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## **AGENDA**

### **Regional Railroad Authority Meeting**

**January 15, 2002**

### **Immediately Following Regional Railroad Authority Organizational Meeting**

### **Third Floor Council Chambers Courthouse**

1.     \*     Approve minutes of December 18, 2001 RCRRA meeting.
  2.     \*     Approve extension of \$3,001,400 contract with BRW, Inc. for Central Corridor Transit Study through October, 2002 at no additional cost.
  3.     \*     Approve extension of \$250,000 contract with Himle Horner, Inc. for Central Corridor Public Education through October, 2002 at no additional cost.
  4.     \*     Approve extension of the July, 1998 agreement with the City of St. Paul for the berm removal at Maryland and Johnson Parkway through August 1, 2003.
- \*     Action is requested

Minutes

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY MEETING

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met on Tuesday, December 18, 2001, in Council Chambers Third Floor Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Tony Bennett  
Commissioner Susan Haigh  
Commissioner Jim McDonough  
Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt  
Commissioner Janice Rettman  
Commissioner Rafael Ortega  
Commissioner Jan Wiessner

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy DeSpiegelaere, Kris Longhenry, Alicia Vap,  
Steve Morris, Vern Wehlage, Karen Tero, Paul  
Kirkwold, Darwin Lookingbill

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 11:47 a.m.

1. Approve minutes from November 6, 2001, RCRRA meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Reinhardt and seconded by Commissioner Haigh to accept the minutes of the November 6, 2001, RCRRA meeting.

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0  
Motion accepted.

2. Ratify quarterly report of payments for April 1, 2001 to September 30, 2001

Motion made by Commissioner Haigh and seconded by Commissioner Ortega to ratify quarterly report of payments for April 1, 2001 to September 30, 2001.

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0  
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, Payments have been made from the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority budget for the period of April 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001 and a record of these disbursements is attached; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the report of payment is accepted by the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority.

3. Ratify Partial Payment No. 12 in the amount of \$111,093.37; No. 13 in the amount of \$190,828.65; No. 14 in the amount of \$158,690.17; and No. 15 in the amount of \$107,926.18 to BRW, Inc. for professional consulting services for the Central Corridor Transit Study

Motion made by Commissioner Ortega and seconded by Commissioner Haigh to ratify partial payment No. 12 in the amount of \$111,093.37; No. 13 in the amount of \$190,828.65; No. 14 in the amount of \$158,690.17; and No. 15 in the amount of \$107,926.18 to BRW, Inc. for professional consulting services for the Central Corridor Transit Study.

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0  
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has contracted for the professional consulting services of BRW, Inc. for the purpose of conducting the Central Corridor Transit Study; and

WHEREAS, BRW, Inc. has satisfactorily completed portions of the work identified in the referenced agreements, and provided detailed invoice documentation for services and costs accrued through October 26, 2001; and

WHEREAS, submittal of invoices and payment documentation to the Rail Authority for ratification at the next scheduled meeting following staff approval of invoice documentation is required; and

WHEREAS, BRW, Inc. Invoice No. 267-13738, Partial Payment No. 12 in the amount of \$111,093.37; No. 267-14086, Partial Payment No. 13 in the amount of \$190,828.65; No. 267-14471, Partial Payment No. 14 in the amount of \$158,690.17; and No. 267-14796, Partial Payment No. 15 in the amount of \$107,926.18, attachments thereto, provide the correct documentation of payments due BRW, Inc. through October 26, 2001; Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, Payment to BRW, Inc. in the amount of \$568,538.37 for services rendered through October 26, 2001, is hereby ratified.

4. Ratify permit between RCRRA and Qwest Communications, Inc. to remove and relocate an existing wire line, including wires, cables, conduits and other fixtures as included in the permit on RCRRA right of way near the Arcade Street bridge in St. Paul; and authorize the Chair of the RCRRA to sign the permit agreement on behalf of the RCRRA

Motion made by Commissioner Ortega, seconded by Commissioner Haigh to ratify permit between RCRRA and Qwest Communications, Inc. to remove and relocate an existing wire line, including wires, cables, conduits and other fixtures as included in the permit on RCRRA right of way near the Arcade Street bridge in St. Paul; and authorize the Chair of the RCRRA to sign the permit agreement on behalf of the RCRRA.

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0  
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, The Northeast Corridor right of way, extending from Kellogg Boulevard in St. Paul to Beam Avenue in Maplewood was acquired by Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority in 1992;



WHEREAS, The Northeast Corridor was acquired to preserve the property as a future option for a light rail transit line; and

WHEREAS, Qwest Communications, Inc. has requested permission to use the right of way near the Arcade Street bridge in St. Paul to remove and relocate an existing wire line, including wires, cables, conduits, and other fixtures as included in the permit; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation is demolishing the existing Arcade Street bridge and constructing a new Arcade Street bridge, necessitating the removal and relocation of the existing wire line; and

WHEREAS, Quest Communications, Inc. has agreed to pay a fee of \$100 each year that the permit is in effect, as an acknowledgement that the use and enjoyment of the premises is under the permit; and

WHEREAS, A permit has been negotiated to provide for the removal and relocation of the wire line; Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Chair is authorized to execute the permit with Qwest Communications, Inc to remove and relocate an existing wire line, including wires, cables, conduits, and other fixtures as included in the permit, near the Arcade Street bridge in St. Paul for \$100 per year to be paid to the RCRRA by Qwest.

5. Approve the proposed budget for the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for 2002 in the amount of \$685,500, which includes a \$306,000 Certified tax levy

Motion made by Commissioner Ortega, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt to approve the proposed budget for the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for 2002 in the amount of \$685,500, which includes a \$306,000 Certified tax levy

Discussion was held regarding when a budget amendment should be done to reflect the sale of the bonds. Commissioner Haigh maintained it is important to amend the budget as soon as possible. Julie Kleinschmidt indicated that she will ensure the information necessary to amend the budget is provided in a timely manner.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 1  
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority was organized by Resolution 87-230, April 20, 1987, Board of Ramsey County Commissioners, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 1986, Chapter 398A, as a political subdivision and local government unit of Minnesota, to exercise thereunder part of the sovereign power of the state; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority established the proposed net tax levy of \$306,000 by Resolution R01-12, August 28, 2001, for the Truth in Taxation Law to finance the 2002 budget; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority wishes to continue to improve access to transit services in the region with other agencies, including the Metropolitan Council and other county regional railroad authorities; Now, Therefore Be It

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority discussed funding for major transit projects on November 6, 2001 approved Resolution R01-17 which determined, for reasons of economic stimulus and investment in transportation choices for the future, that the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority will sell bonds in 2002, in the amount of \$50 million for the acquisition, restoration, and/or refurbishment of a downtown St. Paul transit, transportation and rail center, which could include the St. Paul Union Depot, for the east metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority further resolved that the \$50 million in bonding will be the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority's contribution for local share for future rail transit and related corridors connecting in the downtown St. Paul transit, transportation and rail center area; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority further resolved that it is committed to having the location of the downtown St. Paul transit, transportation and rail center be the station for high-speed rail and Amtrak service; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority further resolved that it recognizes that the Central Corridor is the central link for transit between downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis, and recognizes the importance of the State legislation that already specifies that the next light rail transit line to be constructed in the region will be the Central Corridor; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority hereby approves the 2002 budget and that there be levied upon all taxable property in Ramsey County for the taxes payable year 2002 a tax rate percentum necessary to raise a tax levy of \$306,000 as follows:

|                                             |                      |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2002 Approved Budget                        | \$ 685,500.00        |
| Less estimated revenue                      | <u>\$ 385,500.00</u> |
| Tax levy                                    | \$ 300,000.00        |
| Plus allowance for uncollectible taxes (2%) | <u>\$ 6,000.00</u>   |
| Net certified tax levy                      | <b>\$ 306,000.00</b> |

And Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the 2002 Budget will be amended to establish the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Capital Improvement Budget for the \$50 million in bond proceeds and the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Debt Service Budget as soon as the bonds are issued and the debt service costs are determined, and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the unexpended balance to fund acquisition of additional right of way in the Northeast Corridor from Beam Avenue to the North County Line be rolled into the 2002 budget year.

Commissioner McDonough asked about the next work session. Kathy DeSpiegelaere replied that the next one is scheduled for January 22 in the afternoon.

Commissioner Wiessner noted that at the last legislative delegation meeting, Representative Hausman suggested that the interested Ramsey County parties meet and try to come to a consensus about priorities. Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated that nothing has been done as follow-up, but a committee is being appointed to deal with downtown St. Paul transit. Kathy DeSpiegelaere suggested it could be discussed at the next work session. Commissioner Haigh suggested a report of the meeting with Commissioner Tinklenberg also be covered in the executive session.

Meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. DeSpiegelaere  
Authorized Signature

1/07/02  
Date

Board Action Requested

Approve extension of \$3,001,400 contract with BRW, Inc. for Central Corridor Transit Study through October, 2002 at no additional cost.

ACTION IS REQUESTED

Request Justification

See information attached

1. Proposed Resolution
2. Memorandum from K. DeSpiegelaere
3. Amendment

Budgeting and Accounting

Vern W. Schlegel 1/9/02

County Attorney

Phil Markert

Risk Management

Documentation certified complete for:

January 15, 2002

Board Date

Kristine A. Longhenry  
Signature

January 7, 2002  
Date

# RESOLUTION

Board of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

No.: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has contracted for the professional engineering and planning work of BRW, Inc. for the purpose of the Central Corridor Transit Study; and

WHEREAS, The contract with BRW, Inc. expires February 15, 2002; and

WHEREAS, The professional engineering and planning work for this contract will not be completed until October, 2002; Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority extends the contract with BRW, Inc. through October, 2002 at no additional cost; and Be It Further

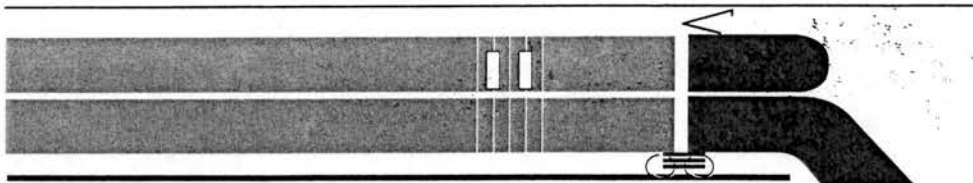
RESOLVED, That the Chair of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is authorized to execute this contract extension.

## RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

|                    | YEA   | NAY   | OTHER |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Tony Bennett       | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Susan M. Haigh     | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Jim McDonough      | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Rafael E. Ortega   | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Victoria Reinhardt | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Janice Rettman     | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Jan Wiessner       | _____ | _____ | _____ |

\_\_\_\_\_, Chair

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



**Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority**

665 Ramsey County Government Center-West, 50 West Kellogg Boulevard  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102 (612) 266-2760 / FAX (612) 266-2761

**Memorandum**

**TO:** Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority  
Paul Kirkwold, County Manager

**FROM:** Kathryn DeSpiegelaere

**SUBJECT:** BRW, Inc. Contract Extension

**DATE:** January 7, 2002

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority had entered into a contract with BRW, Inc. for engineering and planning work on the Central Corridor Transit Study. The original terms for this contract were from February 15, 2000 to February 15, 2002. The engineering and planning work for this contract will not be completed by the end of the contract period, but instead will be completed at the end of October, 2002.

Therefore, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is being requested to extend the contract with BRW, Inc. through October, 2002 at no additional cost.

Recommendation:

A resolution is attached that addresses the information above.

**ADDENDUM 1**

This agreement is an addendum to the contract between the BRW INC. and RCRRA dated February 15, 2000.

The parties agree that the Project Term of the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

**SECTION III: GENERAL CONDITIONS**

**ARTICLE 16: Term**

This agreement shall be in force and effect from February 15, 2000 through October, 2002 or until earlier terminated by the parties hereto pursuant to this Agreement.

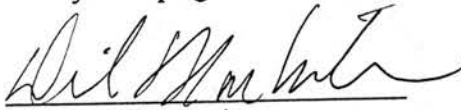
Except as herein agreed, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

**RAMSEY COUNTY  
REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY**

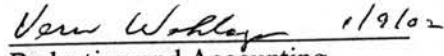
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathryn DeSpiegelaere, Director

By:   
Assistant County Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Risk Management

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By:  1/9/02  
Budgeting and Accounting

**BRW INC.**

By: 

Dated: 12/5/01



# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. DeSpiegelaere  
Authorized Signature

1/07/02  
Date

### Board Action Requested

Approve extension of \$250,000 contract with Himle Horner, Inc. for Central Corridor Public Education through October, 2002 at no additional cost.

**ACTION IS REQUESTED**

### Request Justification

See information attached

1. Proposed Resolution
2. Memorandum from K. DeSpiegelaere
3. Amendment

Budgeting and Accounting

County Attorney

Risk Management

Documentation certified complete for:

January 15, 2002

Board Date

Kristine A. Longhenry  
Signature

January 7, 2002  
Date

# RESOLUTION

Board of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

No.: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has contracted for the professional consulting services of Himle Horner, Inc. for the purpose of the Central Corridor Public Education Study; and

WHEREAS, The contract with Himle Horner, Inc. expires March, 2002; and

WHEREAS, The consulting services for this contract will not be completed until October, 2002; Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority extends the contract with Himle Horner, Inc. through October, 2002 at no additional cost; and Be It Further

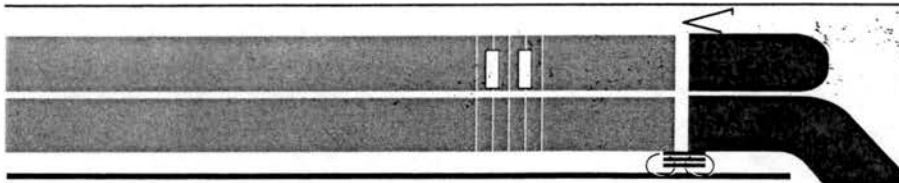
RESOLVED, That the Chair of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is authorized to execute this contract extension.

## RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

|                    | YEA   | NAY   | OTHER |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Tony Bennett       | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Susan M. Haigh     | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Jim McDonough      | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Rafael E. Ortega   | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Victoria Reinhardt | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Janice Rettman     | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Jan Wiessner       | _____ | _____ | _____ |

\_\_\_\_\_, Chair

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



## **Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority**

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### **Memorandum**

**TO:** Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority  
Paul Kirkwold, County Manager

**FROM:** Kathryn DeSpiegelaere

**SUBJECT:** Himle Horner, Inc. Contract Extension

**DATE:** January 7, 2002

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority had entered into a contract with Himle Horner, Inc. for consulting services for public education on the Central Corridor Transit Study. The original terms for this contract were from March, 2000 to March, 2002. The public education services for this contract will not be completed by the end of the contract period, but instead will be completed at the end of October, 2002.

