Arlene Shepard

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 1:54 p.m.

1. **Approve Minutes of April 13, 1999 meeting.**

Motion by Commissioner Rettman, seconded by Commissioner Haigh to accept the minutes from the April 13, 1999 RCRRA meeting.

Ayes – 5, Nays – 0
Motion accepted.

2. **Riverview Corridor Update.**

Myrna Valdez of Parsons Brinckerhoff presented information on the Riverview Corridor. She noted there was a prior study conducted and they are presently in the major investment study phase of the process. They are taking the work that was done previously, building upon it and adding more detail, as necessary, in order to provide the kind of information that is needed to make the decision on what a preferred alternative might be.

[Commissioners Ortega and Reinhardt arrived at this time].

She highlighted some of the other steps in the process. Following the major investment study, the project could move into a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) after a preferred alternative is selected

and what would be analyzed in the DEIS would be the no-build, the TSM and the preferred alternative selection. The process then would be the final EIS, preliminary engineering, final design, final cost estimates and the subsequent property acquisition, construction and implementation.

Commissioner Haigh asked for clarification of the process regarding the draft environmental statement. She asked if this could be done on several of the alternatives identified in the major investment study or only the preferred alternative? Myrna Valdez responded that it would be done only on the preferred alternative. She added the goal of the major investment study is to arrive at a preferred alternative. The reason this is done is because the environmental process requires that more than one alternative is evaluated under the strict federal environmental guidelines. That does not preclude you from selecting a preferred build alternative as part of the MIS process.

Myrna stated that they have just completed the initial process of going into the community and performing almost 60 one-on-one interviews with key stakeholders. This was to gain understanding of the underlying themes and the issues surrounding the corridor. As a result of these meetings, there were a number of themes that emerged, including:

- there is a need to educate and involve all
- there is importance in retaining character of the Riverview community
- economic development is desirable with some form of revitalization, new development and enhanced development needed
- more commuters and tourists should be made aware of the corridor and its benefits
- the community is distrustful of new improvements because they need to be better educated or a prior project has left them distrustful of new proceedings
- there is a high interest in transit issues and how important transit is to the corridor.

Myrna explained that the next process on the flow chart was to examine the market factor and the real estate factor. This studies what kind of development is currently occurring and what kind of development would be sustainable in the future. The results of this analysis are being used as direct input into workshops that are being held Wednesday and Thursday. The workshops include planners, economists, engineers and urban designers to see what the best alternative alignment options are, where potential station locations are for both the busway and LRT alternatives and also what type of development would be sustainable in the future.

The consultants will then develop a conceptual working paper on the alternatives. They will develop a fatal flaw analysis to see if there are any flaws in any of the options that are not acceptable, too costly or the environmental impacts are too costly and then those alternatives will fall out.

The consultants rely on work that was previously done but also on what emerged from the public in the scoping meetings which were held. The scoping meetings are an initiation of the federal Environmental Protection Agency process.

Myrna Valdez elaborated on the themes that emerged from the scoping meetings which included many of the same issues that were raised at the one-on-one meetings such as educate and involve all the public. The second issue is to consider bus improvements. There was a strong message that bus improvements are needed now in the corridor.

The Transportation System Management alternative (TSM) is a lower cost alternative that performs two functions; it enables them to see if there is a lower cost improvement that can be implemented that would

solve many of the issues and problems; and it also is a basis for comparing any of the build alternatives to determine how well they compare against lower cost improvements.

Chair Bennett noted that at a previous meeting they passed a \$1.5 million resolution in bus improvements along that corridor. He asked what was the best way to communicate it out that they have already started on that process? Myrna Valdez stated she thought the action taken could be used to highlight that the TSM alternative includes and embraces the improvements that have already been approved by the RCRRA. Every time TSM is talked about, it can be highlighted to the public that some of those improvements have already been approved, they are funded and they are going to be built in the very near future.

Another message received from the scoping meetings was there is regional commuter traffic impacts already occurring on local residential streets. Citizens expressed concern that the through traffic is now using residential streets and not the major arterials which were intended to accommodate additional traffic.

Another item is a strong message to preserve the parks and historic resources, many of which are located in the corridor.

The fifth item was traffic impact at stations which relates back to the regional commuter traffic. It is seen in other cities, where you have busway and LRT improvements, there is a lot more congestion around stations.

Another message was wanting LRT and not wanting LRT. They found sentiment for and against LRT. It is still a viable alternative that needs to be examined along with all of the other alternatives.

A technical paper on alternatives will be presented for approval to the RCRRA in two weeks along with a set of goals and objectives that will guide the evaluation process for comparing the alternatives. The consultants would then proceed to do the more technical analysis which is called screening. This will include conceptual engineering work, more environmental work, financial analysis, economic development at stations and station area planning.

This is a decision document so only enough detail is going to be done to be able to compare the alternatives equitably between each other. They will start to work on some of the financial plans, identify new sources of funding and ultimately develop a cost effectiveness measure. They will develop revised ridership estimates based on more detailed development of the existing model. What was done previously was done on a conceptual level and now they will identify more detail.

Ultimately, there will be a document that will present a recommendation to the RCRRA that brings the technical information differentiating alternatives and public input together. When the RCRRA decides on a preferred alternative, then the major investment study is submitted to the FTA for final approval and work can begin on the draft environmental statement.

The schedule is an aggressive schedule. Most of the work being done is starting tomorrow beginning with the workshops. The consultants will come to the RCRRA with key findings, key conclusions whenever it is necessary to update the RCRRA, as well as whenever they need a decision on specific products before moving on to the next phase. They are also trying to cut off two months to the schedule so that rather than an 18 month study it would be a 16 month study.

Commission Guerin asked how they stay objective on the cost estimates. Myrna Valdez answered that when this phase is completed, if they wanted any subsequent work with the county they would have to

compete along with other consultants. The company is a very objective company and they have been in business over 115 years. But thirdly, and more importantly, is that the cost estimates are developed at a level of detail that is based upon the current market in St. Paul. They do quantity takeoffs and develop unit costs. Unit costs include what it costs to lay track, what it costs to lay pavement, what it costs to build a station based upon the size, the dimensions, the locations and the type of station and whether it is a simple station or a more elaborate one. They compare these costs to other similar facilities and other areas in the Midwest. Their cost estimating team has been doing this for many years and have the benefit of those unit costs from other systems.

The Federal Transit Administration hires project management oversight teams in which an independent consultant examines each unit cost to ensure that it is adequate, correct and consistent with the inflation factors that are given by the federal government. As a result, this is a very good check and balance to ensure that the costs are reliable. The higher the cost, the worse the cost effectiveness of a project. It is to everyone's benefit to have the lowest, most realistic costs possible to ensure that you have the most cost effective project because ultimately, when applying for Federal Transit Administration funds you are not competing with local projects. You are competing with the Baltimores, the Los Angeles, the San Franciscos and the Miamis.

Commissioner Guerin asked how long they have been working on this project? Myrna responded that they began October 27.

Commissioner Guerin stated that from the presentation he heard, the community wants to preserve the parks and open spaces, there are mixed feelings and that some like LRT and some don't. He asked for further findings other than what is common knowledge. Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded that there is a lot of technical work associated with the major investment study. This is a federal document and there are certain requirements and part of that is working with the community. In terms of technical information, the bulk of it will be done in the next several months. There has been some completed thus far, but they thought it would be advantageous to come to the RCRRA early in the process rather than when they get too far down the road.

Commissioner Guerin then asked what the total amount of the contract was. Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded that the contract was for \$1.15 million. There was a Request for Proposal process and there were several proposals. A review team of 14 people from the community recommended Parsons Brinckerhoff and their sub-consultants for this contract. At the next phase, there will be another RFP process. At that time the RCRRA may decide not to study this anymore.

Commissioner Haigh asked when the RCRRA will be making the decision of selecting a preferred alternative. Myrna Valdez responded it should occur in November of this year. Myrna Valdez stated that the RCRRA would get the major investment study report and a recommendation in November and have the opportunity to review it and make a decision.

Commissioner Haigh asked if the TSM is a transit alternative in the corridor? Myrna Valdez responded that it is a transit alternative that looks at improving the existing system. They have looked at a number of things including new, improved and enhanced bus shelters. It looks at improved amenities around the bus shelters so they become more of a bus station; improved bus service and routing; bringing in different size vehicles to act as circulators and distributors within the communities and residential streets; schedule adjustments; putting in improved service between key attractors such as the airport or the Mall of America with minimum stops in between so they become express service; and also look at generally improving the maintenance and the operations of the existing system. They are not cheap improvements but they are not as costly as a brand new major investment.

Chair Bennett thanked Myrna for her presentation. He then asked the members if they received a copy of the request of Commissioner Haigh on the projects along Highway 94 and University Avenue and the \$9.6 million of improvements.

Commissioner Haigh asked if these funds were the same that were set aside for the Central Corridor years ago. Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded that the funding is federal funds, not state funds. \$7.8 million was put in legislation by Congressman Sabo specifically for LRT in the Central Corridor. The federal funds pay 80 percent and other funds are used for matching funds.

Commissioner Haigh stated that of the \$9.6 million, \$5.8 million is being spent in Minneapolis. There is not a single bus improvement in the City of St. Paul and most of the bus improvements are either at the University or in downtown Minneapolis. She questioned how the local communities get input to that process because when she thought of the Central Corridor, she thought of the connection between Minneapolis and St. Paul. She was disappointed to see the vast majority of the money was being spent in Minneapolis. The Central Corridor is a transit route between the two large downtown areas and about 70 percent of it is in St. Paul and about 30 percent is in Minneapolis yet the funds were allocated differently. Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded that when the funding was reprogrammed by Congressman Sabo to do bus improvements in the Central Corridor, a staff group was convened by the Minnesota Department of Transportation. She was a member as was Hennepin County. St. Paul and Minneapolis also participated along with the Metropolitan Council and Metro Transit. One of the things she asked for was that they allocate 60 percent to St. Paul on a basis of mileage minimum and 40 percent to Minneapolis. The numbers have changed because of the decision to build the Hiawatha Corridor in Minneapolis and the LRT portion of that extends to the Metrodome. So, the Central Corridor has less percent. She then covered other items on the memo and noted that many of them benefit the corridor as a whole, some benefit Minneapolis only and some benefit St. Paul only. St. Paul is getting a large share of the funding that has been allocated for the Central Corridor.

Commissioner Haigh stated that the vast majority of the improvements are actually physical improvements that improve transit and improve economic development in Minneapolis, the University and in downtown Minneapolis. She wanted to make sure that when spending federal money in a corridor that links the two cities that there is equity. There are many improvements that benefit the entire corridor but the vast majority of dollars spent for actual physical improvements seem to be in Minneapolis. Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated that one of the criteria for use of the funds is that the improvements had to be implemented in a very short timeframe. In fact, she was interested in a transit hub at Snelling and Highway 94 but was told that would not be able to be done to meet the timeframe.

Commissioner Wiessner asked if the 280 and University transit hub was on the St. Paul side? Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded yes. People from St. Anthony Park have been working on the project.

Commissioner Wiessner stated that this is consistent with last week's meeting regarding the Riverview Corridor bus improvements. Even if there is to be light rail, there is an assumption that there still needs to be bus improvements in either corridor. This should not preclude the RCRRA from further work on the light rail work in the Central Corridor. Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded that this is absolutely consistent with having a major investment in the corridor that could be light rail in the future. Light rail and bus need to complement each other.

Commissioner Reinhardt apologized for not being in attendance when the minutes were approved. She stated the minutes need to be improved upon in construction and structure.