Therefore, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is being requested to extend the contract with Himle Horner, Inc. through October, 2002 at no additional cost.

Recommendation:

A resolution is attached that addresses the information above.

**ADDENDUM 1**

This agreement is an addendum to the contract between Himle Horner Incorporated and RCRRA dated March 28, 2000.

The parties agree that the Project Term of the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

**SECTION III: GENERAL CONDITIONS**

**ARTICLE 16. TERM**

This agreement shall be in force and effect from March, 2000 through October, 2002 or until earlier terminated by the parties hereto pursuant to this agreement.

Except as herein agreed, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

**RAMSEY COUNTY  
REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY**

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

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathryn DeSpiegelaere, Director

By: [Signature]  
Assistant County Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Risk Management

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By: [Signature] 1/9/02  
Budgeting and Accounting

**HIMLE HORNER INCORPORATED**

By: [Signature]

Dated: 12/4/01

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

Kathryn DeSpiegelaere  
Authorized Signature

1/07/02  
Date

Board Action Requested

Approve extension of the July, 1998 agreement with the City of St. Paul for the berm removal at Maryland and Johnson Parkway through August 1, 2003.

**ACTION IS REQUESTED**

Request Justification

See information attached

1. Proposed Resolution
2. Memorandum from K. DeSpiegelaere
3. Letter from T. Schertler, St. Paul PED
4. Amendment

Budgeting and Accounting

Van Wally 1/9/02

County Attorney

Wit M. M. M.

Risk Management

Documentation certified complete for:

January 15, 2002

Board Date

Kristine A Longhenry  
Signature

January 7, 2002

Date

# RESOLUTION

Board of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

No.: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has contracted with the City of St. Paul for the berm removal at Maryland and Johnson Parkway; and

WHEREAS, The contract with the City of St. Paul expired December 31, 2001; and

WHEREAS, The berm removal will not be completed until August 1, 2003; Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority extends the contract with the City of St. Paul through August 1, 2003; and Be It Further

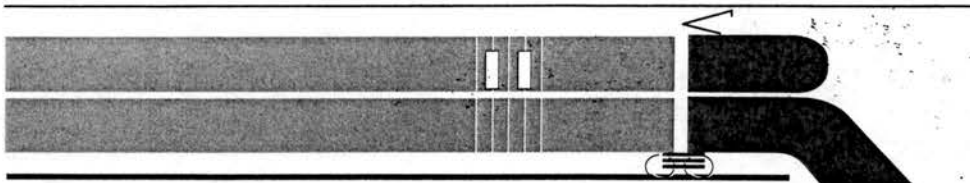
RESOLVED, That the Chair of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is authorized to execute this contract extension.

## RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

|                    | YEA   | NAY   | OTHER |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Tony Bennett       | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Susan M. Haigh     | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Jim McDonough      | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Rafael E. Ortega   | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Victoria Reinhardt | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Janice Rettman     | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Jan Wiessner       | _____ | _____ | _____ |

\_\_\_\_\_, Chair

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



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### **Memorandum**

**TO:** Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority  
Paul Kirkwold, County Manager

**FROM:** Kathryn DeSpiegelaere

**SUBJECT:** City of St. Paul Contract Extension

**DATE:** January 7, 2002

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority had entered into a contract with the City of St. Paul for berm removal at Maryland and Johnson Parkway. The original terms for this contract were from July 30, 1998 to December 31, 2001. The removal of the berm will not be completed by the end of the contract period, but instead will be completed by August 1, 2003.

Therefore, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is being requested to extend the contract with the City of St. Paul through August 1, 2003.

**Recommendation:**

A resolution is attached that addresses the information above.





CITY OF SAINT PAUL

*Randy C. Kelly, Mayor*

25 West Fourth Street  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Telephone: 651-266-6626  
Facsimile: 651-228-3341

January 2, 2002

Kathryn DeSpiegelaere  
Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority  
665 Ramsey County Government Center - West  
St. Paul, MN. 55102

Re: Extension Request of July, 1998 Agreement  
Berm Removal Maryland/Johnson Parkway

The City of Saint Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development is requesting that the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority consider an extension request of the July, 1998 Agreement addressing the berm removal at Maryland and Johnson Parkway. The Agreement allowed until December 1, 2001 for the removal of the berm and bridge at Maryland/Johnson Parkway and the berm from Maryland to Johnson Parkway and New Phalen Corridor (Prosperity). The City has completed the bridge removal at Johnson Parkway/Maryland; and also completed the berm removal for 1000 feet north of Maryland in accordance with approved plans.

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota (HRA) has completed the purchase and demolition of the old Mangini's Hall and Ponderosa site located at Johnson Parkway. HRA and the neighborhood worked in securing Realife, Inc. as the developer of a 59 unit senior cooperative at the northeast corner of Johnson Parkway and New Phalen Boulevard (Prosperity). Realife, Inc. completed the negotiations on the site owned by Taco Bell which was also needed for the new construction of the three story building with underground parking. It was the intent to start site work late in 2001 at which time the remaining portion of the berm adjacent to Johnson Parkway would be removed and restored in accordance with an approved plan. In completing the soil investigation work on the Taco Bell site, Realife, Inc. uncovered minimal petroleum contamination which did however delay commencing the site work. Realife has completed the investigation with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and has developed a Response Action Plan that has been accepted. Realife, Inc. will be closing on the property and financing on January 23, 2002, and demolition is scheduled to commence within two weeks. There is substantial amount of soil that has to be removed for the construction and clean-fill provided. The berm will provide the needed fill for the new senior cooperative building which is sold-out.

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Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

HRA has also approved the acquisition of the Old Wells Fargo Building at 1161 Clarence and will be closing with Wells Fargo first week of February, 2002. That building will also be demolished. It is anticipated that this site will be developed with more housing and if any unused fill is left from the berm removal will be used for this site.

The Realife Cooperative of Phalen Village will be a 14-16 month construction period. At the same time the City will be completing the third phase of the wetland restoration which is just to the north of the Realife Cooperative and will also include restoration to the berm area. It is planned that the berm will be down by fall of 2002, but we would like to request an extension until August 1, 2003, to make sure that the landscaping of the berm area has been completed and is established. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement would remain the same.

At this time, we wish to thank the Ramsey County Railroad Authority for consideration of this request. Great progress has been made in the Phalen Village Area with restoration of Ames Lake, new housing, new Bureau of Criminal Apprehension building to open in 2003, new Wells Fargo Bank building opening in January 2002, Walgreens and Heatheast Medical Center. It is anticipated that another 100 units of ownership housing will be built on the remaining parcels designated for housing development.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sheryl Pemberton-Hoiby of my staff at 651-266-6615.

Sincerely,



Tony Schertler  
Interim Director

cc: Council President Bostrom  
County Commissioner Jim McDonough

**ADDENDUM 1**

This agreement is an addendum to the contract between the City of St. Paul and RCRA dated July 30, 1998.

The parties agree that the Project Term of the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

**SECTION 3:**

The City shall remove all material in the berm in the Project Area no later than August 1, 2003.

Except as herein agreed, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

**RAMSEY COUNTY  
REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY**

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

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: Kathryn DeSpiegelaeere  
Kathryn DeSpiegelaeere, Director

By: [Signature]  
Assistant County Attorney

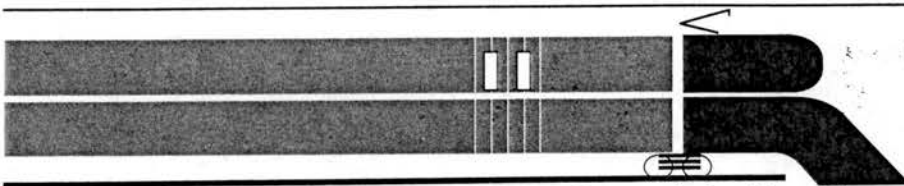
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Risk Management

By: Vern Wohlge 1/9/02  
Budgeting and Accounting

**CITY OF ST. PAUL**

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

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_



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### **AGENDA**

#### **Regional Railroad Authority Annual Organizational Meeting**

**January 15, 2002**

**Immediately following Administrative Board Meeting**

**Third Floor Council Chambers Courthouse**

1.     \*     Appoint officers for 2002 Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority,  
Metropolitan Light Rail Transit Joint Powers Board, Rush Line Task Force, Red  
Rock Corridor, Central Corridor, Northeast Corridor, Riverview Corridor,  
Downtown St. Paul Rail Transit Station and the Northstar Corridor.

\*     Action is requested



# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

*K. H. Spiegelbauer*  
Authorized Signature

1/08/02  
Date

### Board Action Requested

Appoint officers for 2002 for the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, Metropolitan Light Rail Transit Joint Powers Board, Central Corridor, Rush Line Task Force, Red Rock Corridor, Riverview Corridor, Northeast Diagonal, Downtown St. Paul rail transit station and the Northstar Corridor.

**ACTION IS REQUESTED**

### Request Justification

See attached proposed resolution.

Budgeting and Accounting

*Vern W. Selby* 1/9/02

County Attorney

*W. J. M. M. M. M.*

Risk Management

Documentation certified complete for:

January 15, 2002

Board Date

*Kristine A. Longhenry*  
Signature

January 7, 2002  
Date

# RESOLUTION

Board of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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WHEREAS, The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners organized a regional railroad authority pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 398A by Resolution 87-230 in April, 1987; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint the following officers to the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for 2002:

Chair  
Vice-Chair  
Secretary  
Treasurer

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Metropolitan Light Rail Transit Joint Powers Board for 2002:

Member  
Alternate

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Rush Line Task Force for 2002:

Representative  
Alternate

And Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Red Rock Corridor for 2002:

Representative  
Alternate

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Central Corridor Coordinating Committee for 2002:

Member  
Member

And Be It Further

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# RESOLUTION

Board of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Northeast Diagonal Policy Advisory Committee for 2002:

Member  
Alternate

And Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Riverview Corridor Management Committee for 2002:

Member  
Member

And Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as the Downtown St. Paul Rail Transit Station Task Force representative for 2002:

And Be It Finally

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as the Northstar Corridor liason for 2002.

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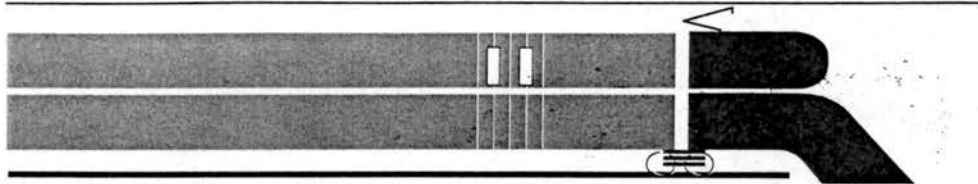
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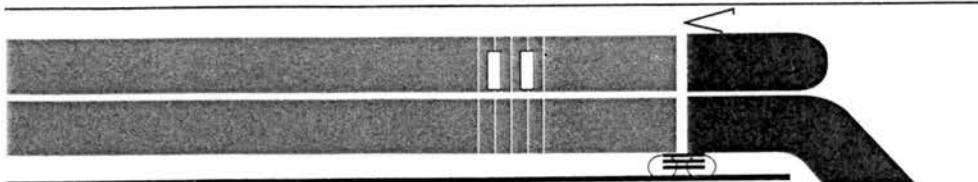
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The Regional Railroad Authority organizational meeting previously scheduled for January 8 is cancelled.



## **Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority**

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### **AGENDA**

#### **Regional Railroad Authority Worksession**

**January 22, 2002**

**Immediately following County Board meeting or 1:30 p.m.**

**Large Conference Room, Room 220, Courthouse**

1. Discuss next steps on transit corridors
2. Discuss Red Rock Commuter Rail funding formula

\* Action may be taken

# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. DeSpiegelaere

Authorized Signature

January 17, 2002

Date

### Board Action Requested

Discuss next steps on transit corridors

**DISCUSSION ONLY**

### Request Justification

- See attached:
1. Memorandum from K. DeSpiegelaere dated January 8, 2002
  2. Work session discussion information
  3. Resolution No. R01-17, adopted November 6, 2001
  4. Union Depot area aerial photo
  5. High speed ground transportation association information

Budgeting and Accounting

County Attorney

Risk Management

Documentation certified complete for:

January 22, 2002

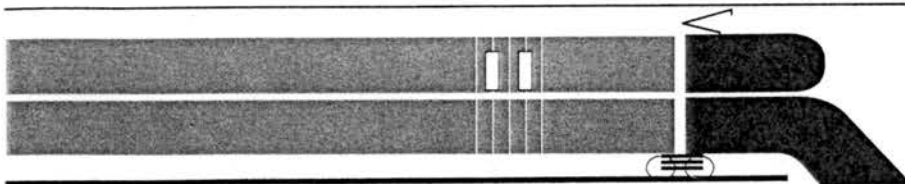
Board Date

*Kristine A. Longhenry*

Signature

*January 22, 2002*

Date



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## **Memorandum**

**TO:** Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners  
Paul Kirkwold, County Manager

**FROM:** Kathryn DeSpiegelaere, Director

**SUBJECT:** Work Session Materials

**DATE:** January 22, 2002

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The Rail Authority will have a work session on January 22. The subject of the work session, to be held in 220 Courthouse, will be:

1. Next steps on transit corridors — Attachment 1 is information on this topic. It includes
  - A. four pages of text for the work session
  - B. the resolution adopted on November 6
  - C. an aerial photo that illustrates the Union Depot area
  - D. information on the high speed ground transportation association

# **WHAT IT TAKES TO IMPLEMENT A MAJOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECT**

## **1. Vision**

Ramsey County is to be a location for diverse transportation modes, including a mix of buses, commuter rail, light rail and high speed rail. These modes will help fulfill the vision of a vibrant, pedestrian friendly, urban area that meets the diverse needs of those who rely on transit and those who have a choice about transit. These modes will come together at a downtown St. Paul transit, transportation and rail center. (Resolution passed by RCRRA, November 6, 2001)

## **2. Focus**

## **3. Consensus**

There is agreement of RCRRA on bonding of \$50 million for local share for future rail transit and related corridors connecting in the downtown St. Paul transit, transportation and rail center area. (Resolution passed by RCRRA, November 6, 2001)

## **4. Champion**

5. **Funding**

Local funds are to be provided from the Regional Railroad Authority in the amount of \$50 million. (Resolution passed by RCRRA, November 6, 2001)

There is agreement of RCRRA to seek federal and state funding for rail transit corridors in metro east.

6. **Stay the course**

7. **Complete the technical work**

- A draft environmental impact statement is being completed for LRT/BRT for the Central Corridor.
- Discussions are occurring with Mn/DOT for additional commuter rail work for the Central/Red Rock Corridor.

## NEXT STEPS

### Consensus/Champion

Build consensus among partners ---- Mn/DOT, Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County, St. Paul, Congress, Legislators, Metropolitan Light Rail Transit Joint Powers Board, business community, labor unions, general public.

Recommended actions:

- Designate a lead Commissioner for building consensus and a lead Commissioner as a champion for the vision
- Meet with Commissioner Tinklenberg
- Meet with Chair Mondale
- Talk with Hennepin County Commissioners
- Talk with Mayor Kelly
- Present information at Metropolitan Light Rail Transit Joint Powers Board
- Talk with St. Paul Area Chamber Chair, members and staff
- Submit op/ed pieces to Strib and Pioneer Press
- Meet with editorial boards
- Send letters to Congressional members for Minnesota
- Meet with Union leaders
- Meet with key legislators
- Meet with Congressional members and staff
- Meet with key business leaders
- Attend neighborhood meetings
- Join high speed ground transportation association



- Consider if outside assistance is needed for state legislature, federal authorizations and appropriations, public information strategy and development

### **Funding**

Recommended actions:

- Bonding - delegate to staff the authority to:
  - Hire bond counsel
  - Develop agreement with financial advisor
  - Prepare official statement
  - Award sale of bonds
  - Prepare RCRRA resolution awarding the bid
  - Receive bond proceeds

### **Complete the technical work**

Recommended actions:

- Downtown St. Paul rail transit/transportation center - designate to staff the authority to:
  - Develop information on high speed rail, commuter rail and light rail transit intermodal station location
  - Assess location(s) including investigating the ownership, appraisal, survey, environmental assessment, lease report, building condition report.
- Request staff to provide information to RCRRA on high speed rail

# RESOLUTION

Board of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Date: November 6, 2001

No.: R01-17

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WHEREAS, Residents and policymakers in the Twin Cities metropolitan area have recognized that, although congestion is increasing at a dramatic rate, enough roadway capacity to meet transportation needs cannot be built; and

WHEREAS, Several studies have demonstrated broad public support in the Twin Cities for aggressive and diverse solutions to congestion, including a mix of buses, commuter rail, light rail and high speed rail; and

WHEREAS, Rail transit, when combined with supportive public policies, is a catalyst for development along rail lines, enhances the tax base of the cities where it is located, and acts as an economic stimulus, as has been demonstrated in case studies of cities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Major transit projects can help fulfill the vision of a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly, urban area that meets the diverse needs of those who rely on transit and those who have a choice about means of transportation; and

WHEREAS, Employers recognize the importance of access to jobs for their employees; and

WHEREAS, Businesses, especially smaller businesses that are helping to revitalize neighborhoods and commercial districts, recognize the importance of convenient access for customers; and

WHEREAS, Transit studies in this metropolitan region have consistently demonstrated the strong viability of transit corridors in the east metropolitan area, including those in Ramsey County. The many transit studies have demonstrated that the time for implementation of those studies is now; and

WHEREAS, The federal government has shown support for funding improvements to and development of inter-city, high-speed passenger trains nationwide, including a line that has the downtown St. Paul transit, transportation and rail center as its Twin Cities stop; and

WHEREAS, High-speed passenger trains serving the Twin Cities region, with arrivals and departures from the downtown St. Paul transit, transportation and rail center, promise to significantly contribute to the economic vitality and growth of St. Paul, Ramsey County, and the region; and

# RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Transit lines that stop at the downtown St. Paul transit, transportation and rail center would also link commuter rail from other metropolitan counties, including Northstar Corridor, Rush Line Corridor and Red Rock Corridor, and would link St. Paul to the Hiawatha Corridor through the Central Corridor; and

WHEREAS, The downtown St. Paul transit, transportation and rail center, through these connections, could become a major transportation center for the east metropolitan area, the Twin Cities region, and the entire Midwest, by linking the transit corridors in the east metropolitan area, including Central Corridor, Rush Line Corridor, and Red Rock Corridor – all of which have been shown to be economically viable – with buses, high-speed rail, Midwest Regional Rail, and Amtrak, and with connections to the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, for reasons of economic stimulus and investment in transportation choices for the future, will sell bonds in 2002, in the amount of \$50 million for the acquisition, restoration, and/or refurbishment of a downtown St. Paul transit, transportation and rail center, which could include the St. Paul Union Depot, for the east metropolitan area; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the \$50 million in bonding will be the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority's contribution for local share for future rail transit and related corridors connecting in the downtown St. Paul transit, transportation and rail center area; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That Ramsey County Regional Railroad is committed to having the location of downtown St. Paul transit, transportation and rail center be the station for high-speed rail and Amtrak service; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority recognizes that the Central Corridor is the central link for transit between downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis, and recognizes the importance of the state legislation that already specifies that the next light rail transit line to be constructed in the region will be the Central Corridor; and Be It Finally

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority encourages St. Paul, Hennepin County, Minneapolis and other east metropolitan area cities and counties to contribute resources to the vision embodied in this resolution, of a vibrant, diverse, and economically stable Twin Cities metropolitan area.

# RESOLUTION

Board of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Date: November 6, 2001 No.: R01-17

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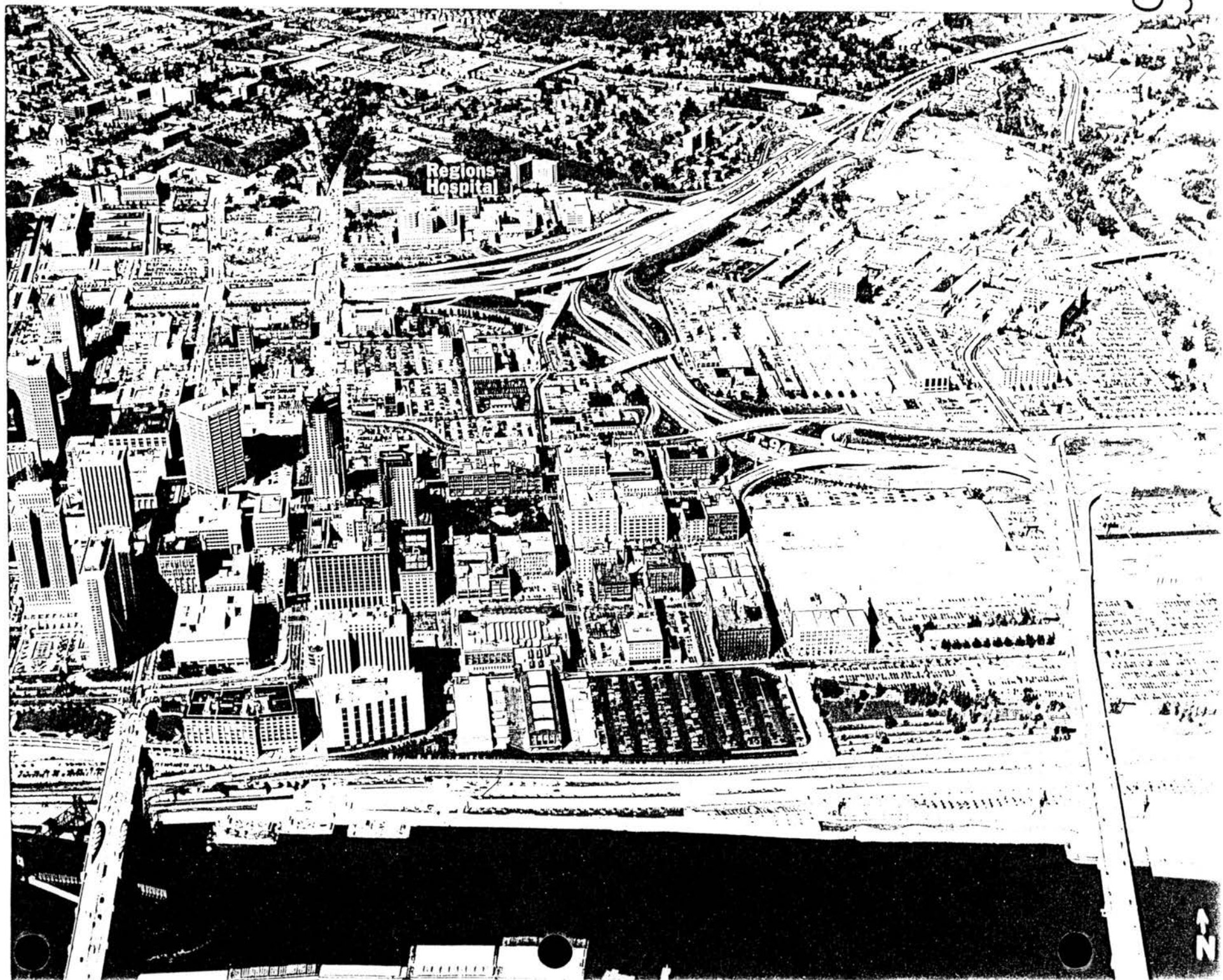
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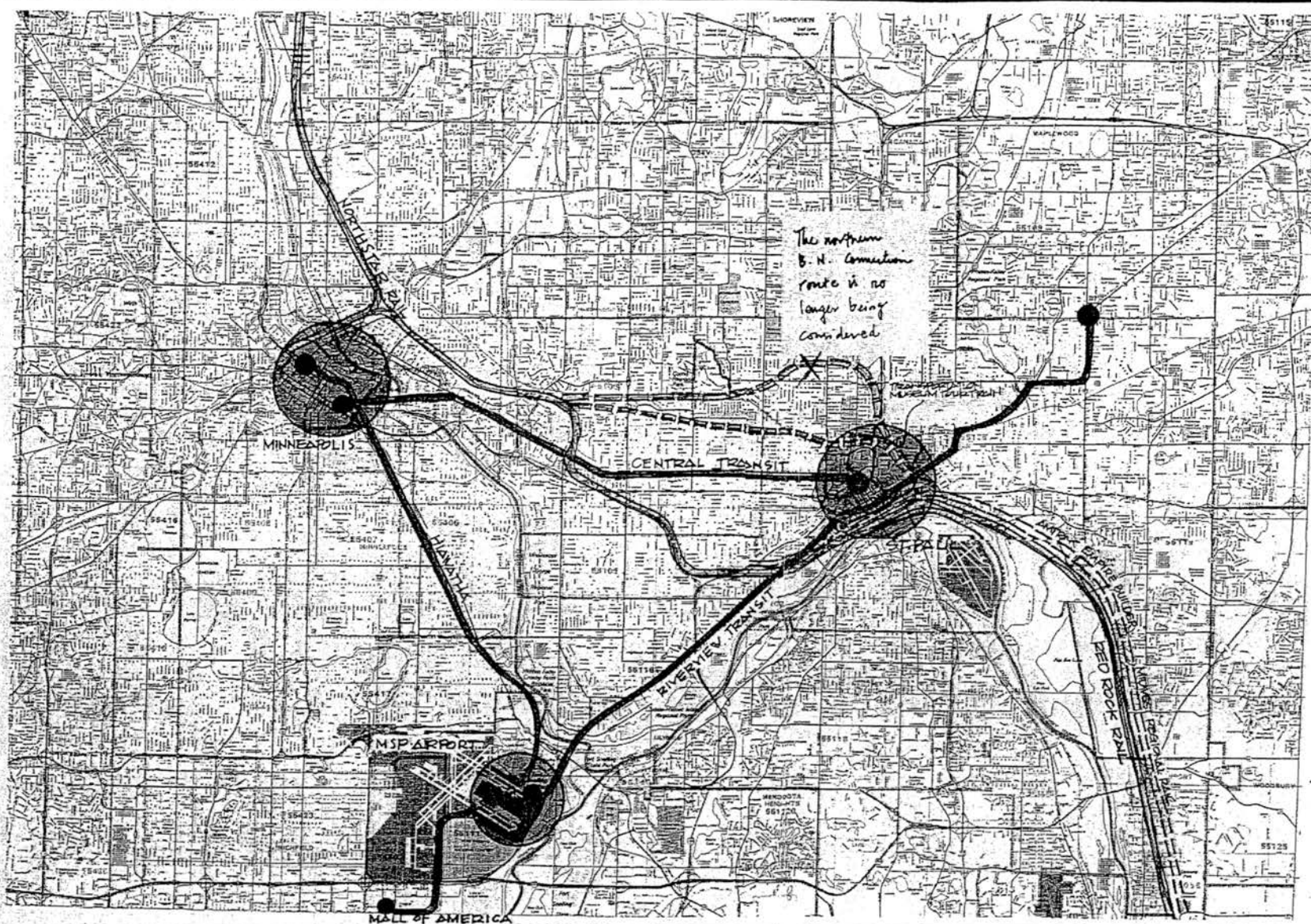
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CAPITOL LRT  
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AMTRAK - RAIL  
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NORTHSTAR -  
RED ROCK RAIL