The Rail Authority portion of the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

Revised Minutes

April 13, 1999

The Regional Railroad Authority met on Tuesday, April 13, 1999, in Council Chambers, Third Floor Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Tony Bennett
Commissioner Dino Guerin
Commissioner Susan Haigh
Commissioner Rafael Ortega
Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt
Commissioner Janice Rettman (arrived at 3:00 p.m.)
Commissioner Jan Wiessner

OTHERS PRESENTS: Bonnie Jackelen, Jim Van Houdt, Tim Mayasich, Cyndy McLeod, Jane McClure, Karen Tero, Terry Lindeke, Vern Wehlage, Gene Haselmann, Paul Kirkwold, Kris Longhenry, Arlene Shepard

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

1. **Approve Minutes of March 16, 1999 meeting.**

Motion by Commissioner Guerin, seconded by Commissioner Wiessner to accept the minutes from the March 16, 1999 RCRRRA meeting.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0
Motion accepted.

2. **Comprehensive Transit and Transportation Plan.**

Paul Kirkwold stated that they are moving ahead and making progress on the Comprehensive Transit and Transportation Plan. The first portion of the documentation packet has a checkoff chart that shows the different issue papers and the status of each.

The second portion of the packet contains some of the new draft issue papers such as land use, access management, right of way and transportation and system management (TSM) that will be sent out for review. It summarizes what kind of role the county should be playing as property develops and redevelops in Ramsey County and how we should partner with our communities. It recognizes land use adjacent to the county road system really impacts the county road system.

Access management is a concept that addresses the issue of how the property that is adjacent to the road gets its access. There is a definite correlation between the number of driveways on a roadway and the number of accidents that occur on that roadway.

Since 1928, Ramsey County has had a major street plan that identifies desirable right of ways or roadways that are considered major streets in Ramsey County. This street plan identifies county roads and also portions of the trunk highway system.

There is a definite relationship between access and mobility. As you increase the access on a roadway, you decrease the level of mobility. Interstate highways have the most mobility, cul-de-sacs have the least.

Chair Bennett asked at what point might we have data on increased safety and flow of traffic related to pedestrian crossings underneath roadways. Paul Kirkwold answered that under road pedestrian crossings will definitely increase the safety of the traffic along the roadway. The problem with accidents has to do with the differential in speed. It will probably take 3-5 years to have enough data to come to a conclusion. Paul Kirkwold stated that the issue paper is constructed so there really is no change in the county's role of pedestrian crossings. It is a local issue and we need to be a partner with our communities and talk about the benefits and the kinds of facilities that we are asking them to help pay for.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated that she appeared before the Maplewood City Council last evening and one of the questions that she was asked was regarding the transportation plan and the involvement of communities. Paul Kirkwold responded that written comments they've received back from cities indicate that they liked the idea that they were notified early on in the plans. Every community gets one of these documents but they don't all respond. Maplewood and their staff have been good to deal with. Several options for getting public involvement pieces are being explored such focus groups and a telephone survey to talk about the key points of the comprehensive plan and the county's role. There has also been discussion on putting that same survey on the computers in the public library

Commissioner Ortega asked if using the computers in the library has been done before to gain public input. Paul Kirkwold responded that he didn't think so.

Commissioner Haigh wondered about the letter from Greg Mack about the issue of the bicycle trails and corridors. She asked if the Parks and Recreation function would be integrated with the transportation function. Paul Kirkwold responded that the letter is in response to a draft map that was sent out that looked at the various bicycle corridors that exist and those that went along and served a minor arterial bicycle transportation piece. They have met again with Larry Holmberg and Greg Mack and now the bicycle maps will show a plan that connects all of the county park facilities.

Commissioner Haigh asked if there are bike paths on the county roads that the county is responsible for in the City of St. Paul? Paul Kirkwold responded the one he knows of is Warner Road. Most of the bicycle operations are integrated on the sidewalk in St. Paul.

Commissioner Haigh said she raised the issue because a person can go east and west but it is really hard to go north and south and get into the Regional Bicycle Trail System from the City of St. Paul. Paul Kirkwold said it is an issue that they look at in every project. There is a resolution that states the county is to look at bicycle trails on every roadway that is reconstructed.

The right of way issue paper addresses if different types of facilities should be included such as bicycle trails, pedestrian walkways and reasonably sized boulevards and still accommodate the traffic.

Commissioner Wiessner stated that when looking at the different charts and graphs, the Department of Economic Development information is interesting but was wondering if there is more recent information that could be included than from 1995-96. She suggested asking the Department of Economic Security.

Paul Kirkwold said they will check with them. This document has to be approved by the Metropolitan Council and we want to make sure we have their information in there.

Commissioner Wiessner asked where Benson Airport is located. Chair Bennett responded that Benson Airport is in his district in White Bear Township and is located off of Highway #61 across from Bald Eagle Lake and is used by small aircraft and gliders.

4. Ratify Rush Line Joint Powers Agreement.

Commissioner Reinhardt noted that the Rush Line Joint Powers Agreement was put together because proposed legislation needed to be in place by April 1. Chisago County, Washington County and Ramsey County determined they wanted to have open the option for the communities and for the regional rail authorities to be part of and included in that legislation and this is modeled very closely after the Red Rock Joint Powers Agreement. This says in order for the workplan and budget to be approved, it must be an unanimous vote and that protects any member of the Joint Powers Agreement from having expenditures assessed or imposed on them and all of the members of the Joint Powers felt that it was very important we have that in there.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated that she is the representative from Ramsey Regional Rail Authority and the Chair of the task force. Commissioner Tom Delaney from Chisago County is Chair of the steering committee that pulls together the workplan and budget. An alternate to the Rush Line Corridor is needed. The task force meets quarterly and it is a way to make sure we are involving all of the communities in the process

Commissioner Wiessner requested clarification on the route of the Rush Line Corridor. Chair Bennett responded that the section was in his district and he described the section in detail. Commissioner Rettner also asked for the details of the route as to location in the City of St. Paul. Kathy DeSpiegelaere explained the route on the overhead.

Commissioner Rettman stated she wanted to be an alternate on this.

Commissioner Reinhardt moved for ratification of Rush Line Joint Agreement seconded by Commissioner Wiessner.

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, Rush Line Corridor is defined as the North State Trunk Highway 61 transportation corridor from Rush City through St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has committed to preserve this corridor for future rail transit alternatives; and

WHEREAS, In Ramsey County, the area impacted is generally north of downtown, east of Rice Street to I-694, west to T.H. 61, north along T.H. 61 to County Road J; and

WHEREAS, The Rush Line Corridor has significant transportation, safety and land use issues; and

WHEREAS, There are opportunities for a variety of multi-modal transportation improvements in the corridor, including bus improvement, commuter, light and freight rail, multi use paths and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS); and

WHEREAS, The Rush Line Task Force consists of cities, counties and towns from St. Paul to Rush City; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force is considering transit improvements and land use along this corridor; and

WHEREAS, The communities wish to collaboratively plan for multi-modal transportation improvements to the corridor and for the related land use and development impacts; and

WHEREAS, A Joint Powers Agreement has been signed by the Chairs of the Chisago, Washington and Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authorities; Now, Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority ratifies the Joint Powers Agreement establishing the Rush Line Corridor Task Force.

Commissioner Guerin moved that Commissioner Rettman be the alternate, seconded by Commissioner Ortega.

Ayes, 7, Nays – 0
Motion accepted

Chair Bennett then discussed a special resolution relating to transit improvements.

Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated that she has been meeting with Metro Transit staff for several months regarding transit improvements in the Riverview Corridor. They were successful in obtaining both federal funding and state funding for transit improvements in the corridor. When a Request For Proposal was issued for the Riverview Corridor Major Investment Study, it was very important that transit be designed broadly, that it was not just light rail and also there were concerns because funding had been spent to study corridors and the RCRRA wanted to see something implemented. The money that was obtained was to implement transit improvements in the Riverview Corridor now and working with Metro Transit staff a list was developed of potential needs in the corridor. The needs that have been identified include upgrading thirteen bus shelters, information kiosks at transit stops and lighting bus stops to improve personal safety and visibility along West Seventh Street and to fund four transit shelters in downtown St. Paul to serve buses that operate in the Riverview Corridor.

The total amount is \$1.5 million and the resolution requests staff to work with MnDOT to complete the application for the funding that's been committed and the Rail Authority to authorize the use of these funds which are state and federal by Metro Transit for these specific transit improvements in the corridor.

Commissioner Guerin stated he felt this should be an initiative by Metro Transit but the federal dollars are precious and it looks like we are using them to improve buses on West Seventh Street. He noted that the Riverview Corridor hasn't been established and we are just improving the main artery in the district.

Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated there are two alignments being analyzed in the Riverview Corridor and at the next meeting there will be a report on what those are. There is the CP Rail alignment and the West Seventh alignment for major transit improvements. The Shepard Road corridor is out of the developed area and is less accessible, as was determined in a previous study and recommended by a citizen's task

force. Kathy mentioned even if the CP Rail line were used for major transit improvements, there would still be bus on West Seventh so these improvements would be useful.

Commissioner Ortega stated the Riverview Corridor also covers the Eastside and questioned if any dollars were being expended on the Eastside. Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded that at the meeting with Metro Transit she asked them to identify needs on the Eastside and she will come back with additional information and specific needs. The plan at Metro Transit is to extend the area from the eastside of downtown St. Paul out toward Seegers Square.

Chair Bennett stated they are presently spending about \$8 million for transit improvements on the Central Corridor.

Commissioner Rettman stated she wants to make sure there is not inequality in the city along the bus stops. Kathy DeSpiegelaere replied that Metro Transit determines the overall needs. The federal fund success was because the Riverview Corridor is an authorized project in getting funding for this particular corridor but in addition these locations are very deserving. The route along West Seventh has a high number of transit users.

Commissioner Rettman asked how they were going to address all areas and make sure all areas are heard and not just ones that happen to be on a preferred transit route. Chair Bennett stated the reason they are being allowed to do this is because they have federal funding for the corridor.

Commissioner Haigh stated that some of the money was to be used for corridor development and transit improvements. We weren't just going to plan with it, we were going to look at light rail and transitways in the Riverview Corridor and also make improvements in mass transit use. Commissioner Reinhardt stated that this is one of the steps that has to be taken as part of the whole approach to multi modal system. Right now the buses are what the public has and they have to make sure it is going to work.

Commissioner Wiessner was concerned that there wasn't documentation on this item and it wasn't even listed on the agenda. She commented that \$1.5 million is a lot of money for them to approve without further information. Kathy DeSpiegelaere apologized for the short timeline but noted that this is not something that is ill conceived. She had several meetings with Metro Transit and St. Paul's staff on this subject. These are things that they have identified, researched and priced.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated that although this is specific in dollar amount the RCRRA has talked about and adopted what the regional system will look like and this is consistent with what has been discussed in a broader aspect. At some point they will have specifics.

Commissioner Rettman asked what these funds are called. Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated that the funds have already been approved. They are federal funds that have been identified by MnDOT and there are state funds that were allocated to Regional Rail. Part of it could come from the \$3 million that was allocated from the legislature last session. When they applied for those funds for the Riverview Corridor, it was for planning, engineering and implementation and implementing some transit improvements.

Commissioner Ortega stated these funds are not in competition with funds they are seeking now. These are old dollars.

Motion by Commissioner Ortega, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt to authorize its staff to work with MnDOT in completing the application for funding that has been committed by the state and federal governments for the transit improvements for the Riverview Corridor and authorize the use of the state

and federal funds in the amount of \$1,517,000 by Metro Transit for the transit improvements for the Riverview Corridor.