**MIDWEST REGIONAL  
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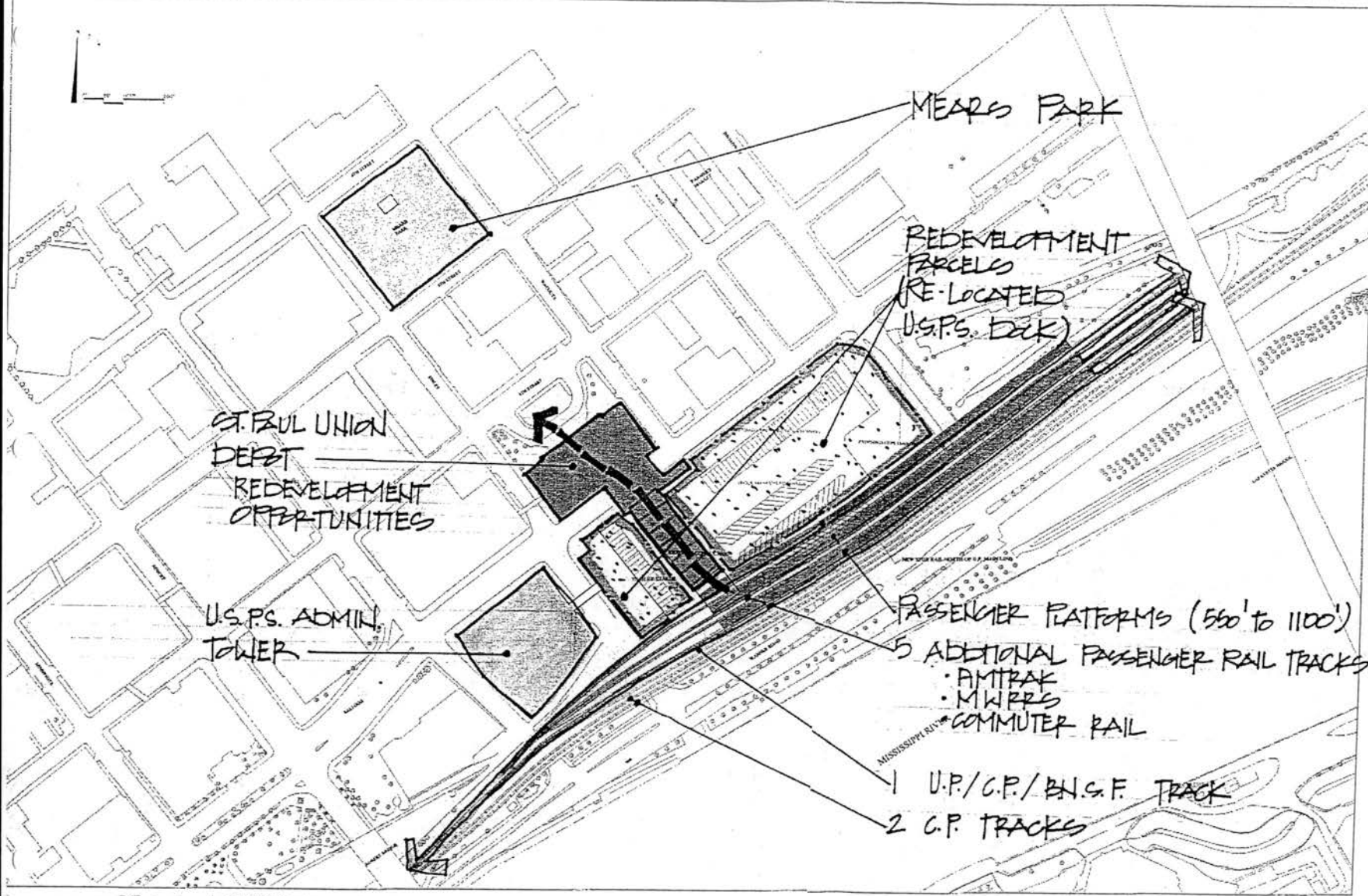


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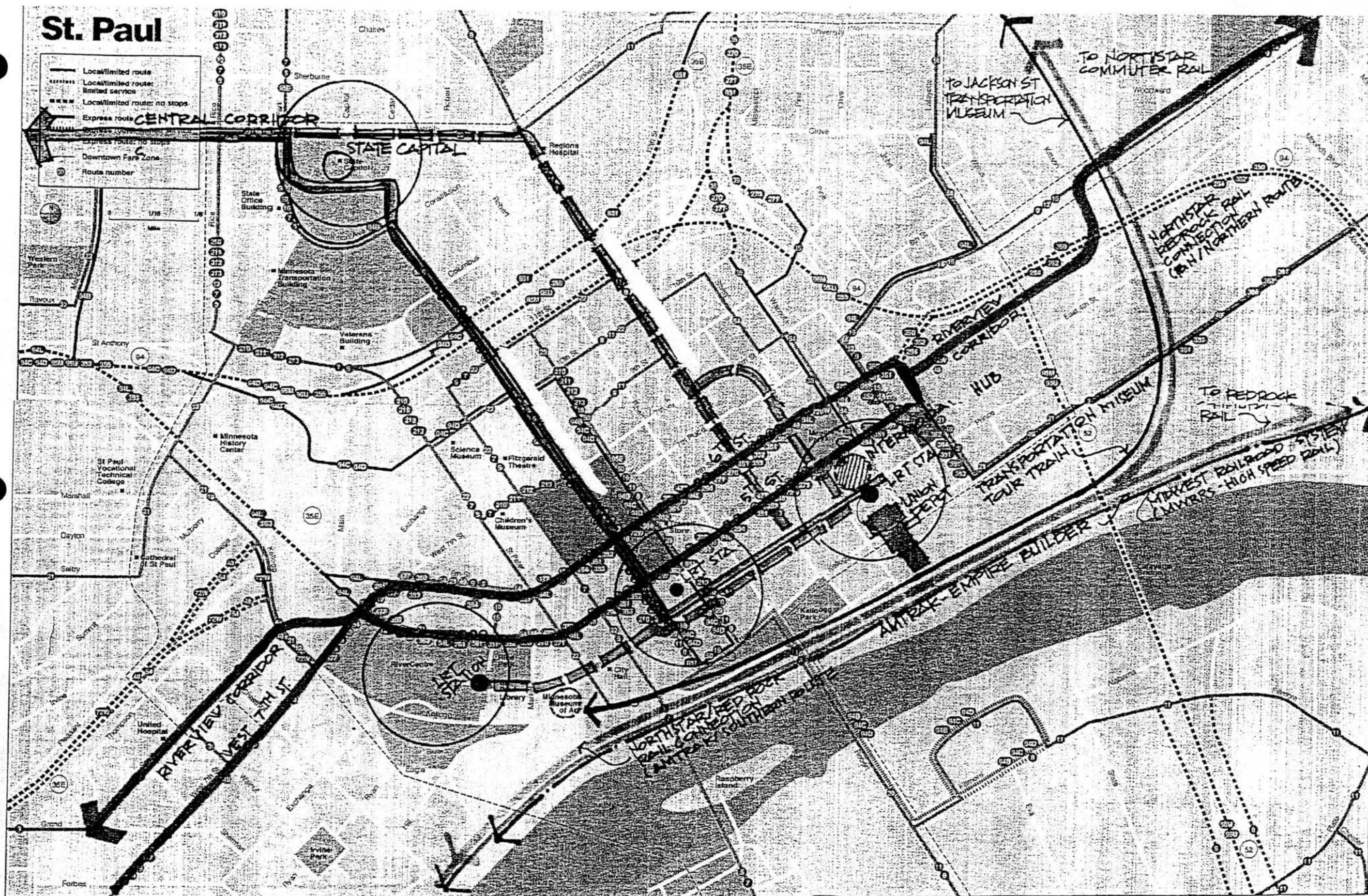
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# St. Paul



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- CAPITOL LRT
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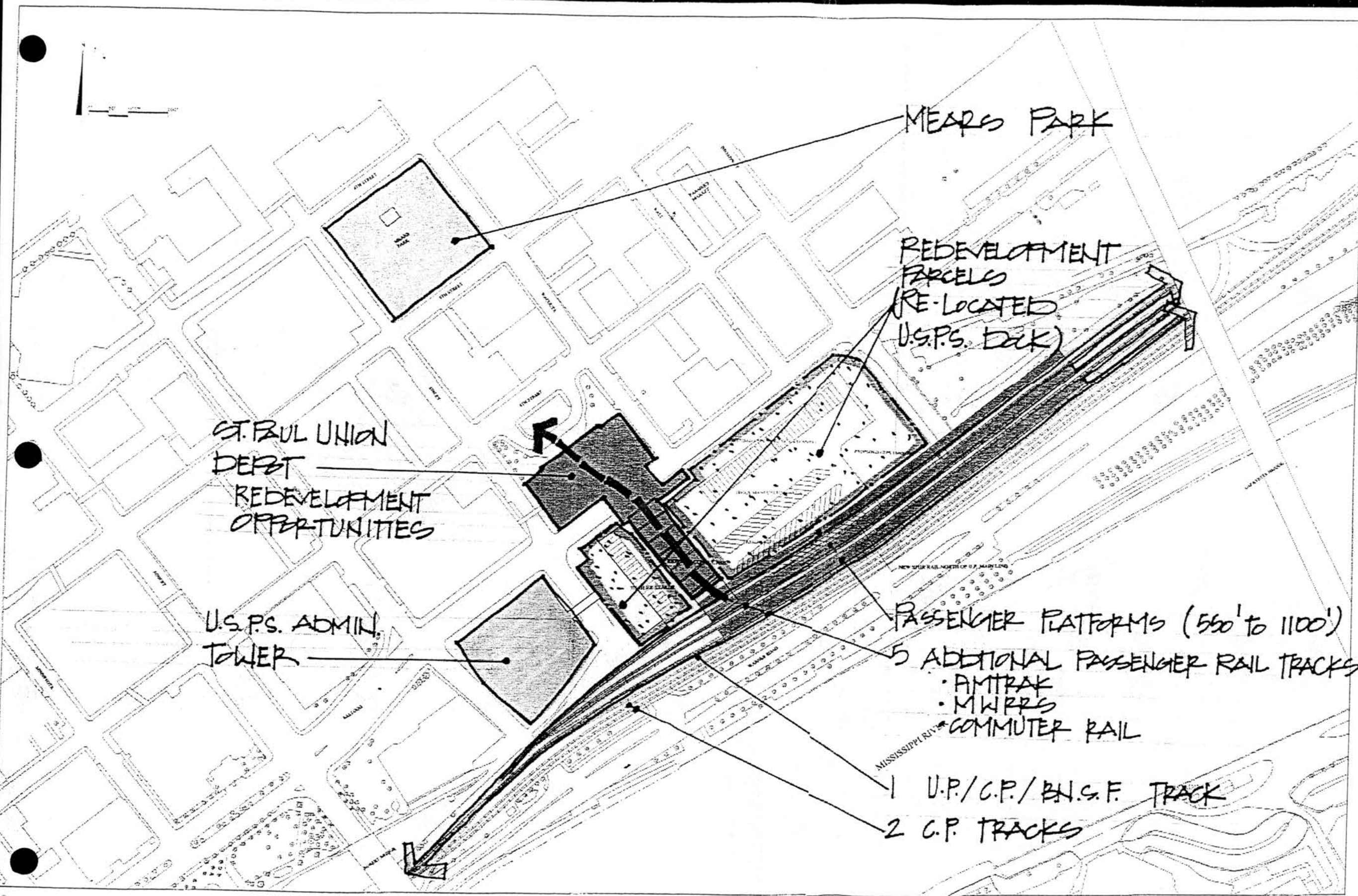
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Attachment 1d.



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## Our Mission

### Our Mission

"1. Continue to provide a consolidated voice in Washington and at the state levels to promote intercity passenger transportation as a viable component of a true multimodal system. To be effective this effort must result in meaningful programs being funded.

2. Be a leader in consolidating the various interest groups to which we currently belong and who are promoting various aspects of intercity ground transportation investment."



*Robert J. Dietz,  
Executive Vice President/Vice Chair,*

*Gannet Fleming*

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The High Speed Ground Transportation Association was organized in 1983 to advocate the integration of high-speed ground transportation service in North America and world-wide as a necessary addition to existing transportation networks.

This is the only international organization with the sole purpose to promote the design, construction and operation of high-speed ground transportation systems.

High-speed rail is a generic name for a family of technologies, both steel-wheel on rail and magnetic levitation (maglev) systems.



Without a single passenger fatality in more than 30 years of operation in Europe and Japan, high-speed rail is the safest form of transportation in the world.

Integrating these systems requires a strong collaboration among industry interests. Our membership is among the most diverse of any similar organization.

11/14/2001



**PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: METROPOLITAN LRT JOINT POWERS BOARD**

**FR: LOCKRIDGE GRINDAL NAUEN FEDERAL RELATIONS**  
**Dennis McGrann // Andrew Tantillo**

**DT: JANUARY 16, 2001**

**RE: FEDERAL UPDATE**

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**Latest Developments**

The new year finds Congress and the Administration officials rightly focused on the war against terrorism. However the Administration's budget writing arm, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), is putting the finishing touches on the President's fiscal year 2003 budget proposal.

The budget, which is typically released in conjunction with the President's State of the Union Address in late January, will likely not address earmarks for individual transportation projects. Although the document is merely a suggestion of Administration priorities and does not carry the force of law, it carries a great deal of political weight that is used by the Administration to hold down spending in some areas and increase spending in others.

Sources indicate that OMB began asking executive agencies to prepare budget cuts in domestic social programs well before September 11, 2001. As you know, since the attacks of that day the 10 year projected budget surplus plummeted toward deficit territory. The need to increase funding for the armed services, homeland defense, and intelligence will be met. However one might assume that the pressure to avoid a return to large deficits, especially in an election year, might squeeze out domestic programs.

That said, transportation infrastructure improvement is well respected on both sides of the aisle as a nonpartisan economic stimulus mechanism, and is popular among Members of Congress in an election year. The state of the economy and the state of the political realities surrounding the budget will have the last word on whether transportation suffers the fate of domestic social programs, defense or maintains level funding.

### **Next Step: Fiscal Year 2003 Appropriations**

The timeline for the next six months of the fiscal year 2003 federal budget is as follows:

- January: The Administration's budget writing arm, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) submits to Congress a proposed federal budget containing proposed spending cuts and increases to existing programs and new initiatives
- Feb-April: The House and Senate Budget Committees craft a nonbonding budget resolution outlining spending levels. The budget resolution is instructive but not binding for the appropriations legislation.
- March-April: Appropriations Subcommittees begin to require individual Members of Congress to turn in their earmark requests for projects in their districts.
- May – June: The Appropriations Committees divide the proposed spending in the budget resolution among the 13 Appropriations Subcommittees. The Chairmen of each of the Subcommittees produce draft versions of the appropriations bills for which they are responsible.

Given this timeline, it is important to get the Joint Powers Board's request to Congress as soon as possible – by January 31 if possible. LOCKRIDGE GRINDAL NAUEN FEDERAL RELATIONS would be proud to assist in the drafting and delivery, and follow-up of these letters.

Following the formal submission of the request, it will be important to call and visit your Congressional representatives on these requests, line up or maintain grassroots, local and state (if possible) support for the projects.

### **The "Next" Next Step: The Transportation Authorization bill TEA-3**

The House Transportation Committee and the Senate Commerce Committee will begin hearings this spring on the current transportation policy bill, TEA-21, with an eye toward a rewrite of this legislation when it expires at the end of fiscal year 2003. (The bill, which is in the very early conceptual stages, is being referred to in transportation policy circles as TEA-3 and TEA-22.)

Along with advocating for fiscal year 2003 appropriations, it will be important to develop the Board's requests for the authorization of projects in TEA-3. LOCKRIDGE GRINDAL NAUEN FEDERAL RELATIONS has drafted a proposed letter attached to this memorandum for your review. Depending on the dates assigned to committee hearings the Board may explore testifying before Congress on Twin Cities Transitways in addition to regular advocacy efforts.

### **Midwest High Speed Rail // Amtrak: Review**

Last year saw shifting fortunes for both High Speed Rail and Amtrak passenger service. 2001 began with Congress poised to forgo high-speed rail development in order to build critically needed new runways to ease airport congestion. Amtrak began the year almost certain not to meet a Congressional mandate to become economically self-sufficient or face liquidation. However, 2002 finds Congress much more interested in high-speed rail and Amtrak the recipient of a reprieve. Below is a summary of federal intercity rail development in 2001.