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is committed to improved transit services for the region; and

WHEREAS, The Riverview Transit Corridor has been identified as a location for transit improvements; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County has received commitments of federal and state funding for improving transit in the Riverview Corridor; and

WHEREAS, Metro Transit has identified the following immediate unfunded needs for transit services in the Riverview Corridor;

- \$ 21,000 Bus shelters along West Seventh/Fort Road
- \$ 196,000 Upgrade existing bus shelters along West Seventh
- \$ 130,000 Information kiosks at transit stops along West Seventh
- \$ 210,000 Lighting at bus stops along West Seventh
- \$ 960,000 Shelters at downtown St. Paul locations which serve Riverview Corridor buses

\$1,517,000 TOTAL

Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority authorizes its staff to work with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to complete the application for the funding that has been committed by the state and federal governments for the transit improvements for the Riverview Corridor; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority authorizes the use of the state and federal funds in the amount of \$1,517,000 by Metro Transit for the transit improvements for the Riverview Corridor.

3. Legislative Report.

Chair Bennett stated they were going to combine the legislative report of the whole with the transportation agenda.

Commissioner Reinhardt passed out two status updates, one on Ramsey County Board's 1999 State Legislative Proposals dated April 12, and one on Other Legislative Bills/Proposals of Interest dated April 12.

Terry Lindeke stated that the legislative packages are new as of this morning based on things that happened last evening. Some things that happened today at the legislature are not included and one of them includes some things on transit. The big funding bills are being put together this week and the deadline for those bills is the end of this week. Lake Owasso is still moving, although there was significant trouble on the House side. There was a hearing this morning on Lake Owasso because the

Association of Retarded Citizens and the State Department of Human Services have not been in support of this and have been working very actively against the proposal. It is sound on the Senate side.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated that the parents' group is trying to set up a meeting and coming up with some potential compromises and will thoroughly keep the Board informed as to what may come out of it. Terry Lindeke stated that this might be especially important in the House discussion because the House has been very hesitant to move forward with the proposal. There have been a couple of hearings on it, but they layed it aside and didn't take action on it.

Terry mentioned that the Board has an interest in the child welfare/child protection proposals and the project aid piece of that is moving well. The financial proposals aren't doing as well.

Terry commented that the transit proposal is very much up in the air. There are four or five bills or proposals in both the House and Senate side that have an effect on the Board. One is to eliminate regional rail authorities entirely. It is in the House.

There is legislation on the House side to take away authority to levy. It is likely to show up in the Omnibus House Tax Bill. But there is no companion piece in the Senate. There are a number of bills in the House that do not have matching bills in the Senate side but they are going to end some place.

On the Senate side, Ramsey County Senators Kelly, Pappas, Cohen, Wiger and Anderson have been working very hard with Chair Mondale to put together a compromise based on the things the RCRRA wants which includes funding for the transit triangle and the ability to proceed with all parts of the triangle through another year with some funding attached. Terry has been working with Senator Johnson who is the Chair of the Finance Committee and Senator Cohen has been working that issue in the larger Senate leadership along with Roger Moe.

Terry remarked that housing continues to be one of those things that is up and down. Senator Anderson continues to work hard on this. Senator Cohen had a hearing last evening on the exclusionary, policy changes that have been talked about and it is still going well. Terry believes that Roger Moe has changed some of his money focus on this because of the need for farm assistance.

A number of Ramsey County only bills are moving well, are on their own, traveling on their own, or they have been put in Omnibus bills or have been heard and have the ability to be put in Omnibus bills

In the corrections area, Senator Kelly has done a lot of work and wants to help with the whole jail concept. Jail bonding is being talked about. For next session, there's jail planning money and money for regional training facility.

The soccer bills are still moving along.

Terry Lindeke noted that uncompensated care has three bills, fiscal disparities change, the charity pool and the billing of counties. Fiscal disparities is locked up and the billing of counties is locked up. The charity care pools still have the abililty to move but it doesn't look like there will be money for it. Senator Pappas is trying to do something similar to the charity pool using one of these other bills as a vehicle and Commissioner Haigh will be testifying to that on Thursday.

Public health endowment is not alive but other parts of the tobacco settlement continue to be moving forward.

Commissioner Haigh asked about the issue of court takeover. Terry Lindeke stated the dollar amount, Ramsey County doesn't benefit from this because they do not have a lot of court takeover and it doesn't affect the metro counties. The dollar amount that would be needed would be approximately \$88,000 over and above what was available through some of the counties where the takeover was actually happening. There is a bill in the House and the Senate that would move up the study of takeover in the metro area.

In the tax area there are two proposals happening that the Board has positions on through association with AMC and the Property Tax Study project. One of them is not to expand the limited market value. There is a proposal to expand it substantially but there is also the proposal of reverse referendum which would mean that if you would raise property taxes any dollar increase would be subject to a referendum. AMC is also asking County Boards to write their legislators or call them. Commissioner Reinhardt stated that the Board has taken a position and Terry and Nick Riley have been reiterating that position at the legislature. Terry Lindeke suggested the Board put their position in writing and send it to Representative Dawkins.

Commissioner Haigh stated that she and Commissioner Wiessner spent time on the Property Tax Project and they think it is a very important issue. It is very important for legislators to understand that trying to limit market value essentially shifts onto those properties that do not have a property increase. No one likes to see the increases in the market value but to artificially limit it to those whose property values didn't go up will have a bigger share of the tax burden. Commissioner Reinhardt stated as a follow-up she noted the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce has come out and stated this isn't good for the businesses. This is not just a residential issue. It is not good for the business as well. Commissioner Reinhardt believes the reverse referendum issue is very difficult and the Board should take some action on that one.

Commissioner Guerin stated that there are times when people might find an increase in the market value resulting in a 20 percent increase in the taxes. This is unacceptable. He supports having a cap on how much the values can go up. There is talk about lowering the cap. Terry Lindeke stated the cap in place is 10 percent now and there is talk about lowering it to 5 percent.

Chair Bennett responded that the valuation can go up any amount but the tax bill can only go up 10 percent by law. The county does not have a choice in raising valuations. They are governed by the state on how valuations can be raised. They must be between 95 and 105 percent of the actual value of that home. The state audits on a yearly basis and if the county is not doing it, it will get into trouble. Terry Lindeke stated that it would be the lesser of 5 percent or the price for inflation so it wouldn't allow a catch up, it is an absolute freeze.

Commissioner Wiessner stated that all now properties are treated according to what they can actually be sold for. If you start applying an artificial freeze on some properties then you end up disproportionately taxing the others that don't have the freeze.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated she received a fax regarding the Minnesota Rivers Joint Powers Board which Ramsey County is a member of. The legislature is considering revoking funding for it and commented that it is in the best interest to make sure the 37 member Joint Powers Board, which is the largest in the country, be able to continue to pull together.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. DeSpiegelaere
Authorized Signature

April 20, 1999
Date

Board Action Requested

Approve contract with Goff and Howard in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for legislative and public information assistance through May, 1999.

ACTION IS REQUESTED

Request Justification

See attached information.

Budgeting and Accounting

County Attorney

Risk Management

at Council 4/21/99
Dail MacMillan
Mitch O'Jager 4-22-99

Documentation certified complete for:

April 27, 1999
Board Date

Kristine A. Longhenry
Signature

4-20-99
Date

RESOLUTION

Board of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Date: _____ No: _____

WHEREAS, Goff and Howard of St. Paul, Minnesota will provide Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority with legislative assistance and public information assistance in relation to transit funding in the 1999 legislative session; Now, Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That a contract with Goff and Howard in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 at an hourly rate of \$95 is approved by Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for the period through May 30, 1999; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Director of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is authorized to execute the contract.

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY	YEA	NAY	OTHER
Tony Bennett	_____	_____	_____
Dino Guerin	_____	_____	_____
Susan M. Haigh	_____	_____	_____
Rafael E. Ortega	_____	_____	_____
Victoria Reinhardt	_____	_____	_____
Janice Rettman	_____	_____	_____
Jan Wiessner	_____	_____	_____

Tony Bennett, Chairman

By: _____
Rafael E. Ortega, Secretary

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RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY
CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT

The following is an agreement between GOFF & HOWARD, INC., 255 East Kellogg Boulevard, Suite 102, St. Paul, MN 55101 (hereinafter the "CONTRACTOR") and RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY, a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota, (hereinafter "RRA").

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

CONTRACTOR shall provide the services specified in ADDENDUM I, attached hereto and made part of this Agreement.

2. SCOPE OF RRA SUPPORT

The RRA shall provide the facilities, equipment, and participants as specified in ADDENDUM I.

3. TIME

The services provided by CONTRACTOR will be delivered on the date(s) specified and at the location(s) indicated in ADDENDUM I for the term of this agreement.

4. PAYMENT

The cost of services shall be as set forth in Addendum I. CONTRACTOR shall submit an invoice to the RRA after services are provided. Payment will be made within 35 days of receipt of a detailed invoice. Interest accrual and disputes regarding payment shall be governed by the provision of Minn. Stat. Section 471.425.

5. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

It is agreed that nothing contained in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as creating the relationship of agents, partners, joint venturers, or associates between the parties hereto or as constituting CONTRACTOR as the employee of the RRA for any purpose or in any manner whatsoever. The CONTRACTOR is an independant contractor and neither it, its employees, agents, nor representatives are employees of the RRA. From any amounts due the CONTRACTOR, there will be no deductions for federal income tax or FICA payments, nor for any state income tax, nor for any other purposes which are associated with an employer-employee relationship unless required by law. Payment of federal income tax, FICA payments, and state income tax are the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.

6. INDEMNIFICATION

CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the RRA, its officials, employees, and agents from any and all liability, loss, costs, damages, expenses, claims or actions, including attorney's fees, which the RRA, its officials, employees, and agents may hereafter sustain, incur or be required to pay arising out of or by reason of any act or omission of CONTRACTOR, its agents or employees, in execution, performance, or failure to adequately perform CONTRACTOR's obligations pursuant to this Contract.

7. INSURANCE

The CONTRACTOR shall purchase and maintain such insurance as will protect the CONTRACTOR from claims which may arise out of or result from operations of the CONTRACTOR including but not limited to the following:

General Liability
Auto Liability
Workers Compensation as required by statute

The CONTRACTOR shall not commence work until the CONTRACTOR has obtained and filed an acceptable certificate of insurance approved by the Ramsey County Risk Manager.

8. WASTE REDUCTION

The CONTRACTOR shall participate in a recycling program for at least four broad types of recyclable materials and shall favor the purchase of recycled products in its procurement processes. All reports, publications and documents produced as paper, where commonly accepted publishing practices allow, on recycled and recyclable paper using soy-based inks, and shall be bound in a manner that does not use glue.

9. AUDIT

Until the expiration of three (3) years after furnishing of services pursuant to this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR, upon written request, shall make available to the RRA, the State Auditor, or RRA's ultimate funding source, a copy of this Agreement and the books, documents, records, and accounting procedures and practices of the CONTRACTOR relating to this agreement.

10. CANCELLATION

The RRA may cancel this contract without cause by thirty (30) days written notice to the CONTRACTOR. The RRA may cancel this contract for cause by five days written notice to the CONTRACTOR.

11. NON-DISCRIMINATION

CONTRACTOR agrees that in the hiring of all labor for the performance of any work under this Agreement, it will not, by reason of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, or disability, discriminate against any person who is a citizen of the United States and who qualifies and is available to perform the work to which such employment relates. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and local non-discrimination laws and ordinances, in particular the applicable provision of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972. The CONTRACTOR agrees to have in effect an affirmative action program and shall furnish a certificate of compliance with this requirement to the RRA, upon request.

12. DATA PRACTICES

All data collected, created, received, maintained or disseminated for any purposes in the course of the CONTRACTOR'S performance of this Agreement is governed by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. 13.01 et seq. or any other applicable state statutes, any state rules adopted to implement the Act and statutes, as well as federal laws and regulations on data practices. The CONTRACTOR agrees to abide strictly by these statutes, rules and regulations.

13. NON-VIOLENT WORKPLACE

The CONTRACTOR shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that CONTRACTOR'S employees, officials and subcontractors do not engage in violence while performing under this contract. Violence, as defined by the Ramsey County Workplace Violence Policy, is any action that is the use of physical force, harassment, or intimidation or abuse of power or authority where the impact is to control by causing pain, fear or hurt.

14. WORKFORCE DIVERSITY

CONTRACTOR shall make good faith efforts throughout the term of this Contract, and any extensions thereof, to employ persons of color for all classifications of work under this Contract, and shall, when requested by RRA, submit a written report to the RRA regarding the efforts and results of such efforts, including employment by job classification.

15. SUBCONTRACTOR PAYMENT

Prime contractors shall pay subcontractor within ten days of the prime CONTRACTOR'S receipt of payment from the RRA for undisputed services provided by the subcontractor. The prime contractor shall pay interest of 1 1/2 percent per month or any part of a month to the subcontractor on any undisputed amount not paid on time to the subcontractor. The minimum monthly interest penalty payment for an unpaid balance of \$100.00 or more is \$10.00. For an unpaid balance of less than \$100.00, the prime contractor shall pay the actual penalty due to the subcontractor. A subcontractor who prevails in a civil action to collect interest penalties from a prime contractor must be awarded its costs and disbursements, including attorney's fees, incurred in bringing the action.

16. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This agreement, including ADDENDUM I, is complete and supersedes all oral agreements and negotiations between the parties as well as any previous agreements presently in effect between the parties relating to the services identified herein.

17. TERM

This agreement shall expires on the earlier of the date CONTRACTOR completes the services stated in the addendum or 24 months from the date the agreement is executed.

18. AMOUNT

The amount of this contract is not to exceed \$10,000.

This agreement is duly executed this _____ day of _____.

RAMSEY COUNTY
REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

By: _____
Tony Bennett
Chair

Dated: _____

GOFF AND HOWARD, INC.

By: _____
Contractor SSN: _____

Dated: _____

RAMSEY COUNTY
REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

By: _____
Kathryn DeSpiegelaere
Director

Dated: _____

Approval recommended:

INSURANCE APPROVED:

Xenia D. Kepler
Risk Management 4.20.99

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David F. MacMillan
David F. MacMillan
Assistant County Attorney

FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE: \$ 10,000

Account No. 1999 12501 150101 421506

H. Coates 4/21/99
Budgeting & Accounting

Addendum 1 to contract with Goff and Howard

Chris Georgacas of Goff and Howard will work under the direction of Terry Lindeke to provide lobbying services regarding transit issues.

Goff and Howard will also provide communications consultation to Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, fact sheets and mailings to target audiences relating to legislative efforts. This work will be done under the direction of Dave VerHasselt.

Goff and Howard will charge the client \$95 per hour for this work, with the total billing not to exceed \$10,000.

Goff and Howard will complete the above services by the end of the 1999 legislative session or by May 30, 1999, whichever is first.

ACORD**CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE**CSR GO
GOFFW-1DATE (MM/DD/YY)
03/01/99

PRODUCER

The Maguire Agency
1935 West County Road B-2, #241
Roseville MN 55113

Lynn Nelson

Phone No. 651-638-9100 Fax No. 651-638-9762

INSURED

Goff & Howard, Inc.
Attn: Linda Chilstrom
255 East Kellogg Boulevard
St. Paul MN 55101

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION
ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE
HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR
ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.

COMPANIES AFFORDING COVERAGE

COMPANY
A Minnesota Fire & CasualtyCOMPANY
BCOMPANY
CCOMPANY
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COVERAGES

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD
INDICATED, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS
CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS,
EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

CO LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE (MM/DD/YY)	POLICY EXPIRATION DATE (MM/DD/YY)	LIMITS	
A	GENERAL LIABILITY	934738	05/27/98	05/27/99	GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000	
	☒ COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY				PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 1,000,000	
	☐ CLAIMS MADE ☒ OCCUR				PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ Excluded	
	OWNER'S & CONTRACTOR'S PROT				EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000	
					FIRE DAMAGE (Any one fire) \$ 50,000	
					MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 5,000	
	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY				COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT \$	
	☐ ANY AUTO				BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$	
	☐ ALL OWNED AUTOS				BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$	
	☐ SCHEDULED AUTOS				PROPERTY DAMAGE \$	
	☐ HIRED AUTOS					
☐ NON-OWNED AUTOS						
	GARAGE LIABILITY			5.23.98	AUTO ONLY - EA ACCIDENT \$	
	☐ ANY AUTO				OTHER THAN AUTO ONLY:	
					EACH ACCIDENT \$	
					AGGREGATE \$	
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	☐ OTHER THAN UMBRELLA FORM				\$	
	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY				WC STATU- TORY LIMITS	OTH- ER
	THE PROPRIETOR/ PARTNERS/EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ARE: ☐ INCL				EL EACH ACCIDENT \$	
	☐ EXCL				EL DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$	
					EL DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$	
	OTHER					

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS/LOCATIONS/VEHICLES/SPECIAL ITEMS

The Worker's Compensation certificate will be mailed directly from the carrier.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

Ramsey City Reg Rlrd Authority
Attn: Terry Lindeke
250 Courthouse
15 W. Kellogg Blvd
St. Paul MN 55102

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CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE
EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING COMPANY WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL
10 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT,
BUT FAILURE TO MAIL SUCH NOTICE SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY
OF ANY KIND UPON THE COMPANY, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Lynn Nelson

MINNESOTA WORKERS' COMPENSATION ASSIGNED RISK PLAN
Policy Administrator EMPLOYERS INSURANCE OF WAUSAU A Mutual Company

Certificate of Insurance

This is to certify that the insurance policies (described below by a policy number) written on forms in use by the company have been issued. This certificate is not a policy or a binder of insurance and does not in any way alter, amend or extend the coverage afforded by any policy referred to herein.

ISSUED TO	NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF INSURED	AGENT OF RECORD	ISSUING DATE
RAMSEY CITY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY TERRI LINDEKE 250 COURTHOUSE 15 W KELLOGG BLVD ST PAUL MN 55102	GOFF & HOWARD INC 255 E KELLOGG BLVD STE 102 ST PAUL MN 55101	MAGUIRE AGENCY INC PO BOX 64316 ST PAUL MN 55164	03/02/99

Type of Insurance	Policy Number	Policy Effective Date (MO/DA/YR)	Policy Expiration Date (MO/DA/YR)
Workers Compensation	0319 00 130531	06 10 98	06 10 99

SPECIAL PROVISIONS/LOCATIONS/SPECIFIED AUTOS:

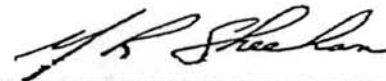
This policy provides coverage for Minnesota Exposure Only.

EACH ACCIDENT \$100,000/DISEASE POLICY LIMIT \$500,000/DISEASE EACH EMPLOYEE \$100,000

Notwithstanding any requirement, term or condition of any contract or other document with respect to which this certificate may be issued or may pertain, the insurance afforded by the policy (policies) described above is subject to all of the terms, exclusions and conditions of such policy (policies) during the term(s) thereof.

PRODUCER NO.	ISSUED AT	OFFICE
0929	PO BOX 1357 MINNEAPOLIS MN 55440-1357 (612) 830-1700	MPL

Signed: _____



Authorized Company Representative

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. DeSpiegelaere

Authorized Signature

April 19, 1999

Date

Board Action Requested

Legislative update.

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN

Request Justification

Budgeting and Accounting

County Attorney

Risk Management

Documentation certified complete for:

April 27, 1999

Board Date

Kristine A. Longhury

Signature

4-19-99

Date

GOFF & HOWARD INC.

255 E. Kellogg Boulevard, Suite 102, St. Paul, MN 55101

Public Relations/Government Relations

Phone (651) 292-8062
Fax (651) 292-8091

TO: KATHY DESPIEGELAERE
TERRY LINDEKE

FROM: CHRIS GEORGACAS *CSK*

DATE: APRIL 21, 1999

RE: PROPOSAL FOR FUTURE SERVICES

*cc to
Tony &
Victoria
FYI - Nick & I
have reviewed
we think it's
reasonable
workable
Tara*

As we have discussed recently, Goff & Howard, Inc. will likely reach its the hourly limit by the end of this week under our two \$10,000 contracts with Ramsey County for public relations and lobbying services respectively (detail to follow.)

You have asked for our recommendation of public relations projects to be pursued during the balance of the session and for an estimate of hours for lobbying services. Below I provide in writing the estimate which I verbally gave to each of you yesterday.

Public relations. Because your legislative strategy is now clearly set and your budget is limited, we recommend that our continued efforts be focused on communicating (1) the nature of the Tinklenberg-Mondale commitment and Senate parity language, and (2) the resulting unity among the regional players. These two messages must be conveyed principally to legislators and the 900-plus East Metro business, labor and political stakeholders with whom we have recently communicated. We recommend two more mailings to legislators and stakeholders.

The cost in writing and production for these two mailings is estimated at \$2,500.

Also, we recommend that you budget another \$500 for any additional writing to support legislative efforts (e.g. talking points for legislators, op-ed pieces, etc.).

Lobbying services. Our discussions in recent days have identified your lobbying priorities to be working House leadership and the House tax and transportation conferees to (a) keep Hiawatha Corridor funding alive as an end-of-session bargaining chip and (b) retain current Senate parity language. Below is a (rather mechanical) estimate of the number of hours which I recommend for Goff & Howard's services. Since you must make the decision about where we can be most effective for you and how much you can afford, I have provided detailed assumptions of how the time would conceivably be used.

First round of leadership meetings (Bennett, Coleman, Broecker, Georgakas)	
Set-up and preparation	2 hours
Meetings w/ Reps. Sviggum, Pawlenty, Abrams, Bishop, Molnau, and Workman	9
Follow-up meetings with East Metro House GOP members	
10 meetings x 1 hr.	10
Strategy meetings (April 26-May 17)	
8 meetings x 2 hrs.	16
Second round of leadership meetings	
	6
East Metro "whipping" meetings	
	5
Meetings with any rank-and-file House GOP members	
	20
TOTAL	
	----- 68 hours

Under this proposal, Goff & Howard would bill Ramsey County at an hourly rate of \$100, for a total capped budget of \$6,800. This estimate assumes very few or no hours billed for conference committee meetings. Also, the estimated 20 hours for meetings with House GOP backbenchers is relatively modest for what you may need to have done.

In summary, we propose an additional authorization by you for \$3,000 in public relations activities and \$6,800 in lobbying services, for a total of \$9,800 through the end of the legislative session.

Please contact either Bob Goff or me at 651-292-8062 to discuss this proposal.

RAMSEY COUNTY

REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

APRIL 27, 1999

SIGN-IN SHEET

Please PRINT your name and agency below for the official proceedings of this meeting. Thank you.