The 1997 Amtrak Reform Act required that Amtrak be self-sufficient from federal operating subsidies by 2003 or face liquidation. The Amtrak reform Council on January 11 2002 voted to recommend that Congress break up Amtrak, however in December a strong bipartisan Congressional coalition signed onto a letter to the president asserting that they would not be liquidating Amtrak anytime soon. Sen. Joseph Biden (D-DE) tacked an amendment into the FY02 Defense Appropriations bill that prohibits Amtrak from writing a liquidation plan, so it is safe for the time being. However, John Mica (R-FL) a key Transportation Committee member is strongly advocating the liquidation of Amtrak and has vowed to push the issue next year.

The FY02 Transportation Appropriations Bill contained \$521.5 million for Amtrak capital expenses. The Democratic stimulus package contained \$7 billion for high-speed rail infrastructure, but the stimulus bill died in negotiations between the Senate and the White House in December. While the future of Amtrak as an entity may be uncertain, key policymakers have signaled a new enthusiasm for high-speed intercity rail development.

Although one might suspect that the war mobilization effort and the sagging economy might soften support for these capital-intensive projects, quite the opposite has occurred. Key lawmakers have cited both the engagement with terrorists and the soft economy as reasons for renewed massive investment in surface transportation projects. Senate Appropriations Chairman Byrd has called for a massive increase in local transportation construction projects in order to stimulate the economy. And the economic impact of the slowdown of the aviation industry following the September 11 attacks has lead to calls by the House Transportation Committee Chairman Don Young (R-AK) to develop high-speed rail.

Concerned that the United States has become overly dependent on aviation as a means of travel, Chairman Young introduced legislation (H.R. 2950) to provide \$71 billion for the development of regional high-speed rail corridors. (As you may know the Midwest High-Speed Rail Corridor from Chicago to St. Paul and Minneapolis was authorized in 1998). The acquisition of locomotives, rolling stock, track, and signal equipment would be eligible for federal funding under the bill.

The bill would authorize \$36 billion in tax-exempt bonds for high-speed rail projects over 10 years. Bonds could be issued for projects on viable high-speed rail corridors that eliminate at-grade rail crossings. The Department of Transportation would give priority to projects that will receive state funding and promote intermodal coordination of transportation facilities. The bill also would authorize \$35 billion in loans and loan guarantees for freight and commuter rail improvements, including \$7 billion for short lines. The money would be available for freight rail, Class 1, regional, short lines and passenger rail projects. Although the bill did not come to the Floor of either House for a vote, stakeholders expect a big push for the bill in 2002. In the meantime, the FY 2002 Transportation Appropriations bill contained \$250,000 for elimination of highway crossing hazards for the Midwest High-Speed Rail Initiative.

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*LOCKRIDGE GRINDAL NAUEN FEDERAL RELATIONS looks forward to working with the Joint Powers Board in 2002 to advocate for the transit needs of the metropolitan area. Please don't hesitate to contact us at 202/544-9840 at any time. Thank you.*

# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. DeSpiegelaere  
Authorized Signature

January 22, 2002  
Date

### Board Action Requested

Discuss Red Rock Commuter Rail  
Funding Formula

**DISCUSSION ONLY**

### Request Justification

See attached: Memorandum from Steve Morris to Kathy DeSpiegelaere

Budgeting and Accounting \_\_\_\_\_

County Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

Risk Management \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation certified complete for:

January 22, 2002

Board Date

Kristine A. Longhenny  
Signature

January 22, 2002  
Date



January 15, 2002

To: Kathryn DeSpiegelaere

From: Steve Morris

Re: Red Rock Local Share Allocation

The Red Rock Corridor Feasibility Study projected the capitol cost of the commuter rail from Hastings to Minneapolis to be \$421.8 million in 2010 dollars. The 10% share contemplated for the Regional Rail Authorities would be \$42.2 million. The following table shows the dollar amount for a range of percentages that could be paid by the various Authorities.

| Percent Share | Dollar Amount |
|---------------|---------------|
|               |               |
| 5%            | \$2.1m        |
| 10%           | \$4.2m        |
| 15%           | \$6.3m        |
| 20%           | \$8.4m        |
| 25%           | \$10.5m       |
| 30%           | \$12.7m       |
| 35%           | \$14.8m       |
| 40%           | \$16.9m       |
| 45%           | \$19.0m       |

Future phases of the project such as the Environmental Impact Statement process, Preliminary Engineering, and Final Design will adjust the budget estimate. The Red Rock Joint Powers Board may incur additional costs for activities such as station area planning and public information.

A wide variety of approaches can be used to decide how to allocate costs between the Rail Authorities. Prior work that has been done on commuter rail in the Red Rock corridor has been allocated based on 20% from Dakota County and 40% each from Ramsey and Washington Counties. The committee of commissioners that has been discussing the Red Rock commuter rail project last met on January 14, 2002. Three approaches that were discussed at that meeting were:

|            |     |     |     |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Dakota     | 10% | 5%  | 10% |
| Hennepin   | 30% | 20% | 20% |
| Ramsey     | 30% | 40% | 35% |
| Washington | 30% | 35% | 35% |

No agreement was reached at that meeting.

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The next phase of the project is the Environmental Impact Statement. MnDOT estimates approximately \$3.5 million for that phase and is requesting a 20% local match from the Counties to match 80% Federal funding. That would be \$700,000 in County funding. Some additional funding may be required to pay for City or County station area planning activities around stations. The approach to station area planning is still under discussion.

Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Transit request for state bonding

January 22, 2002

The following request for state bonding in the 2002 legislative session are in priority order:

1. Central Corridor Transitway, St. Paul to Minneapolis  
\$10 million for preliminary engineering and environmental work
2. Red Rock Commuter Rail, Hastings to Minneapolis  
\$5 million for environmental and engineering work
3. Union Depot, downtown St. Paul, restoration and refurbishment,  
purchase  
\$10 million
4. Rush Line, St. Paul to Hinckley  
\$8 million for park and pool, bus improvements
5. High speed rail, Chicago to St. Paul  
\$10 million for engineering and environmental work

**Longhenry, Kris**

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**From:** DeSpiegelaere, Kathryn  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 23, 2002 4:37 AM  
**To:** Riley, Nick; Mayasich, Timothy; Kirkwold, Paul; Longhenry, Kris; Vap, Alicia; Morris, Steve; Wehlage, Vern; MacMillan, David; Holly, Marion  
**Subject:** work session

Here is what I heard the commissioners agree to at yesterday's rail authority work session:

1. Each corridor has its own champion. Rafael as lead and Sue as alternate are the "overall champions."
2. The board members want more communication among themselves and from staff on issues.
3. An action plan was requested. Where are we on each corridor, what are the needs, what is the potential, what is the plan if we don't get bonding money, etc.?
4. There is agreement on two positions: the language in the law about the next LRT line coming to St. Paul needs to stay and both commuter rail and light rail/bus rapid transit stay on the table in the Central Corridor for now.
5. Priorities for transit for state bonding in the legislative packet need to be moved to a separate category. The priorities are modified.
6. Kathy and Rafael will work on a lobbyist proposal and submit it to Commissioners.
7. Kathy should call NACO transportation staff about high speed rail.
8. Keep going on bonding and Union Depot ownership.
9. Red Rock local funding formula is 35% maximum for Ramsey County. Commissioners suggest the split should be 35 Washington, 10 Dakota, 20 Hennepin.

## Longhenry, Kris

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**From:** DeSpiegelaere, Kathryn  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2002 5:18 AM  
**To:** Longhenry, Kris; Vap, Alicia; Morris, Steve  
**Cc:** MacMillan, David  
**Subject:** yesterday

There was a flurry of phone calls yesterday. The upshot of it is:

Motions made at the Rail Authority work sessions count. They don't need to be ratified at regular rail authority meetings.

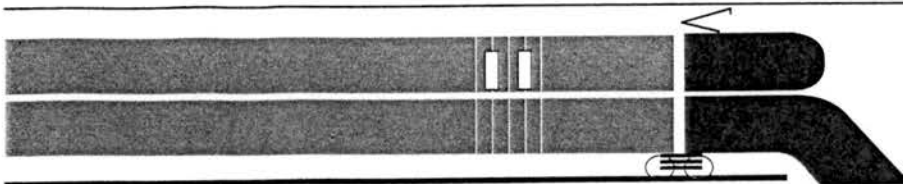
Therefore, Kris, would you please prepare resolutions, noting the vote, from all actions taken by the Rail Authority at the last work session. We will need brief minutes of the work sessions, primarily noting the motions.

I sent a follow up list after the meeting, but I omitted one motion, that made by Comm. Bennett about asking Metro Council and Mn/DOT to appoint members to the Downtown St. Paul rail transit station task force.

The resolutions should be a priority for you, because we'll need them soon. I will want to review the one on priorities especially, because that is the one that has caused the activity flurry.

Thanks, Dave, for your assistance yesterday.





## **Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority**

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### **AGENDA**

#### **Regional Railroad Authority Worksession**

**February 26, 2002**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Room 220 Courthouse, Large Conference Room**

1. High speed rail.
2. \* Legislation.
3. Status and Needs of Major Transit Projects in Ramsey County
4. Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority web site.

\* Action is requested

# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. Longhenny  
Authorized Signature

2/19/02  
Date

### Board Action Requested

High Speed Rail

**DISCUSSION ONLY**

### Request Justification

David Simpson, consultant on high-speed rail, will present information at the Rail Authority work session.

Budgeting and Accounting \_\_\_\_\_

County Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

Risk Management \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation certified complete for:

February 26, 2002  
Board Date

Kristine A. Longhenny  
Signature

February 21, 2002  
Date

# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. H. Spiegelbauer  
Authorized Signature

2/19/02  
Date

### Board Action Requested

Legislation

**ACTION MAY BE TAKEN**

### Request Justification

Discussion of legislative initiatives will occur at the work session.

Budgeting and Accounting \_\_\_\_\_

County Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

Risk Management \_\_\_\_\_

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Kristine A. Longhenry  
Signature

February 21, 2002

Date

# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. Hoffmeyer  
Authorized Signature

2/12/02  
Date

### Board Action Requested

Status and Needs of Major Transit Projects in  
Ramsey County

**DISCUSSION ONLY**

### Request Justification

See attached information.

Budgeting and Accounting

County Attorney

Risk Management

Documentation certified complete for:

February 26, 2002  
Board Date

Kristine A. Longhney  
Signature

February 12, 2002  
Date

# **STATUS AND NEEDS OF MAJOR TRANSIT PROJECTS IN RAMSEY COUNTY**

## **Central Corridor**

Downtown St. Paul to Downtown Minneapolis

Light rail transit or commuter rail transit

Draft environmental impact statement to be completed in summer, 2002

Next technical steps:

- Preliminary engineering/final environmental impact statement
- Final design
- Construction
- Operation

Needs:

1. A decision by the Central Corridor Coordinating Committee on the preferred alternative for the University Avenue corridor in summer, 2002.
2. Funding for the next step in the development process --- \$10 million for preliminary engineering/final environmental impact statement
3. Agreement that Metropolitan Council will staff and advance the project.
4. Authorization of the Central Corridor project in the next transportation authorizing bill, TEA 3.
5. State and federal funding for implementation of the project.

Plan for next steps:

1. State funding in the amount of \$10 million has been requested in this session.
2. Federal authorization has been requested.
3. Conversations have been initiated with Metro Council staff about the Council assuming responsibility for project.



## **High Speed Rail**

Chicago to St. Paul

Environmental studies to be completed

Mn/DOT has indicated that \$10 million is needed for the environmental studies for the Minnesota portion of this corridor from LaCrescent to St. Paul as a next step in advancing this corridor.

Needs:

1. Funding for the environmental studies.
2. Participation of elected officials at national and regional high speed rail advocacy and coordination levels.
3. Federal funding for high speed rail.
4. A location in St. Paul hospitable to a high speed rail terminus.

Plan for the next steps:

1. State funding in the amount of \$10 million has been requested in this session.
2. Additional information will be sought on how to improve advocacy.
3. Work will be done by Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority on a multi-modal rail and bus transit center in St. Paul.

## **Red Rock Commuter Rail Corridor**

Hastings through St. Paul to Minneapolis, including a portion that shares tracks with high speed rail

Environmental and engineering studies to be completed

Next technical steps:

- Draft environmental impact statement/alternatives analysis
- Preliminary engineering/final environmental impact statement
- Final design
- Construction
- Operation

Funding is needed for environmental and engineering studies in the amount of \$6 million

Needs:

1. Funding for the next step in the development process
2. Agreement on staffing and organization of the project
3. Reauthorization of the Red Rock Corridor project in the next transportation authorizing bill, TEA 3.
4. State and federal funds for implementation of the project.

Plan for next steps:

1. State funding in the amount of \$5 million has been requested in this session.
2. Federal authorization has been requested
3. Conversations have been initiated with Mn/DOT about its assuming responsibility for the project.
4. Federal appropriations in the amount of \$6 million have been requested for 2003.

## **Rush Line Corridor**

St. Paul to Hinckley

Transit study completed that identified interim and longer term strategies for the corridor

Needs:

1. Up to \$8 million needed to implement interim transit improvements including park/ride, park/pool and transit amenities (shelters, heating, lighting) for the corridor. Operating funds needed for expanded transit service.
2. Decisions and funding to pursue longer term strategies which include busway or commuter rail by Rush Line Task Force in coordination with others.
3. Authorization of Rush Line Corridor in next transportation authorizing bill, TEA 3.
4. Decisions by Rush Line Task Force on specific locations and timing of transit improvements in coordination with Mn/DOT, Metro Council, cities and others.

Plan for next steps:

1. State funding in the amount of \$8 million has been requested in this session.
2. State busway funding is being sought from Metropolitan Council.
3. Federal authorization has been requested.

# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

Klauspiegelaere  
Authorized Signature

2/12/02  
Date

### Board Action Requested

Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority  
web site.

### DISCUSSION ONLY

### Request Justification

See attached information.

Budgeting and Accounting

Vern Wahlager 2/12/02

County Attorney

Alit MacNeil

Risk Management

Documentation certified complete for:

February 26, 2002

Board Date

Kristine A. Longherry  
Signature

February 12, 2002  
Date



## Regional Rail

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## Transit In Ramsey County

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA) is an agency that supports transit in Ramsey County and in the region. We do this by:

- Working with citizens, businesses, and organizations in Ramsey County on transit issues;
- Working with the Metropolitan Council, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Metro Transit, and other transportation partners on transit projects, including rail projects;
- Building relationships with federal, state, and local officials and staff on transit issues;
- Advocating for a dedicated source of funding for transit for the region;
- Seeking funding for transit projects in Ramsey County;
- Managing right-of-way; and
- Purchasing abandoned railroad right-of-way for future rail use.