NAME

AGENCY

KAREN TERO

Co. mgr

MARY ANN PALMER

BOARD

Terry LINDEKE

Co. Mgr's staff

Julio Manziare

PROP. Mgt

Tim Shunk

~~PROP Mgt~~ Sheriff's Dept

Bob Fletcher

RCSO

Jim Van Heest

B&A

TOM OERTEL

B + A

Judy Procai (PROCAI)

PROP Mgt

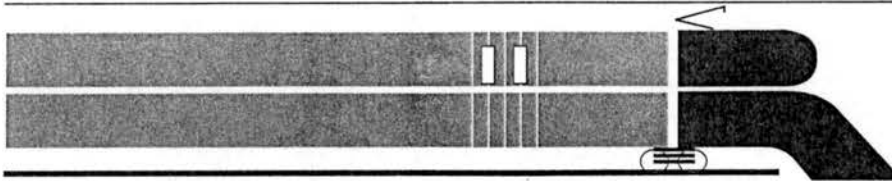
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Co. mgr's Office

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Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

665 Ramsey County Government Center-West, 50 West Kellogg Boulevard
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102 (651) 266-2760 / FAX (651) 266-2761

Agenda

Regional Railroad Authority Meeting

April 27, 1999

Immediately following Administrative Board Meeting

Third Floor Council Chambers Courthouse

1. * Approve minutes of the April 20, 1999 meeting.
2. * Approve contract with Goff and Howard in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for legislative and public information assistance through May, 1999.
3. * Legislative update.

* Action is requested



RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

Minutes

April 20, 1999

The Regional Railroad Authority met on Tuesday, April 20, 1999, in Council Chambers, Third Floor Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Tony Bennett
Commissioner Dino Guerin
Commissioner Susan Haigh
Commissioner Rafael Ortega (arrived at 1:57 p.m.)
Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt (arrived at 1:58 p.m.)
Commissioner Janice Rettman
Commissioner Jan Wiessner

OTHERS PRESENT: Terry Schutten, Kathy DeSpiegelaere, Jim Van Houdt, Karen Tero, Terry Lindeke, Nick Riley, Monty Martin, Ginnce Engberg, Bobbie Crancer, Paul Kirkwold, Allen Lovejoy, Tom Oertel, Anna Mae Hogan, Therese Richard, Lorene Magnusen, Jacki McCormack, Dave MacMillan, Myrna Valdez, Arlene Shepard

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 1:54 p.m.

1. **Approve Minutes of April 13, 1999 meeting.**

Motion by Commissioner Rettman, seconded by Commissioner Haigh to accept the minutes from the April 13, 1999 RCRRRA meeting.

Ayes – 5, Nays – 0
Motion accepted.

2. **Riverview Corridor Update.**

Myrna Valdez of Parsons Brinckerhoff presented information on the Riverview Corridor. She noted there was a prior study conducted and they are presently in the major investment study phase of the process. They are taking the work that was done previously, building upon it and adding more detail, as necessary, in order to provide the kind of information that is needed to make the decision on what a preferred alternative might be.

[Commissioners Ortega and Reinhardt arrived at this time].

She highlighted some of the other steps in the process. Following the major investment study, the project could move into a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) after a preferred alternative is selected

and what would be analyzed in the DEIS would be the no-build, the TSM and the preferred alternative selection. The process then would be the final EIS, preliminary engineering, final design, final cost estimates and the subsequent property acquisition, construction and implementation.

Commissioner Haigh asked for clarification of the process regarding the draft environmental statement. She asked if this could be done on several of the alternatives identified in the major investment study or only the preferred alternative? Myrna Valdez responded that it would be done only on the preferred alternative. She added the goal of the major investment study is to arrive at a preferred alternative. The reason this is done is because the environmental process requires that more than one alternative is evaluated under the strict federal environmental guidelines. That does not preclude you from selecting a preferred build alternative as part of the MIS process.

Myrna stated that they have just completed the initial process of going into the community and performing almost 60 one-on-one interviews with key stakeholders. This was to gain understanding of the underlying themes and the issues surrounding the corridor. As a result of these meetings, there were a number of themes that emerged, including:

- there is a need to educate and involve all
- there is importance in retaining character of the Riverview community
- economic development is desirable with some form of revitalization, new development and enhanced development needed
- more commuters and tourists should be made aware of the corridor and its benefits
- the community is distrustful of new improvements because they need to be better educated or a prior project has left them distrustful of new proceedings
- there is a high interest in transit issues and how important transit is to the corridor.

Myrna explained that the next process on the flow chart was to examine the market factor and the real estate factor. This studies what kind of development is currently occurring and what kind of development would be sustainable in the future. The results of this analysis are being used as direct input into workshops that are being held Wednesday and Thursday. The workshops include planners, economists, engineers and urban designers to see what the best alternative alignment options are, where potential station locations are for both the busway and LRT alternatives and also what type of development would be sustainable in the future.

The consultants will then develop a conceptual working paper on the alternatives. They will develop a fatal flaw analysis to see if there are any flaws in any of the options that are not acceptable, too costly or the environmental impacts are too costly and then those alternatives will fall out.

The consultants rely on work that was previously done but also on what emerged from the public in the scoping meetings which were held. The scoping meetings are an initiation of the federal Environmental Protection Agency process.

Myrna Valdez elaborated on the themes that emerged from the scoping meetings which included many of the same issues that were raised at the one-on-one meetings such as educate and involve all the public. The second issue is to consider bus improvements. There was a strong message that bus improvements are needed now in the corridor.

The Transportation System Management alternative (TSM) is a lower cost alternative that performs two functions; it enables them to see if there is a lower cost improvement that can be implemented that would

solve many of the issues and problems; and it also is a basis for comparing any of the build alternatives to determine how well they compare against lower cost improvements.

Chair Bennett noted that at a previous meeting they passed a \$1.5 million resolution in bus improvements along that corridor. He asked what was the best way to communicate it out that they have already started on that process? Myrna Valdez stated she thought the action taken could be used to highlight that the TSM alternative includes and embraces the improvements that have already been approved by the RCRRA. Every time TSM is talked about, it can be highlighted to the public that some of those improvements have already been approved, they are funded and they are going to be built in the very near future.

Another message received from the scoping meetings was there is regional commuter traffic impacts already occurring on local residential streets. Citizens expressed concern that the through traffic is now using residential streets and not the major arterials which were intended to accommodate additional traffic.

Another item is a strong message to preserve the parks and historic resources, many of which are located in the corridor.

The fifth item was traffic impact at stations which relates back to the regional commuter traffic. It is seen in other cities, where you have busway and LRT improvements, there is a lot more congestion around stations.

Another message was wanting LRT and not wanting LRT. They found sentiment for and against LRT. It is still a viable alternative that needs to be examined along with all of the other alternatives.

A technical paper on alternatives will be presented for approval to the RCRRA in two weeks along with a set of goals and objectives that will guide the evaluation process for comparing the alternatives. The consultants would then proceed to do the more technical analysis which is called screening. This will include conceptual engineering work, more environmental work, financial analysis, economic development at stations and station area planning.

This is a decision document so only enough detail is going to be done to be able to compare the alternatives equitably between each other. They will start to work on some of the financial plans, identify new sources of funding and ultimately develop a cost effectiveness measure. They will develop revised ridership estimates based on more detailed development of the existing model. What was done previously was done on a conceptual level and now they will identify more detail.

Ultimately, there will be a document that will present a recommendation to the RCRRA that brings the technical information differentiating alternatives and public input together. When the RCRRA decides on a preferred alternative, then the major investment study is submitted to the FTA for final approval and work can begin on the draft environmental statement.

The schedule is an aggressive schedule. Most of the work being done is starting tomorrow beginning with the workshops. The consultants will come to the RCRRA with key findings, key conclusions whenever it is necessary to update the RCRRA, as well as whenever they need a decision on specific products before moving on to the next phase. They are also trying to cut off two months to the schedule so that rather than an 18 month study it would be a 16 month study.

Commission Guerin asked how they stay objective on the cost estimates. Myrna Valdez answered that when this phase is completed, if they wanted any subsequent work with the county they would have to

compete along with other consultants. The company is a very objective company and they have been in business over 115 years. But thirdly, and more importantly, is that the cost estimates are developed at a level of detail that is based upon the current market in St. Paul. They do quantity takeoffs and develop unit costs. Unit costs include what it costs to lay track, what it costs to lay pavement, what it costs to build a station based upon the size, the dimensions, the locations and the type of station and whether it is a simple station or a more elaborate one. They compare these costs to other similar facilities and other areas in the Midwest. Their cost estimating team has been doing this for many years and have the benefit of those unit costs from other systems.

The Federal Transit Administration hires project management oversight teams in which an independent consultant examines each unit cost to ensure that it is adequate, correct and consistent with the inflation factors that are given by the federal government. As a result, this is a very good check and balance to ensure that the costs are reliable. The higher the cost, the worse the cost effectiveness of a project. It is to everyone's benefit to have the lowest, most realistic costs possible to ensure that you have the most cost effective project because ultimately, when applying for Federal Transit Administration funds you are not competing with local projects. You are competing with the Baltimores, the Los Angeles, the San Franciscos and the Miamis.

Commissioner Guerin asked how long they have been working on this project? Myrna responded that they began October 27.

Commissioner Guerin stated that from the presentation he heard, the community wants to preserve the parks and open spaces, there are mixed feelings and that some like LRT and some don't. He asked for further findings other than what is common knowledge. Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded that there is a lot of technical work associated with the major investment study. This is a federal document and there are certain requirements and part of that is working with the community. In terms of technical information, the bulk of it will be done in the next several months. There has been some completed thus far, but they thought it would be advantageous to come to the RCRRA early in the process rather than when they get too far down the road.

Commissioner Guerin then asked what the total amount of the contract was. Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded that the contract was for \$1.15 million. There was a Request for Proposal process and there were several proposals. A review team of 14 people from the community recommended Parsons Brinckerhoff and their sub-consultants for this contract. At the next phase, there will be another RFP process. At that time the RCRRA may decide not to study this anymore.

Commissioner Haigh asked when the RCRRA will be making the decision of selecting a preferred alternative. Myrna Valdez responded it should occur in November of this year. Myrna Valdez stated that the RCRRA would get the major investment study report and a recommendation in November and have the opportunity to review it and make a decision.

Commissioner Haigh asked if the TSM is a transit alternative in the corridor? Myrna Valdez responded that it is a transit alternative that looks at improving the existing system. They have looked at a number of things including new, improved and enhanced bus shelters. It looks at improved amenities around the bus shelters so they become more of a bus station; improved bus service and routing; bringing in different size vehicles to act as circulators and distributors within the communities and residential streets; schedule adjustments; putting in improved service between key attractors such as the airport or the Mall of America with minimum stops in between so they become express service; and also look at generally improving the maintenance and the operations of the existing system. They are not cheap improvements but they are not as costly as a brand new major investment.

Chair Bennett thanked Myrna for her presentation. He then asked the members if they received a copy of the request of Commissioner Haigh on the projects along Highway 94 and University Avenue and the \$9.6 million of improvements.

Commissioner Haigh asked if these funds were the same that were set aside for the Central Corridor years ago. Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded that the funding is federal funds, not state funds. \$7.8 million was put in legislation by Congressman Sabo specifically for LRT in the Central Corridor. The federal funds pay 80 percent and other funds are used for matching funds.

Commissioner Haigh stated that of the \$9.6 million, \$5.8 million is being spent in Minneapolis. There is not a single bus improvement in the City of St. Paul and most of the bus improvements are either at the University or in downtown Minneapolis. She questioned how the local communities get input to that process because when she thought of the Central Corridor, she thought of the connection between Minneapolis and St. Paul. She was disappointed to see the vast majority of the money was being spent in Minneapolis. The Central Corridor is a transit route between the two large downtown areas and about 70 percent of it is in St. Paul and about 30 percent is in Minneapolis yet the funds were allocated differently. Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded that when the funding was reprogrammed by Congressman Sabo to do bus improvements in the Central Corridor, a staff group was convened by the Minnesota Department of Transportation. She was a member as was Hennepin County. St. Paul and Minneapolis also participated along with the Metropolitan Council and Metro Transit. One of the things she asked for was that they allocate 60 percent to St. Paul on a basis of mileage minimum and 40 percent to Minneapolis. The numbers have changed because of the decision to build the Hiawatha Corridor in Minneapolis and the LRT portion of that extends to the Metrodome. So, the Central Corridor has less percent. She then covered other items on the memo and noted that many of them benefit the corridor as a whole, some benefit Minneapolis only and some benefit St. Paul only. St. Paul is getting a large share of the funding that has been allocated for the Central Corridor.

Commissioner Haigh stated that the vast majority of the improvements are actually physical improvements that improve transit and improve economic development in Minneapolis, the University and in downtown Minneapolis. She wanted to make sure that when spending federal money in a corridor that links the two cities that there is equity. There are many improvements that benefit the entire corridor but the vast majority of dollars spent for actual physical improvements seem to be in Minneapolis. Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated that one of the criteria for use of the funds is that the improvements had to be implemented in a very short timeframe. In fact, she was interested in a transit hub at Snelling and Highway 94 but was told that would not be able to be done to meet the timeframe.

Commissioner Wiessner asked if the 280 and University transit hub was on the St. Paul side? Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded yes. People from St. Anthony Park have been working on the project.

Commissioner Wiessner stated that this is consistent with last week's meeting regarding the Riverview Corridor bus improvements. Even if there is to be light rail, there is an assumption that there still needs to be bus improvements in either corridor. This should not preclude the RCRRA from further work on the light rail work in the Central Corridor. Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded that this is absolutely consistent with having a major investment in the corridor that could be light rail in the future. Light rail and bus need to complement each other.

Commissioner Reinhardt apologized for not being in attendance when the minutes were approved. She stated the minutes need to be improved upon in construction and structure.

The Rail Authority portion of the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

Revised Minutes

April 13, 1999

The Regional Railroad Authority met on Tuesday, April 13, 1999, in Council Chambers, Third Floor Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Tony Bennett
Commissioner Dino Guerin
Commissioner Susan Haigh
Commissioner Rafael Ortega
Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt
Commissioner Janice Rettman (arrived at 3:00 p.m.)
Commissioner Jan Wiessner

OTHERS PRESENTS: Bonnie Jackelen, Jim Van Houdt, Tim Mayasich, Cyndy McLeod, Jane McClure, Karen Tero, Terry Lindeke, Vern Wehlage, Gene Haselmann, Paul Kirkwold, Kris Longhenry, Arlene Shepard

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

1. Approve Minutes of March 16, 1999 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Guerin, seconded by Commissioner Wiessner to accept the minutes from the March 16, 1999 RCRRRA meeting.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0
Motion accepted.

2. Comprehensive Transit and Transportation Plan.

Paul Kirkwold stated that they are moving ahead and making progress on the Comprehensive Transit and Transportation Plan. The first portion of the documentation packet has a checkoff chart that shows the different issue papers and the status of each.

The second portion of the packet contains some of the new draft issue papers such as land use, access management, right of way and transportation and system management (TSM) that will be sent out for review. It summarizes what kind of role the county should be playing as property develops and redevelops in Ramsey County and how we should partner with our communities. It recognizes land use adjacent to the county road system really impacts the county road system.

Access management is a concept that addresses the issue of how the property that is adjacent to the road gets its access. There is a definite correlation between the number of driveways on a roadway and the number of accidents that occur on that roadway.

Since 1928, Ramsey County has had a major street plan that identifies desirable right of ways or roadways that are considered major streets in Ramsey County. This street plan identifies county roads and also portions of the trunk highway system.

There is a definite relationship between access and mobility. As you increase the access on a roadway, you decrease the level of mobility. Interstate highways have the most mobility, cul-de-sacs have the least.

Chair Bennett asked at what point might we have data on increased safety and flow of traffic related to pedestrian crossings underneath roadways. Paul Kirkwold answered that under road pedestrian crossings will definitely increase the safety of the traffic along the roadway. The problem with accidents has to do with the differential in speed. It will probably take 3-5 years to have enough data to come to a conclusion. Paul Kirkwold stated that the issue paper is constructed so there really is no change in the county's role of pedestrian crossings. It is a local issue and we need to be a partner with our communities and talk about the benefits and the kinds of facilities that we are asking them to help pay for.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated that she appeared before the Maplewood City Council last evening and one of the questions that she was asked was regarding the transportation plan and the involvement of communities. Paul Kirkwold responded that written comments they've received back from cities indicate that they liked the idea that they were notified early on in the plans. Every community gets one of these documents but they don't all respond. Maplewood and their staff have been good to deal with. Several options for getting public involvement pieces are being explored such focus groups and a telephone survey to talk about the key points of the comprehensive plan and the county's role. There has also been discussion on putting that same survey on the computers in the public library

Commissioner Ortega asked if using the computers in the library has been done before to gain public input. Paul Kirkwold responded that he didn't think so.

Commissioner Haigh wondered about the letter from Greg Mack about the issue of the bicycle trails and corridors. She asked if the Parks and Recreation function would be integrated with the transportation function. Paul Kirkwold responded that the letter is in response to a draft map that was sent out that looked at the various bicycle corridors that exist and those that went along and served a minor arterial bicycle transportation piece. They have met again with Larry Holmberg and Greg Mack and now the bicycle maps will show a plan that connects all of the county park facilities.

Commissioner Haigh asked if there are bike paths on the county roads that the county is responsible for in the City of St. Paul? Paul Kirkwold responded the one he knows of is Warner Road. Most of the bicycle operations are integrated on the sidewalk in St. Paul.

Commissioner Haigh said she raised the issue because a person can go east and west but it is really hard to go north and south and get into the Regional Bicycle Trail System from the City of St. Paul. Paul Kirkwold said it is an issue that they look at in every project. There is a resolution that states the county is to look at bicycle trails on every roadway that is reconstructed.

The right of way issue paper addresses if different types of facilities should be included such as bicycle trails, pedestrian walkways and reasonably sized boulevards and still accommodate the traffic.

Commissioner Wiessner stated that when looking at the different charts and graphs, the Department of Economic Development information is interesting but was wondering if there is more recent information that could be included than from 1995-96. She suggested asking the Department of Economic Security.

Paul Kirkwold said they will check with them. This document has to be approved by the Metropolitan Council and we want to make sure we have their information in there.

Commissioner Wiessner asked where Benson Airport is located. Chair Bennett responded that Benson Airport is in his district in White Bear Township and is located off of Highway #61 across from Bald Eagle Lake and is used by small aircraft and gliders.

4. Ratify Rush Line Joint Powers Agreement.

Commissioner Reinhardt noted that the Rush Line Joint Powers Agreement was put together because proposed legislation needed to be in place by April 1. Chisago County, Washington County and Ramsey County determined they wanted to have open the option for the communities and for the regional rail authorities to be part of and included in that legislation and this is modeled very closely after the Red Rock Joint Powers Agreement. This says in order for the workplan and budget to be approved, it must be an unanimous vote and that protects any member of the Joint Powers Agreement from having expenditures assessed or imposed on them and all of the members of the Joint Powers felt that it was very important we have that in there.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated that she is the representative from Ramsey Regional Rail Authority and the Chair of the task force. Commissioner Tom Delaney from Chisago County is Chair of the steering committee that pulls together the workplan and budget. An alternate to the Rush Line Corridor is needed. The task force meets quarterly and it is a way to make sure we are involving all of the communities in the process

Commissioner Wiessner requested clarification on the route of the Rush Line Corridor Chair Bennett responded that the section was in his district and he described the section in detail. Commissioner Rettner also asked for the details of the route as to location in the City of St. Paul. Kathy DeSpiegelaere explained the route on the overhead.

Commissioner Rettman stated she wanted to be an alternate on this.

Commissioner Reinhardt moved for ratification of Rush Line Joint Agreement seconded by Commissioner Wiessner.

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, Rush Line Corridor is defined as the North State Trunk Highway 61 transportation corridor from Rush City through St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has committed to preserve this corridor for future rail transit alternatives; and

WHEREAS, In Ramsey County, the area impacted is generally north of downtown, east of Rice Street to I-694, west to T.H. 61, north along T.H. 61 to County Road J; and

WHEREAS, The Rush Line Corridor has significant transportation, safety and land use issues; and

WHEREAS, There are opportunities for a variety of multi-modal transportation improvements in the corridor, including bus improvement, commuter, light and freight rail, multi use paths and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS); and

WHEREAS, The Rush Line Task Force consists of cities, counties and towns from St. Paul to Rush City; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force is considering transit improvements and land use along this corridor; and

WHEREAS, The communities wish to collaboratively plan for multi-modal transportation improvements to the corridor and for the related land use and development impacts; and

WHEREAS, A Joint Powers Agreement has been signed by the Chairs of the Chisago, Washington and Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authorities; Now, Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority ratifies the Joint Powers Agreement establishing the Rush Line Corridor Task Force.

Commissioner Guerin moved that Commissioner Rettman be the alternate, seconded by Commissioner Ortega.

Ayes, 7, Nays – 0
Motion accepted

Chair Bennett then discussed a special resolution relating to transit improvements.

Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated that she has been meeting with Metro Transit staff for several months regarding transit improvements in the Riverview Corridor. They were successful in obtaining both federal funding and state funding for transit improvements in the corridor. When a Request For Proposal was issued for the Riverview Corridor Major Investment Study, it was very important that transit be designed broadly, that it was not just light rail and also there were concerns because funding had been spent to study corridors and the RCRRA wanted to see something implemented. The money that was obtained was to implement transit improvements in the Riverview Corridor now and working with Metro Transit staff a list was developed of potential needs in the corridor. The needs that have been identified include upgrading thirteen bus shelters, information kiosks at transit stops and lighting bus stops to improve personal safety and visibility along West Seventh Street and to fund four transit shelters in downtown St. Paul to serve buses that operate in the Riverview Corridor.

The total amount is \$1.5 million and the resolution requests staff to work with MnDOT to complete the application for the funding that's been committed and the Rail Authority to authorize the use of these funds which are state and federal by Metro Transit for these specific transit improvements in the corridor.

Commissioner Guerin stated he felt this should be an initiative by Metro Transit but the federal dollars are precious and it looks like we are using them to improve buses on West Seventh Street. He noted that the Riverview Corridor hasn't been established and we are just improving the main artery in the district.

Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated there are two alignments being analyzed in the Riverview Corridor and at the next meeting there will be a report on what those are. There is the CP Rail alignment and the West Seventh alignment for major transit improvements. The Shepard Road corridor is out of the developed area and is less accessible, as was determined in a previous study and recommended by a citizen's task

force. Kathy mentioned even if the CP Rail line were used for major transit improvements, there would still be bus on West Seventh so these improvements would be useful.

Commissioner Ortega stated the Riverview Corridor also covers the Eastside and questioned if any dollars were being expended on the Eastside. Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded that at the meeting with Metro Transit she asked them to identify needs on the Eastside and she will come back with additional information and specific needs. The plan at Metro Transit is to extend the area from the eastside of downtown St. Paul out toward Seegers Square.