[Central Corridor](#)

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[Red Rock Commuter Rail](#)

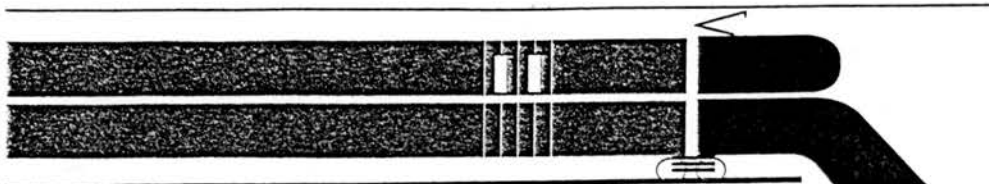
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February 14, 2002

Ms. Donna Allan  
Mn/DOT, M.S. 430  
395 John Ireland Boulevard  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Donna:

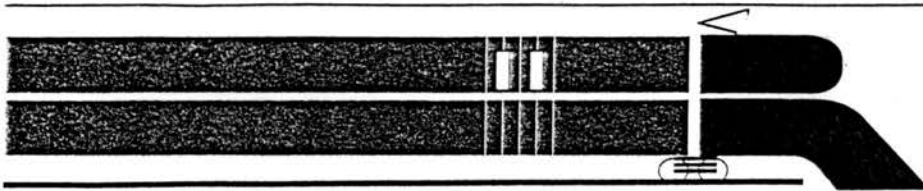
Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is requesting \$4.5 million in federal funds as agreed to by Commissioner Elwyn Tinklenberg and Chair Ted Mondale on April 14, 1999. The funds will be used for preliminary engineering and environmental work for the Central transit corridor from downtown St. Paul to downtown Minneapolis.

Please let me know what you need from Ramsey County in order for us to obtain the grant funds.

Thanks, Donna.

Sincerely,

Kathryn DeSpiegelaere



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**Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority**

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February 21, 2002

Ms. Donna Allan  
Director, Office of Transit  
Mn/DOT, M.S. 430  
395 John Ireland Boulevard  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Donna:

This letter is to request a contract amendment for grant contract 79608, dated February 9, 2000. We would like to transfer Riverview Corridor funds and extend the contract to June 30, 2003.

Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has completed a feasibility study on commuter rail in the Central Corridor (copy of report attached) with this contract. This work was coordinated with the commuter rail work for the Red Rock Corridor, Hastings to St. Paul. We are also completing a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the bus rapid transit and light rail transit alternatives on University Avenue between downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis. Mn/DOT chairs and has an additional member on the Central Corridor Coordinating Committee. The committee reviews work products and sets policy for the Central Corridor DEIS and feasibility study.

We have a contract with BRW/URS for the planning and engineering work (attached) which you have previously received. We also have a contract with Himle Horner for community education (attached). This contract is one you have also received previously.

The current budget for this work is:

BRW/URS contract \$3,001,400.24  
Himle Horner contract \$250,000

Additional contract to complete DEIS, 106 process, and new starts application \$873,000  
RCRRA staff \$800,000  
Administration, legal, accounting \$500,000  
Public hearing related expenses \$100,000  
Mailing \$40,000  
Printing \$60,000

Total: \$5,624,400.24

Deliverables for the contract will be a draft environmental impact statement for Central LRT/BRT; a feasibility study for commuter rail; a locally preferred strategy report and a new starts application for preliminary engineering for this project.

Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is not doing work any longer on the Riverview Corridor. We therefore request a transfer of the federal Section 5307 funding for the Riverview Corridor, \$2 million, to the Central Corridor project and a transfer of state funds to match the federal funds.

Sincerely,



Kathryn DeSpiegelaere, Director  
Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

attachments



# Midwest Regional Rail Initiative

## *Taking a Bold Track into a New Century*

The Midwest's population and economy are undergoing unprecedented expansion. Currently home to over 60 million people and 30 million jobs, this region's vitality and growth are expected to continue.

Managing this growth, while maintaining the Midwest's quality of life requires visionary planning. The Midwest Regional Rail Initiative (MWRRI) will serve as a vital component in meeting the Midwest's transportation needs as we enter the 21st century.

Not only is the MWRRI a sound public investment, it will help assure the Midwest's continued prosperity by providing business and leisure travelers an innovative new travel option whose time has arrived.

Midwest Regional Rail Initiative

# The Many Attributes of Passenger Rail...

The MWRRRI is a proposed 3,000-mile, passenger rail network serving nine states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Nebraska and Wisconsin. Regional passenger rail offers travelers an attractive new alternative to reach major urban centers such as Milwaukee, Chicago, Minneapolis, Detroit, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Kansas City, Des Moines and Omaha.

## The Midwest Regional Rail Initiative:

- > Will utilize rail lines already largely in place to provide travelers with fast, efficient and frequent access to downtown city centers. Train frequencies will be substantially increased with regular service to many destinations during peak travel periods.
- > Features modern trains capable of safely traveling at speeds up to 110 mph, reducing travel times by up to 30% from current rail service.
- > Will radiate from Chicago and be gradually implemented over a 10-year period.
- > Is forecast to carry 9.6 million passengers annually when fully implemented and earn enough revenue to cover operating costs.
- > Will boost the Midwest economy - spurring an estimated 2,000 new rail service jobs, 4,000 temporary construction jobs, and leverage an additional \$2.6 billion in public/private sector investment.
- > Will be enhanced by operation of a feeder bus system. Upon full implementation of the rail network and the bus system, about 80% of the Midwest's population will be within a one-hour ride of a rail station or feeder bus connection.
- > Provides a viable transportation alternative for people who do not or cannot drive a motor vehicle and offers transportation service to currently under-served communities that do not have commercial air service.



## Benefits for Passengers...

- > MWRRRI will offer business and leisure travelers an attractive new option for reaching major urban centers as well as smaller communities along the routes.
- > Provides an alternative to driving congested urban highways.
- > Offers reliable and convenient services at prices competitive with other travel modes to attract a wide range of travelers.
- > Reduces travel times up to 30% by utilizing advanced train technology capable of safely traveling at speeds up to 110 mph.
- > Combines convenient downtown-to-downtown connectivity with increased frequency of trips.
- > State-of-the-art trains will offer modern amenities and conveniences.



## A Sound Investment in Our Future

- > Implementation of the MWRRI will require about \$4.1 billion in capital expenditures over 10 years.
- > The capital costs include about \$3.4 billion for infrastructure needs: track and signal upgrades, additional rail capacity, stations and highway/railroad grade crossing improvements.
- > The proposed operating plan calls for \$652 million to purchase 66 trainsets.
- > In the year 2010, the fully operational MWRRI is expected to carry 9.6 million passengers annually and earn enough revenue to cover operating costs.
- > The capital improvement funding plan consists of an 80% federal share and 20% state/local match. The private sector will augment the local contribution.
- > Initial start-up expenses could be covered in part by a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan - a newly established federal credit program to assist surface transportation projects.

## Successful Implementation of the MWRRI Requires:

- > Securing the needed federal and state funds.
- > Successfully integrating freight and passenger rail operations.
- > Improving existing rail infrastructure.
- > Building a public/private coalition of rail supporters to help secure federal and state funding and gain public support for high-speed rail.

## Other Benefits of MWRRI...

- > Will result in improved safety for trains, motor vehicles and pedestrians at highway/railroad grade crossings.
- > Improvements to rail infrastructure will benefit freight and commuter railroads and related shippers.
- > A modernized rail communication and control system will enhance overall public safety.
- > Provides opportunities to enhance downtown development.





## Midwest Regional Rail Ushering Travelers into a New Century...

The economic feasibility of the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative has been extensively researched and formally documented. These exhaustive studies have determined that a Midwest high-speed rail system is economically sound.

But the ultimate success of high-speed rail hinges on the support of public and private individuals, groups and businesses. Your active support will help transform the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative into a viable transportation reality for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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# ***THE MIDWEST REGIONAL RAIL SYSTEM***

**A transportation network  
for the 21st Century**

*Illinois Indiana Iowa Michigan Minnesota Missouri Nebraska Ohio Wisconsin*



# WHY INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL?

## ▼ Meets a need

- ▼ Midwest economy is strong and growing
- ▼ Highway and airport congestion increasing
- ▼ Existing transportation systems near capacity

## ▼ Serves regional focus

- ▼ Provides a new option for 100-500 mile trips
- ▼ Utilizes existing rail lines
- ▼ Downtown-to-downtown connections

*Illinois Indiana Iowa Michigan Minnesota Missouri Nebraska Ohio Wisconsin*

# OVERVIEW OF MIDWEST RAIL

- ▼ Nine-state cooperative effort
- ▼ 3,000 mile rail network
- ▼ Chicago hub
- ▼ 110 mph service
- ▼ Implementation over 10 years
- ▼ 9.6 million passengers annually
- ▼ Revenues to cover operating expenses

*Illinois Indiana Iowa Michigan Minnesota Missouri Nebraska Ohio Wisconsin*



# **BENEFITS FOR PASSENGERS**

- ▼ **An attractive transportation option**
  - ▼ Avoids stress of long drives
  - ▼ Bypasses congestion in urban areas
  - ▼ No parking hassles
  - ▼ Travel times 30% better than current service
  - ▼ Reliable
  - ▼ Additional train frequencies
- ▼ **...but rail will not eliminate the need for quality highways and air service!**

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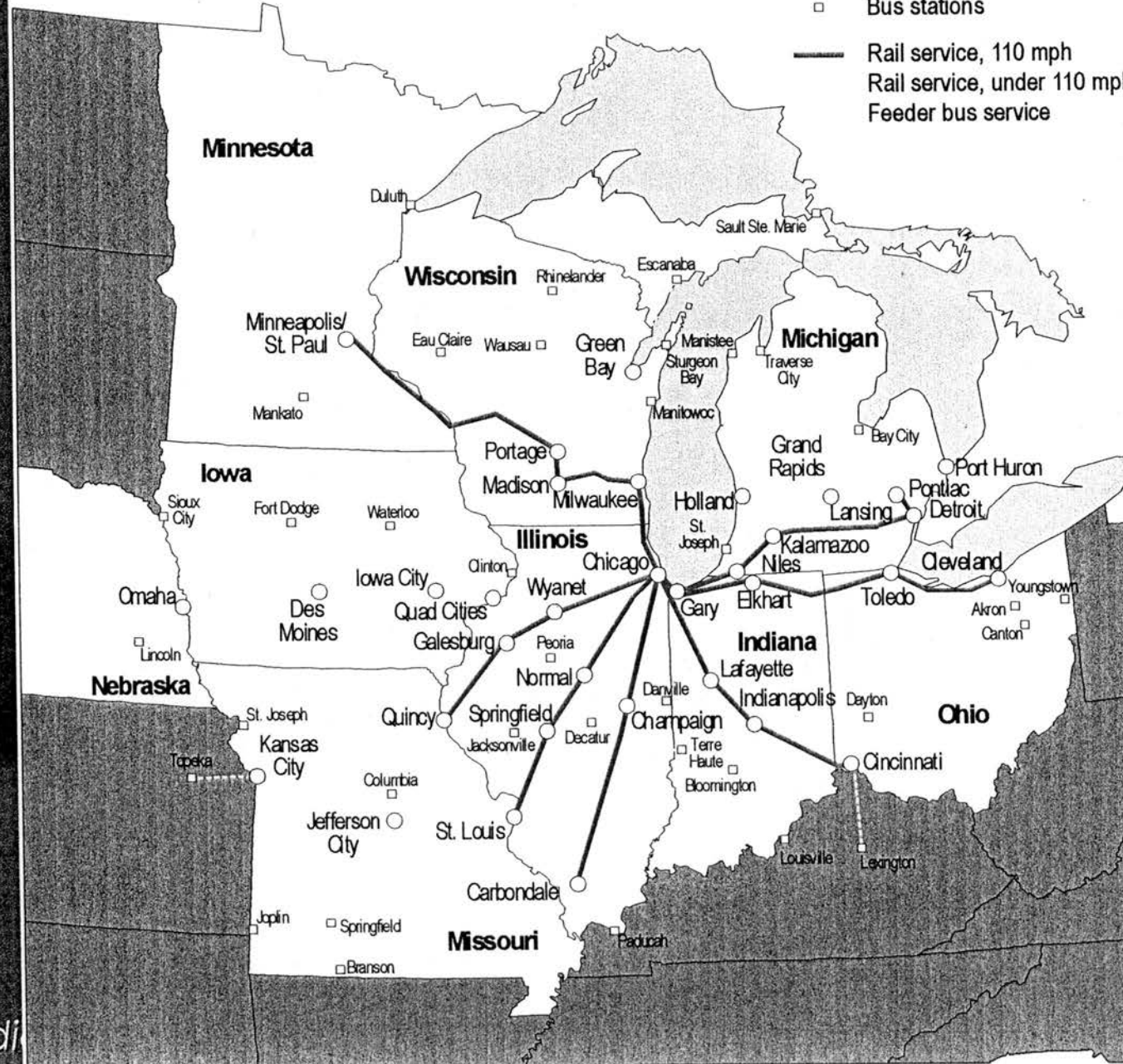
# THE MIDWEST REGIONAL RAIL SYSTEM

- ▼ **Additional benefits...**
  - ▼ **Modern train technologies**
  - ▼ **Roomy, comfortable seats**
  - ▼ **Food and refreshments**
  - ▼ **Computer work stations to maximize productivity during travel time**
  - ▼ **Prices competitive with other travel modes**

*Illinois Indiana Iowa Michigan Minnesota Missouri Nebraska Ohio Wisconsin*

# MIDWEST REGIONAL RAIL SYSTEM

- Rail stations
- Bus stations
- Rail service, 110 mph
- Rail service, under 110 mph
- - - Feeder bus service



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Wisconsin



# A SOUND INVESTMENT

- ▼ **\$3.4 billion needed for infrastructure improvements**
  - ▼ Rail crossing enhancements
  - ▼ Track improvements
  - ▼ New sidings for passing trains
  - ▼ Signal system upgrades
- ▼ **\$652 million needed for 66 train sets**
- ▼ **Seeking 80% federal funding**

*Illinois Indiana Iowa Michigan Minnesota Missouri Nebraska Ohio Wisconsin*

# ECONOMIC BENEFITS

- ▼ **Job creation**
  - ▼ 2,000 new rail service jobs
  - ▼ 4,000 temporary construction jobs
- ▼ **Development**
  - ▼ Leverages an estimated \$2.6 billion in public/private investment
  - ▼ Opportunities to enhance downtown development