Chair Bennett stated they are presently spending about \$8 million for transit improvements on the Central Corridor.

Commissioner Rettman stated she wants to make sure there is not inequality in the city along the bus stops. Kathy DeSpiegelaere replied that Metro Transit determines the overall needs. The federal fund success was because the Riverview Corridor is an authorized project in getting funding for this particular corridor but in addition these locations are very deserving. The route along West Seventh has a high number of transit users.

Commissioner Rettman asked how they were going to address all areas and make sure all areas are heard and not just ones that happen to be on a preferred transit route. Chair Bennett stated the reason they are being allowed to do this is because they have federal funding for the corridor.

Commissioner Haigh stated that some of the money was to be used for corridor development and transit improvements. We weren't just going to plan with it, we were going to look at light rail and transitways in the Riverview Corridor and also make improvements in mass transit use. Commissioner Reinhardt stated that this is one of the steps that has to be taken as part of the whole approach to multi modal system. Right now the buses are what the public has and they have to make sure it is going to work.

Commissioner Wiessner was concerned that there wasn't documentation on this item and it wasn't even listed on the agenda. She commented that \$1.5 million is a lot of money for them to approve without further information. Kathy DeSpiegelaere apologized for the short timeline but noted that this is not something that is ill conceived. She had several meetings with Metro Transit and St. Paul's staff on this subject. These are things that they have identified, researched and priced.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated that although this is specific in dollar amount the RCRRA has talked about and adopted what the regional system will look like and this is consistent with what has been discussed in a broader aspect. At some point they will have specifics.

Commissioner Rettman asked what these funds are called. Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated that the funds have already been approved. They are federal funds that have been identified by MnDOT and there are state funds that were allocated to Regional Rail. Part of it could come from the \$3 million that was allocated from the legislature last session. When they applied for those funds for the Riverview Corridor, it was for planning, engineering and implementation and implementing some transit improvements.

Commissioner Ortega stated these funds are not in competition with funds they are seeking now. These are old dollars.

Motion by Commissioner Ortega, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt to authorize its staff to work with MnDOT in completing the application for funding that has been committed by the state and federal governments for the transit improvements for the Riverview Corridor and authorize the use of the state

and federal funds in the amount of \$1,517,000 by Metro Transit for the transit improvements for the Riverview Corridor.

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is committed to improved transit services for the region; and

WHEREAS, The Riverview Transit Corridor has been identified as a location for transit improvements; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County has received commitments of federal and state funding for improving transit in the Riverview Corridor; and

WHEREAS, Metro Transit has identified the following immediate unfunded needs for transit services in the Riverview Corridor;

- \$ 21,000 Bus shelters along West Seventh/Fort Road
- \$ 196,000 Upgrade existing bus shelters along West Seventh
- \$ 130,000 Information kiosks at transit stops along West Seventh
- \$ 210,000 Lighting at bus stops along West Seventh
- \$ 960,000 Shelters at downtown St. Paul locations which serve Riverview Corridor buses

\$1,517,000 TOTAL

Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority authorizes its staff to work with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to complete the application for the funding that has been committed by the state and federal governments for the transit improvements for the Riverview Corridor; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority authorizes the use of the state and federal funds in the amount of \$1,517,000 by Metro Transit for the transit improvements for the Riverview Corridor.

3. Legislative Report.

Chair Bennett stated they were going to combine the legislative report of the whole with the transportation agenda.

Commissioner Reinhardt passed out two status updates, one on Ramsey County Board's 1999 State Legislative Proposals dated April 12, and one on Other Legislative Bills/Proposals of Interest dated April 12.

Terry Lindeke stated that the legislative packages are new as of this morning based on things that happened last evening. Some things that happened today at the legislature are not included and one of them includes some things on transit. The big funding bills are being put together this week and the deadline for those bills is the end of this week. Lake Owasso is still moving, although there was significant trouble on the House side. There was a hearing this morning on Lake Owasso because the

Association of Retarded Citizens and the State Department of Human Services have not been in support of this and have been working very actively against the proposal. It is sound on the Senate side.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated that the parents' group is trying to set up a meeting and coming up with some potential compromises and will thoroughly keep the Board informed as to what may come out of it. Terry Lindeke stated that this might be especially important in the House discussion because the House has been very hesitant to move forward with the proposal. There have been a couple of hearings on it, but they layed it aside and didn't take action on it.

Terry mentioned that the Board has an interest in the child welfare/child protection proposals and the project aid piece of that is moving well. The financial proposals aren't doing as well.

Terry commented that the transit proposal is very much up in the air. There are four or five bills or proposals in both the House and Senate side that have an effect on the Board. One is to eliminate regional rail authorities entirely. It is in the House.

There is legislation on the House side to take away authority to levy. It is likely to show up in the Omnibus House Tax Bill. But there is no companion piece in the Senate. There are a number of bills in the House that do not have matching bills in the Senate side but they are going to end some place.

On the Senate side, Ramsey County Senators Kelly, Pappas, Cohen, Wiger and Anderson have been working very hard with Chair Mondale to put together a compromise based on the things the RCRRA wants which includes funding for the transit triangle and the ability to proceed with all parts of the triangle through another year with some funding attached. Terry has been working with Senator Johnson who is the Chair of the Finance Committee and Senator Cohen has been working that issue in the larger Senate leadership along with Roger Moe.

Terry remarked that housing continues to be one of those things that is up and down. Senator Anderson continues to work hard on this. Senator Cohen had a hearing last evening on the exclusionary, policy changes that have been talked about and it is still going well. Terry believes that Roger Moe has changed some of his money focus on this because of the need for farm assistance.

A number of Ramsey County only bills are moving well, are on their own, traveling on their own, or they have been put in Omnibus bills or have been heard and have the ability to be put in Omnibus bills

In the corrections area, Senator Kelly has done a lot of work and wants to help with the whole jail concept. Jail bonding is being talked about. For next session, there's jail planning money and money for regional training facility.

The soccer bills are still moving along.

Terry Lindeke noted that uncompensated care has three bills, fiscal disparities change, the charity pool and the billing of counties. Fiscal disparities is locked up and the billing of counties is locked up. The charity care pools still have the ability to move but it doesn't look like there will be money for it. Senator Pappas is trying to do something similar to the charity pool using one of these other bills as a vehicle and Commissioner Haigh will be testifying to that on Thursday.

Public health endowment is not alive but other parts of the tobacco settlement continue to be moving forward.

Commissioner Haigh asked about the issue of court takeover. Terry Lindeke stated the dollar amount, Ramsey County doesn't benefit from this because they do not have a lot of court takeover and it doesn't affect the metro counties. The dollar amount that would be needed would be approximately \$88,000 over and above what was available through some of the counties where the takeover was actually happening. There is a bill in the House and the Senate that would move up the study of takeover in the metro area.

In the tax area there are two proposals happening that the Board has positions on through association with AMC and the Property Tax Study project. One of them is not to expand the limited market value. There is a proposal to expand it substantially but there is also the proposal of reverse referendum which would mean that if you would raise property taxes any dollar increase would be subject to a referendum. AMC is also asking County Boards to write their legislators or call them. Commissioner Reinhardt stated that the Board has taken a position and Terry and Nick Riley have been reiterating that position at the legislature. Terry Lindeke suggested the Board put their position in writing and send it to Representative Dawkins.

Commissioner Haigh stated that she and Commissioner Wiessner spent time on the Property Tax Project and they think it is a very important issue. It is very important for legislators to understand that trying to limit market value essentially shifts onto those properties that do not have a property increase. No one likes to see the increases in the market value but to artificially limit it to those whose property values didn't go up will have a bigger share of the tax burden. Commissioner Reinhardt stated as a follow-up she noted the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce has come out and stated this isn't good for the businesses. This is not just a residential issue. It is not good for the business as well. Commissioner Reinhardt believes the reverse referendum issue is very difficult and the Board should take some action on that one.

Commissioner Guerin stated that there are times when people might find an increase in the market value resulting in a 20 percent increase in the taxes. This is unacceptable. He supports having a cap on how much the values can go up. There is talk about lowering the cap. Terry Lindeke stated the cap in place is 10 percent now and there is talk about lowering it to 5 percent.

Chair Bennett responded that the valuation can go up any amount but the tax bill can only go up 10 percent by law. The county does not have a choice in raising valuations. They are governed by the state on how valuations can be raised. They must be between 95 and 105 percent of the actual value of that home. The state audits on a yearly basis and if the county is not doing it, it will get into trouble. Terry Lindeke stated that it would be the lesser of 5 percent or the price for inflation so it wouldn't allow a catch up, it is an absolute freeze.

Commissioner Wiessner stated that all now properties are treated according to what they can actually be sold for. If you start applying an artificial freeze on some properties then you end up disproportionately taxing the others that don't have the freeze.

Commissioner Reinhardt stated she received a fax regarding the Minnesota Rivers Joint Powers Board which Ramsey County is a member of. The legislature is considering revoking funding for it and commented that it is in the best interest to make sure the 37 member Joint Powers Board, which is the largest in the country, be able to continue to pull together.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. DeSpiegelaere
Authorized Signature

April 20, 1999
Date

Board Action Requested

Approve contract with Goff and Howard in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for legislative and public information assistance through May, 1999.

ACTION IS REQUESTED

Request Justification

See attached information.

Budgeting and Accounting

St. Conrad 4/21/99

County Attorney

Dail MacMillan

Risk Management

Mitch O. Joyce 4-22-99

Documentation certified complete for:

April 27, 1999
Board Date

Kristine A. Longhenry
Signature

4-20-99
Date

RESOLUTION

Board of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Date: _____ No: _____

WHEREAS, Goff and Howard of St. Paul, Minnesota will provide Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority with legislative assistance and public information assistance in relation to transit funding in the 1999 legislative session; Now, Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That a contract with Goff and Howard in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 at an hourly rate of \$95 is approved by Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for the period through May 30, 1999; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Director of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is authorized to execute the contract.

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY	YEA	NAY	OTHER
Tony Bennett	_____	_____	_____
Dino Guerin	_____	_____	_____
Susan M. Haigh	_____	_____	_____
Rafael E. Ortega	_____	_____	_____
Victoria Reinhardt	_____	_____	_____
Janice Rettman	_____	_____	_____
Jan Wiessner	_____	_____	_____

Tony Bennett, Chairman

By: _____
Rafael E. Ortega, Secretary

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY
CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT

The following is an agreement between GOFF & HOWARD, INC., 255 East Kellogg Boulevard, Suite 102, St. Paul, MN 55101 (hereinafter the "CONTRACTOR") and RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY, a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota, (hereinafter "RRA").

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

CONTRACTOR shall provide the services specified in ADDENDUM I, attached hereto and made part of this Agreement.

2. SCOPE OF RRA SUPPORT

The RRA shall provide the facilities, equipment, and participants as specified in ADDENDUM I.

3. TIME

The services provided by CONTRACTOR will be delivered on the date(s) specified and at the location(s) indicated in ADDENDUM I for the term of this agreement.

4. PAYMENT

The cost of services shall be as set forth in Addendum I. CONTRACTOR shall submit an invoice to the RRA after services are provided. Payment will be made within 35 days of receipt of a detailed invoice. Interest accrual and disputes regarding payment shall be governed by the provision of Minn. Stat. Section 471.425.

5. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

It is agreed that nothing contained in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as creating the relationship of agents, partners, joint venturers, or associates between the parties hereto or as constituting CONTRACTOR as the employee of the RRA for any purpose or in any manner whatsoever. The CONTRACTOR is an independant contractor and neither it, its employees, agents, nor representatives are employees of the RRA. From any amounts due the CONTRACTOR, there will be no deductions for federal income tax or FICA payments, nor for any state income tax, nor for any other purposes which are associated with an employer-employee relationship unless required by law. Payment of federal income tax, FICA payments, and state income tax are the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.

6. INDEMNIFICATION

CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the RRA, its officials, employees, and agents from any and all liability, loss, costs, damages, expenses, claims or actions, including attorney's fees, which the RRA, its officials, employees, and agents may hereafter sustain, incur or be required to pay arising out of or by reason of any act or omission of CONTRACTOR, its agents or employees, in execution, performance, or failure to adequately perform CONTRACTOR's obligations pursuant to this Contract.

7. INSURANCE

The CONTRACTOR shall purchase and maintain such insurance as will protect the CONTRACTOR from claims which may arise out of or result from operations of the CONTRACTOR including but not limited to the following:

General Liability
Auto Liability
Workers Compensation as required by statute

The CONTRACTOR shall not commence work until the CONTRACTOR has obtained and filed an acceptable certificate of insurance approved by the Ramsey County Risk Manager.

8. WASTE REDUCTION

The CONTRACTOR shall participate in a recycling program for at least four broad types of recyclable materials and shall favor the purchase of recycled products in its procurement processes. All reports, publications and documents produced as paper, where commonly accepted publishing practices allow, on recycled and recyclable paper using soy-based inks, and shall be bound in a manner that does not use glue.

9. AUDIT

Until the expiration of three (3) years after furnishing of services pursuant to this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR, upon written request, shall make available to the RRA, the State Auditor, or RRA's ultimate funding source, a copy of this Agreement and the books, documents, records, and accounting procedures and practices of the CONTRACTOR relating to this agreement.

10. CANCELLATION

The RRA may cancel this contract without cause by thirty (30) days written notice to the CONTRACTOR. The RRA may cancel this contract for cause by five days written notice to the CONTRACTOR.

11. NON-DISCRIMINATION

CONTRACTOR agrees that in the hiring of all labor for the performance of any work under this Agreement, it will not, by reason of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, or disability, discriminate against any person who is a citizen of the United States and who qualifies and is available to perform the work to which such employment relates. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and local non-discrimination laws and ordinances, in particular the applicable provision of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972. The CONTRACTOR agrees to have in effect an affirmative action program and shall furnish a certificate of compliance with this requirement to the RRA, upon request.

12. DATA PRACTICES

All data collected, created, received, maintained or disseminated for any purposes in the course of the CONTRACTOR'S performance of this Agreement is governed by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. 13.01 et seq. or any other applicable state statutes, any state rules adopted to implement the Act and statutes, as well as federal laws and regulations on data practices. The CONTRACTOR agrees to abide strictly by these statutes, rules and regulations.

13. NON-VIOLENT WORKPLACE

The CONTRACTOR shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that CONTRACTOR'S employees, officials and subcontractors do not engage in violence while performing under this contract. Violence, as defined by the Ramsey County Workplace Violence Policy, is any action that is the use of physical force, harassment, or intimidation or abuse of power or authority where the impact is to control by causing pain, fear or hurt.

14. WORKFORCE DIVERSITY

CONTRACTOR shall make good faith efforts throughout the term of this Contract, and any extensions thereof, to employ persons of color for all classifications of work under this Contract, and shall, when requested by RRA, submit a written report to the RRA regarding the efforts and results of such efforts, including employment by job classification.

15. SUBCONTRACTOR PAYMENT

Prime contractors shall pay subcontractor within ten days of the prime CONTRACTOR'S receipt of payment from the RRA for undisputed services provided by the subcontractor. The prime contractor shall pay interest of 1 1/2 percent per month or any part of a month to the subcontractor on any undisputed amount not paid on time to the subcontractor. The minimum monthly interest penalty payment for an unpaid balance of \$100.00 or more is \$10.00. For an unpaid balance of less than \$100.00, the prime contractor shall pay the actual penalty due to the subcontractor. A subcontractor who prevails in a civil action to collect interest penalties from a prime contractor must be awarded its costs and disbursements, including attorney's fees, incurred in bringing the action.

16. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This agreement, including ADDENDUM I, is complete and supersedes all oral agreements and negotiations between the parties as well as any previous agreements presently in effect between the parties relating to the services identified herein.

17. TERM

This agreement shall expires on the earlier of the date CONTRACTOR completes the services stated in the addendum or 24 months from the date the agreement is executed.

18. AMOUNT

The amount of this contract is not to exceed \$10,000.

This agreement is duly executed this _____ day of _____.

RAMSEY COUNTY
REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

GOFF AND HOWARD, INC.

By: _____
Tony Bennett
Chair

By: _____

Contractor SSN: _____

Dated: _____

Dated: _____

RAMSEY COUNTY
REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

By: _____
Kathryn DeSpiegelaere
Director

Dated: _____

Approval recommended:

INSURANCE APPROVED:

Xenius D. Kessler
Risk Management 4-20-99

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David F. MacMillan
David F. MacMillan
Assistant County Attorney

FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE: \$ 10,000

Account No. 1777 12501 150101 421506

David F. MacMillan 4/21/99
Budgeting & Accounting

Addendum 1 to contract with Goff and Howard

Chris Georgacas of Goff and Howard will work under the direction of Terry Lindeke to provide lobbying services regarding transit issues.

Goff and Howard will also provide communications consultation to Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, fact sheets and mailings to target audiences relating to legislative efforts. This work will be done under the direction of Dave VerHasselt.

Goff and Howard will charge the client \$95 per hour for this work, with the total billing not to exceed \$10,000.

Goff and Howard will complete the above services by the end of the 1999 legislative session or by May 30, 1999, whichever is first.

ACORD CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

CSR GO
GOWFW-1

DATE (MM/DD/YY)

03/01/93

PRODUCER

The Maguire Agency
1935 West County Road B-2, #241
Roseville MN 55113

Lynn Nelson

Phone No. 651-638-9100 Fax No. 651-638-9762

INSURED

Goff & Howard, Inc.
Attn: Linda Chilstrom
255 East Kellogg Boulevard
St. Paul MN 55101

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.

COMPANIES AFFORDING COVERAGE

COMPANY
A Minnesota Fire & Casualty

COMPANY
B

COMPANY
C

COMPANY
D

COVERAGES

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

CO LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE (MM/DD/YY)	POLICY EXPIRATION DATE (MM/DD/YY)	LIMITS
A	☒ GENERAL LIABILITY ☒ COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY ☐ CLAIMS MADE ☒ OCCUR ☐ OWNER'S & CONTRACTOR'S PROT	934738	05/27/98	05/27/99	GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 1,000,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ Excluded EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 FIRE DAMAGE (Any one fire) \$ 50,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 5,000
	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY ☐ ANY AUTO ☐ ALL OWNED AUTOS ☐ SCHEDULED AUTOS ☐ HIRED AUTOS ☐ NON-OWNED AUTOS				COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT \$ BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE \$
	GARAGE LIABILITY ☐ ANY AUTO			5-23-98	AUTO ONLY - EA ACCIDENT \$ OTHER THAN AUTO ONLY: EACH ACCIDENT \$ AGGREGATE \$
	EXCESS LIABILITY ☐ UMBRELLA FORM ☐ OTHER THAN UMBRELLA FORM				EACH OCCURRENCE \$ AGGREGATE \$
	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY THE PROPRIETOR/PARTNERS/EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ARE: ☐ INCL ☐ EXCL				WC STATUTORY LIMITS OTH-ER EL EACH ACCIDENT \$ EL DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ EL DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$
	OTHER				

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS/LOCATIONS/VEHICLES/SPECIAL ITEMS

The Worker's Compensation certificate will be mailed directly from the carrier.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

Ramsey City Reg Rlrd Authority
Attn: Terry Lindeke
250 Courthouse
15 W. Kellogg Blvd
St. Paul MN 55102

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CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING COMPANY WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL 10 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT. BUT FAILURE TO MAIL SUCH NOTICE SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON THE COMPANY, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Lynn Nelson

ACORD CORPORATION 1988

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. DeSpiegelaere

Authorized Signature

April 19, 1999

Date

Board Action Requested

Legislative update.

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN

Request Justification

Budgeting and Accounting

County Attorney

Risk Management

Documentation certified complete for:

April 27, 1999

Board Date

Kristine A. Longhury

Signature

4-19-99

Date

GOFF & HOWARD INC.

255 E. Kellogg Boulevard, Suite 102, St. Paul, MN 55101

Public Relations/Government Relations

Phone (651) 292-8062
Fax (651) 292-8091

TO: KATHY DESPIEGELAERE
TERRY LINDEKE

FROM: CHRIS GEORGACAS *CSK*

DATE: APRIL 21, 1999

RE: PROPOSAL FOR FUTURE SERVICES

*cc to
Tony &
Victoria
FYI - Nick + I
have reviewed &
we think it's
reasonable
workable
Tim*

As we have discussed recently, Goff & Howard, Inc. will likely reach its the hourly limit by the end of this week under our two \$10,000 contracts with Ramsey County for public relations and lobbying services respectively (detail to follow.)

You have asked for our recommendation of public relations projects to be pursued during the balance of the session and for an estimate of hours for lobbying services. Below I provide in writing the estimate which I verbally gave to each of you yesterday.

Public relations. Because your legislative strategy is now clearly set and your budget is limited, we recommend that our continued efforts be focused on communicating (1) the nature of the Tinklenberg-Mondale commitment and Senate parity language, and (2) the resulting unity among the regional players. These two messages must be conveyed principally to legislators and the 900-plus East Metro business, labor and political stakeholders with whom we have recently communicated. We recommend two more mailings to legislators and stakeholders.

The cost in writing and production for these two mailings is estimated at \$2,500.

Also, we recommend that you budget another \$500 for any additional writing to support legislative efforts (e.g. talking points for legislators, op-ed pieces, etc.).

Lobbying services. Our discussions in recent days have identified your lobbying priorities to be working House leadership and the House tax and transportation conferees to (a) keep Hiawatha Corridor funding alive as an end-of-session bargaining chip and (b) retain current Senate parity language. Below is a (rather mechanical) estimate of the number of hours which I recommend for Goff & Howard's services. Since you must make the decision about where we can be most effective for you and how much you can afford, I have provided detailed assumptions of how the time would conceivably be used.

First round of leadership meetings (Bennett, Coleman, Bruecker, Georgacas)	
Set-up and preparation	2 hours
Meetings w/ Reps. Sviggum, Pawlenty, Abrams, Bishop, Molnau, and Workman	9
Follow-up meetings with East Metro House GOP members	
10 meetings x 1 hr.	10
Strategy meetings (April 26-May 17)	
8 meetings x 2 hrs.	16
Second round of leadership meetings	
	6
East Metro "whipping" meetings	
	5
Meetings with any rank-and-file House GOP members	
	20
TOTAL	----- 68 hours

Under this proposal, Goff & Howard would bill Ramsey County at an hourly rate of \$100, for a total capped budget of \$6,800. This estimate assumes very few or no hours billed for conference committee meetings. Also, the estimated 20 hours for meetings with House GOP backbenchers is relatively modest for what you may need to have done.

In summary, we propose an additional authorization by you for \$3,000 in public relations activities and \$6,800 in lobbying services, for a total of \$9,800 through the end of the legislative session.

Please contact either Bob Goff or me at 651-292-8062 to discuss this proposal.