*Illinois Indiana Iowa Michigan Minnesota Missouri Nebraska Ohio Wisconsin*



# GOOD PUBLIC POLICY

- ▼ Costs, ridership, benefits, extensively and independently researched
- ▼ Maximizes use of existing rail corridor, minimizes land acquisition
- ▼ Infrastructure improvements benefit public safety and freight rail

*Illinois Indiana Iowa Michigan Minnesota Missouri Nebraska Ohio Wisconsin*



# MAKING IT HAPPEN

## ▼ Funding

- ▼ Midwest Rail seeks 80% federal funding
- ▼ Remaining 20% share from states
- ▼ Should not come at expense of other modes

## ▼ Implementation

- ▼ A 10-year implementation schedule
- ▼ Some services on-line by end of 2003

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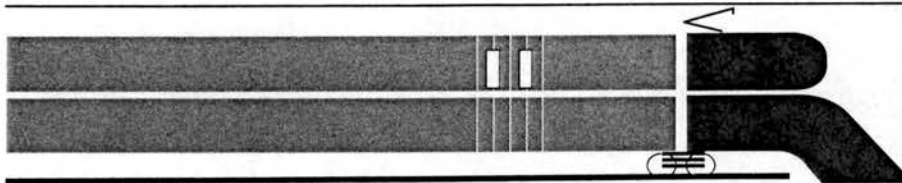
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## **AGENDA**

### **Regional Railroad Authority Meeting**

**February 19, 2002**

**Immediately following Administrative Board Meeting**

**Third Floor Council Chambers Courthouse**

1.   \*    Approve minutes of January 15, 2002 Annual RCRRA Organizational Meeting, January 15, 2002 RCRRA meeting and January 22, 2002 RCRRA Worksession
  2.   \*    Ratify Partial Payment No. 16 in the amount of \$130,495.82 to BRW, Inc. for professional consulting services for the Central Corridor Transit Study.
  3.   \*    Legislative update.
  4.        Status and Needs of Major Transit Projects in Ramsey County
  5.        Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority web site.
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- \*    Action is requested

Minutes

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL  
MEETING

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met on Tuesday, January 15, 2002, in Council Chambers Third Floor Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Tony Bennett  
Commissioner Susan Haigh  
Commissioner Jim McDonough  
Commissioner Rafael Ortega  
Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt  
Commissioner Janice Rettman  
Commissioner Jan Wiessner

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy DeSpiegelaere, David MacMillan, Steve Morris,  
Alicia Vap

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

1. Appoint officers for 2002 Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, Metropolitan Light Rail Transit Joint Powers Board, Rush Line Task Force, Red Rock Corridor, Central Corridor, Northeast Diagonal Corridor, Riverview Corridor, Downtown St. Paul Rail Transit Station and the Northstar Corridor.

Motion by Commissioner Haigh, seconded by Commissioner Wiessner to appoint officers for 2002 Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, Metropolitan Light Rail Transit Joint Powers Board, Rush Line Task Force, Red Rock Corridor, Central Corridor, Northeast Diagonal Corridor and the Riverview Corridor. Motion by Commissioner Reinhardt, seconded by Commissioner Wiessner to appoint representatives to the Downtown St. Paul Rail Transit Station task force and the Northstar Corridor.

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0  
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners organized a regional railroad authority pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 398A by Resolution 87-230 in April, 1987; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint the following officers to the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for 2002:

Rafael Ortega, Chair  
Tony Bennett, Vice-Chair  
Jim McDonough, Secretary  
Susan Haigh, Treasurer

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Metropolitan Light Rail Transit Joint Powers Board for 2002:

Susan Haigh, Member  
Jim McDonough, Alternate

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Rush Line Task Force for 2002:

Victoria Reinhardt, Representative  
Jan Wiessner, Alternate

And Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Red Rock Corridor for 2002:

Jim McDonough, Representative  
Janice Rettman, Alternate

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Central Corridor Coordinating Committee for 2002:

Susan Haigh, Member  
Janice Rettman, Member

And Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Northeast Diagonal Policy Advisory Committee for 2002:

Jan Wiessner, Member  
Victoria Reinhardt, Alternate

And Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint to the Riverview Corridor Management Committee for 2002:

Rafael Ortega, Member  
Tony Bennett, Member

And Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint Tony Bennett as the Downtown St. Paul Rail Transit Station Task Force representative for 2002:

And Be It Finally

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners hereby appoint Janice Rettman as the Northstar Corridor liason for 2002.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.



Minutes

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY MEETING

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met on Tuesday, January 15, 2002, in Council Chambers Third Floor Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Rafael Ortega  
Commissioner Tony Bennett  
Commissioner Susan Haigh  
Commissioner Jim McDonough  
Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt  
Commissioner Janice Rettman  
Commissioner Jan Wiessner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kathy DeSpiegelaere, David MacMillan, Steve Morris,  
Alicia Vap

Chair Ortega called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

1. Approve minutes of December 18, 2001 RCRRRA meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Wiessner, seconded by Commissioner Haigh to approve minutes of December 18, 2001 RCRRRA meeting.

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0  
Motion accepted.

2. Approve extension of \$3,001,400 contract with BRW, Inc. for Central Corridor Transit Study through October, 2002 at no additional cost.

Motion by Commissioner Haigh, seconded by Commissioner McDonough to approve extension of \$3,001,400 contract with BRW, Inc. for Central Corridor Transit Study through October, 2002 at no additional cost.

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0  
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has contracted for the professional engineering and planning work of BRW, Inc. for the purpose of the Central Corridor Transit Study; and

WHEREAS, The contract with BRW, Inc. expires February 15, 2002; and

WHEREAS, The professional engineering and planning work for this contract will not be completed until October, 2002; Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority extends the contract with BRW, Inc. through October, 2002 at no additional cost; and Be It Further

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

3. Approve extension of \$250,000 contract with Himle Horner, Inc. for Central Corridor Public Education through October, 2002 at no additional cost.

Motion by Commissioner Haigh, seconded by Commissioner McDonough to approve extension of \$250,000 contract with Himle Horner, Inc. for Central Corridor Public Education through October, 2002 at no additional cost.

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0  
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has contracted for the professional consulting services of Himle Horner, Inc. for the purpose of the Central Corridor Public Education Study; and

WHEREAS, The contract with Himle Horner, Inc. expires March, 2002; and

WHEREAS, The consulting services for this contract will not be completed until October, 2002; Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority extends the contract with Himle Horner, Inc. through October, 2002 at no additional cost; and Be It Further

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

4. Approve extension of the July 1998 agreement with the City of St. Paul for the berm removal at Maryland and Johnson Parkway through August 1, 2003.

Commissioner Bennett asked what needs to be completed by the City. Kathy DeSpiegelaere answered that the City needs more time to remove all of the berm. Commissioner McDonough added that berm has not been removed yet from the portion south of Maryland at Johnson Parkway; this will be removed in conjunction with timing of development in the area.

Commissioner Bennett questioned if the RCRRA right of way will be left open. Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded that there will be no building on RCRRA right of way. Commissioner McDonough stated that he assumed the trail will be extended once the berm is removed.

Commissioner Rettman asked if there will be additional costs to the RCRRA for the extension of the berm removal. Kathy DeSpiegelaere answered no.

Motion by Commissioner McDonough, seconded by Commissioner Wiessner to approve extension of the July 1998 agreement with the City of St. Paul for the berm removal at Maryland and Johnson Parkway through August 1, 2003.

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0  
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has contracted with the City of St. Paul for the berm removal at Maryland and Johnson Parkway; and

WHEREAS, The contract with the City of St. Paul expired December 31, 2001; and

WHEREAS, The berm removal will not be completed until August 1, 2003; Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority extends the contract with the City of St. Paul through August 1, 2003; and Be It Further

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Minutes

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY WORKSESSION

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met on Tuesday, January 22, 2002, in Council Chambers Third Floor Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Rafael Ortega  
Commissioner Tony Bennett  
Commissioner Susan Haigh  
Commissioner Jim McDonough  
Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt  
Commissioner Janice Rettman  
Commissioner Jan Wiessner

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy DeSpiegelaere, David MacMillan, Steve Morris,  
Alicia Vap, Kris Longhenry, Paul Kirkwold, Ken Martin,  
Tim Mayasich, Vern Wehlage, Marion Holly, Mark  
Voerding, Lisa Lee, Jolly Mangine, Ken Haider

Chair Ortega called the worksession to order at 1:40 p.m.

Kathy DeSpiegelaere outlined the seven steps of what it takes to implement a major transportation project. They are:

1. Vision
2. Focus
3. Consensus
4. Champion
5. Funding
6. Stay the Course
7. Complete the Technical Work

Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated that many things could be done to build consensus and champions. She commented that the RCRRA has made a big stand by committing \$50 million in bonding for the downtown transit/transportation and rail center, but the RCRRA officials need to work hard with other county officials.

Commissioner Reinhardt asked about the membership on the downtown transit/transportation and rail center task force. Commissioner Bennett stated that there has been response to the initial membership request. He noted that the first meeting will take place in late January or early February and the chair of the task force will be David Block, who is the St. Paul Transportation Management Organization chair.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Wiessner to extend an invitation to the Metro Council and Mn/DOT to name a member to the downtown St. Paul Transportation, Transit and Rail Center Task Force.

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0  
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, Several studies have demonstrated broad public support in the Twin Cities for aggressive and diverse solutions to congestion, including a mix of buses, commuter rail, light rail and high speed rail; and

WHEREAS, Rail transit, when combined with supportive public policies, is a catalyst for development along rail lines, enhances the tax base of the cities where it is located, and acts as an economic stimulus, as has been demonstrated in case studies of cities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Employers recognize the importance of access to jobs for their employees; and

WHEREAS, High speed passenger trains serving the Twin Cities region, with arrivals and departures from the downtown St. Paul transit, transportation, and rail center, promise to significantly contribute to the economic vitality and growth of St. Paul, Ramsey County, and the region; and

WHEREAS, Transit lines that stop at the downtown St. Paul transit, transportation and rail center would also link commuter rail from other metropolitan counties, including Northstar Corridor, Rush Line Corridor and Red Rock Corridor, and would link St. Paul to the Hiawatha Corridor through the Central Corridor; and

WHEREAS, The downtown St. Paul transit, transportation and rail center, through these connections, could become a major transportation center for the east metropolitan area, the Twin Cities region, and the entire Midwest, by linking the transit corridors in the east metropolitan area, including Central Corridor, Rush Line Corridor, and Red Rock Corridor—all of which have been shown to be economically viable—with buses, high speed rail, and Amtrak, and with connections to the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority will sell \$50 million in bonds in 2002 for the acquisition, restoration, and/or refurbishment of a downtown St. Paul transit, transportation and rail center, which could include the St. Paul Union Depot; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is forming a top level task force regarding a downtown St. Paul transportation and transit center; Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is extending an invitation to the Metropolitan Council and the Minnesota Department of Transportation to name a member to the downtown St. Paul transportation and transit center task force.

[Commissioner Bennett departed at this point]

Discussion continued regarding the Commissioners' responsibility to champion for the corridors in their districts, and having champions for the RCRRA.

Motion by Commissioner McDonough, seconded by Commissioner Haigh to have Commissioner Rafael Ortega be the spokesperson for the overall RCRRA agenda and Commissioner Susan Haigh be the alternate representative for the overall RCRRA agenda, while the Commissioners representing the Central, Red Rock, Rush Line, Riverview and Northeast Diagonal Corridors be champions of their corridors.

Ayes – 5, Nays – 1  
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has Commissioners represented on the Central Corridor, Red Rock Corridor, Rush Line Corridor, Riverview Corridor, and Northeast Diagonal Corridor, and the Commissioners representing these corridors would like to be the champion for their corridor(s); Now Therefore Be It



RESOLVED, That there is a need for a spokesperson for the overall Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority agenda and that Commissioner Rafael Ortega will be the representative and Commissioner Susan Haigh the alternate representative for the overall agenda.

Motion made and seconded that RCRRA will continue to pursue commuter rail and light rail/bus rapid transit options on the Central Corridor.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0  
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has conducted a feasibility study of commuter rail in the Central Corridor between downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis which would be a connecting link between the Red Rock Corridor from Hastings and the Northstar Corridor from St. Cloud; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is currently preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Central Corridor between downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis which is examining major transit improvements including bus rapid transit and light rail transit; and

WHEREAS, The studies completed clearly demonstrate that the market and service characteristics of the commuter rail alternative differ greatly from the market and service characteristics of light rail transit and bus rapid transit in this corridor; and

WHEREAS, The ridership anticipated for commuter rail on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe or Canadian Pacific railroad alignment does not overlap with the ridership anticipated for light rail transit or bus rapid transit on University Avenue; Now Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority will continue to pursue both commuter rail and light rail/bus rapid transit options to serve the needs of residents of the corridor and the region.

Motion made and seconded that the RCRRA reaffirm its commitment to retaining the Minnesota Statute that specifies that the next light rail transit line in the Twin Cities will be in St. Paul.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0  
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, The Central Corridor is an important transit corridor serving both as a connection between downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis and as an important economic, employment, and culturally diverse corridor; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is conducting an environmental impact statement for the Central Corridor with the modes of light rail transit and bus rapid transit being considered; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Law 1999, Chapter 230, Section 44 states that "Neither the state nor any political subdivision may apply for federal assistance or receive any state appropriation or grant for light rail transit construction until the commissioner begins construction of light rail transit facilities in either the Riverview corridor, connecting the east side of St. Paul, the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, and the Mall of America; or the central corridor, between downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis. This prohibition does not apply to application for federal funding or receipt of state funding for light rail transit in the Hiawatha corridor, connecting downtown Minneapolis, the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, and the vicinity of the Mall of America; in the Riverview corridor; or in the central corridor"; Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is strongly committed to retaining Minnesota Statute § 230.44 (1999), which specifies that the next light rail transit line in the Twin Cities metropolitan area will be in St. Paul.

Motion made by Commissioner Haigh, seconded by Commissioner McDonough to reorder and separate into a separate category from other Ramsey County departmental requests, the priority transit/transportation projects requesting state funding for 2002 to the following:

- 1) Central Corridor Transitway
- 2) Red Rock Commuter Rail
- 3) Union Depot
- 4) Rush Line Corridor
- 5) High Speed Rail

Ayes – 5, Nays – 1  
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, Transit is a critical element in the movement of people and the vitality of cities, towns and neighborhoods with Ramsey County and the metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsey County 2002 state bonding transit/transportation projects are currently prioritized with other Ramsey County departmental requests. The transit and transportation requests are listed as follows:

Downtown transit/transportation hub  
High speed rail  
Commuter rail – Red Rock/Rush Line Corridors  
Central Corridor

WHEREAS, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority members are concerned that the order of the priorities do not reflect Ramsey County transit and transportation needs and believe that transit and transportation priorities should be listed in a separate category from other Ramsey County departmental requests; Now, Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That the priority transit/transportation projects requesting state funding for 2002 be reordered as follows:

1. Central Corridor Transitway – St. Paul to Minneapolis; \$10 million requested for preliminary engineering and environmental work
2. Red Rock Commuter Rail – Hastings to Minneapolis; \$5 million for environmental and engineering work
3. Union Depot – downtown St. Paul; \$10 million for restoration and refurbishment and purchase
4. Rush Line Corridor – St. Paul to Hinckley; \$8 million for park and pool and bus improvements
5. High Speed Rail – Chicago to St. Paul; \$10 million for engineering and environmental work; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the five projects listed above be prioritized in a separate category in the Ramsey County 2002 state bonding legislative packet.

Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated that Mn/DOT has asked Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington Regional Railroad Authorities to fund ten percent of the environmental, engineering and construction costs of the Red Rock Corridor commuter rail project and the railroad authorities must agree on a percentage that each authority pays of the local match needed for the next phase of study.

The RCRRA discussed and recommended that Washington County pay 35%, Dakota County pay 10%, Hennepin County pay 20% and Ramsey County pay 35% if a local match is needed.

Motion by Commissioner Reinhardt, seconded by Commissioner Haigh to accept that if the RCRRA funds a portion of the local match for the next phase of the Red Rock Corridor commuter rail study, the RCRRA will fund no more than 35% of the local match needed.

Ayes – 5, Nays – 1  
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, The Red Rock Corridor is a commuter rail corridor extending from Hastings through St. Paul to the downtown Minneapolis multi-modal station; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is a member of the Red Rock Corridor Commission, the joint powers board for the Red Rock Corridor; and

WHEREAS, The Red Rock Corridor Commission recently finished a Commuter Rail Feasibility Study on the Red Rock Corridor and would like to advance to the next phase of study; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation will assume responsibility of the Red Rock Corridor per Minnesota Statute § 174.80 through 174.90 (2000); and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation has asked the Regional Railroad Authorities of the Red Rock Corridor Commission—Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington—to fund the local match needed for the next phase of study for the Red Rock Corridor; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation has asked the Regional Railroad Authorities of the Red Rock Corridor Commission—Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington—to fund ten percent of the environmental, engineering, and construction costs of the Red Rock Corridor commuter rail project; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Railroad Authorities of Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington must agree what percentage each authority pays of the local match needed for the next phase of study for the Red Rock Corridor; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has suggested that the percentages for each authority be 35 percent for Washington, 10 percent for Dakota, 20 percent for Hennepin, and 35 percent for Ramsey to fund the local match needed for the next phase of study for the Red Rock Corridor; Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That if the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority funds the local match of the next phase of the Red Rock Corridor commuter rail study, the Authority will fund no more than 35 percent of that local match needed for the next phase of commuter rail study for the Red Rock Corridor.

Worksession adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. L. Speegle  
Authorized Signature

2/11/02  
Date

### Board Action Requested

Ratify Partial Payment No. 16 in the amount of \$130,495.82 to BRW, Inc. for professional consulting services for the Central Corridor Transit Study.

**ACTION IS REQUESTED**

### Request Justification

Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has contracted the professional consulting of BRW, Inc. for the purpose of conducting the Central Corridor Transit Study. Payment in the amount of \$130,495.82 for the period ending November 30, 2001 will be issued upon approval by the Director of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority in accordance with contract provisions and Rail Authority Resolution No. 00-05. Payment documentation is being submitted for ratification in compliance with the latter.

See attached:

1. Proposed resolution ratifying payment
2. Accounts Payable forms and Partial Payment Nos. 16
3. BRW, Inc. Invoice Nos. 267-15131 (16) and attachments.

Budgeting and Accounting Vern Wallage 2/12/02

County Attorney D. MacArthur

Risk Management \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation certified complete for:

February 19, 2002

Board Date

Kristine A. Longhenry  
Signature

February 12, 2002  
Date

# RESOLUTION

Board of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

No.: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has contracted for the professional consulting services of BRW, Inc. for the purpose of conducting the Central Corridor Transit Study; and

WHEREAS, BRW, Inc. has satisfactorily completed portions of the work identified in the referenced agreements, and provided detailed invoice documentation for services and costs accrued through November 30, 2001; and

WHEREAS, submittal of invoices and payment documentation to the Rail Authority for ratification at the next scheduled meeting following staff approval of invoice documentation is required; and

WHEREAS, BRW, Inc. Invoice No. 267-15131, Partial Payment No. 16 in the amount of \$130,495.82, attachments thereto, provide the correct documentation of payments due BRW, Inc. through November 30, 2001; Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, Payment to BRW, Inc. in the amount of \$130,495.82 for services rendered through November 30, 2001, is hereby ratified.

## RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

|                    | YEA   | NAY   | OTHER |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Tony Bennett       | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Susan M. Haigh     | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Jim McDonough      | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Rafael E. Ortega   | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Victoria Reinhardt | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Janice Rettman     | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Jan Wiessner       | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Rafael Ortega, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jim McDonough, Secretary





Bus Unit: RRA  
Voucher ID: 00001469

VOUCHER  
Purchase Order Voucher

Page No.  
Run Date Jan.2001  
Run Time 11:29:03 AM

Report ID: RMAP19

Voucher Header Information

Pay Method: System Check

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| Entered Dt  | Invoice ID     | Invoice Dt  | Vendor ID       | Vendor Name     | Origin   | Preparer    | Entry Stat | Acctg Dt    | Post Stat | Pymnt Trms |
| 08.Jan.2002 | 267-15131 (16) | 07.Dec.2001 | 0000002207      | BRW INC         | ONL      | LONGHEKR P  |            | 31.Dec.2001 | U         | Due Now    |
| Status      | Gross Amt      | Use Tax     | Address1        | Address2        | Address3 | City        | State      | Zip         |           |            |
| A           | \$130,495.82   | \$0.00      | THRESHER SQUARE | 700 THIRD ST SO |          | MINNEAPOLIS | MN         | 55415       |           |            |
| Handling    | Group ID       | Sales Tax   | Pckp Ord Nbr    |                 |          |             |            |             |           |            |
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Voucher Line Information

| Line # | Description         | Merch Amt    | Inv Item I | Unit Price   | Prorate | S | U | F | 1099 |
|--------|---------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------|---|---|---|------|
| 1      | Consulting Services | \$130,495.82 |            | \$130,495.82 |         | Y | Y | Y | N    |

Distribution Line Information

| Line # | Account | Fund  | Dept   | Program | Class Fld | Client Name | BP   | Project ID | Open Item ID | Status | Merch Amt    | Stat Cd | Statistic Amt | As |
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Account Name: Consulting Services

Department Name: RCRRA-Proj/Grant

Payment Comments-Check Stub

Invoice No. 267-15131, dated 12/7/01  
Services for 10/27/01-11/30/01

Voucher Comments

An additional bill of \$6.50 was added to this invoice (located in the back of the documentation packet). The total paid on this invoice reflects the addition of the \$6.50 and then -5% of the total for retail

I declare that the above material and/or services have been received, are for Ramsey County, allowed by law, and approved for payment.

Authorization

*K. Spiegelbauer*

Date

11/11/02

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# Ramsey County Purchase Order

## Regional Rail Authority

Regional Rail Authority  
665 RCGC-West  
50 West Kellogg Blvd.  
St Paul MN 55102  
United States

Vendor: 0000002207  
BRW INC  
THRESHER SQUARE  
700 THIRD ST SO  
MINNEAPOLIS MN 55415  
United States

|                  |                    |                |          |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------|
| Purchase Order   | Date               | Revision       | Page     |
| RRA - 0000000032 | 03/01/2000         |                | 1        |
| Payment Terms    | Freight Terms      |                | Ship Via |
| Due Now          | Origin PPD Allowed |                | US MAIL  |
| From Date        | To Date            |                |          |
| Buyer: RRA       |                    | Currency Code: | USD      |

Ship To: Regional Rail Authority  
665 RCGC-West  
50 West Kellogg Blvd.  
St Paul MN 55102  
United States  
Bill To: Regional Rail Authority  
665 RCGC-West  
50 West Kellogg Blvd.  
St Paul MN 55102  
United States

Tax Exempt? Y Tax Exempt ID: 999999999999

| Line-Schd      | Item | Description                 | Quantity | UOM | PO Price     | Extended Amt | Due Date   |
|----------------|------|-----------------------------|----------|-----|--------------|--------------|------------|
| 1 - 1          |      | Provide consulting services | 1.00     | EA  | 3,001,400.00 | 3,001,400.00 | 03/01/2000 |
| Schedule Total |      |                             |          |     |              | 3,001,400.00 |            |

Mfg ID

Item Total 3,001,400.00

Total PO Amount 3,001,400.00

All shipments, shipping papers, invoices, and correspondence must be identified with our Purchase Order Number. Overshipments will not be accepted unless authorized by Buyer prior to shipment.

Unauthorized

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# URS

BRW, Inc.

700 THIRD STREET SOUTH, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55415\*\* (612) 370-0700

\*\* INVOICE \*\*

DECEMBER 7, 2001

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL  
RAILROAD AUTHORITY  
665 RAMSEY CO. GOV. CENTER-WST  
50 WEST KELLOGG BLVD.  
ST. PAUL, MN 55102  
ATTN: MS. KATHY DESPIEGELAERE

PLEASE INCLUDE)  
ON REMITTANCE ) --> INVOICE NUMBER : 267 -15131 :  
ACCOUNT NUMBER 45550-001-267

TAX PAYERS I.D. NO. 41-1625272

CENTRAL CORRIDOR STUDY  
CONSECUTIVE INVOICE NO. 16

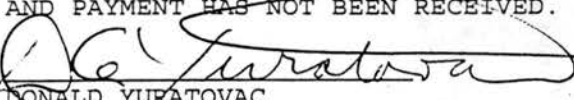
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US\$

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED

137,357.48

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS JUST AND CORRECT  
AND PAYMENT HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED.

  
DONALD YURATOVAC  
PROJECT MANAGER

12/7/01

PROGRESS BILLING

PLEASE REMIT TO:

URS / BRW, FILE: 54967, LOS ANGELES, CA 90074-4967



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THIS INVOICE IS DUE AND PAYABLE UPON PRESENTATION  
PLEASE RETURN ONE COPY OF THIS INVOICE WITH YOUR REMITTANCE

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# **CENTRAL CORRIDOR TRANSIT STUDY**

## **BRW TEAM PROGRESS REPORT**

**FOR THE PERIOD:**

**October 27, 2001 – November 30, 2001**

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Below each of the following project tasks are listed the work items that were accomplished between October 27, 2001 and November 30, 2001.

### **Task 1.0: Define Goals and Objectives**

- No Work on this task

### **Task 2.0: Establish Project Charter**

- Continued refinement of schedule of meetings and deliverable dates

### **Task 3.0: Alternatives Definition**

- Continued supplemental evaluation of downtown St. Paul alignment options
- Commenced evaluation of new Capitol Area alignment option  
November 1 – Meeting with Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board

### **Task 4.0: Refine Alternatives**

- Continued refinement of station locations
- Continued development of feeder bus plans with Metro Transit staff
- Continued refinement of ridership model for No Build and TSM Alternatives
- Continued work on the Commuter Rail Technical Feasibility Study
- Prepared for and participated in the following meetings related to the above work items:
  - October 30 – Excel Energy Coordination Meeting
  - November 5 – Minneapolis/Hennepin County Design Meeting
- Completed analysis of University Avenue Impacts of LRT  
November 1 – Meeting with St. Paul, Midway, Metro Council

### **Task 5.0: Implementation and Funding Plans**

- Initiated research on financial plan alternatives
- Began work on LRT and BRT operating plans  
November 5 – Meeting with Metro Transit re: Bus operating plans

### **Task 6.0: EIS Preparation**

- Continued work on the DEIS
- Continued work on the Scoping Summary Report
- Continued work on the Phase I Historic Resource Survey of the University Avenue Alignment  
November 6 – Traffic Impact Committee

## **Task 7.0: Public Involvement**

- Preparation of materials for forthcoming public meetings

## **Task 8.0: Project Management**

- Prepared for and attended the following RCRRA meetings:
  - November 8 – Coordinating Committee (#16)
  - November 14 – Work Group Team Meeting
  - November 28 – PMT meeting (#17)
- Prepared meeting minutes for October 24 PMT meeting
- Prepared meeting minutes for November 8 Coordinating Committee meeting
- Prepared progress report and invoice
- Continued to update schedule
- Coordinated with RCRRA Project Manager to discuss work products and schedule



# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. Lespree  
Authorized Signature

2/18/02  
Date

### Board Action Requested

Legislative update.

**ACTION MAY BE TAKEN**

### Request Justification

An update will be given at the meeting.

Budgeting and Accounting

Vern Wollay 2/12/02

County Attorney

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Risk Management

Documentation certified complete for:

February 19, 2002  
Board Date

Kristine A. Longhenry  
Signature

February 12, 2002  
Date

# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. Salpietro  
Authorized Signature

2/12/02  
Date

### Board Action Requested

Status and Needs of Major Transit Projects in  
Ramsey County

**DISCUSSION ONLY**

### Request Justification

See attached information.

Budgeting and Accounting

Vern Wallag 2/12/02

County Attorney

Will Mackel

Risk Management

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Kristine A. Longhney  
Signature

February 12, 2002  
Date

# **STATUS AND NEEDS OF MAJOR TRANSIT PROJECTS IN RAMSEY COUNTY**

## **Central Corridor**

Downtown St. Paul to Downtown Minneapolis

Light rail transit or commuter rail transit

Draft environmental impact statement to be completed in summer, 2002

Next technical steps:

- Preliminary engineering/final environmental impact statement
- Final design
- Construction
- Operation

Needs:

1. A decision by the Central Corridor Coordinating Committee on the preferred alternative for the University Avenue corridor in summer, 2002.
2. Funding for the next step in the development process --- \$10 million for preliminary engineering/final environmental impact statement
3. Agreement that Metropolitan Council will staff and advance the project.
4. Authorization of the Central Corridor project in the next transportation authorizing bill, TEA 3.
5. State and federal funding for implementation of the project.

Plan for next steps:

1. State funding in the amount of \$10 million has been requested in this session.
2. Federal authorization has been requested.
3. Conversations have been initiated with Metro Council staff about the Council assuming responsibility for project.

## **High Speed Rail**

Chicago to St. Paul

Environmental studies to be completed

Mn/DOT has indicated that \$10 million is needed for the environmental studies for the Minnesota portion of this corridor from LaCrescent to St. Paul as a next step in advancing this corridor.

Needs:

1. Funding for the environmental studies.
2. Participation of elected officials at national and regional high speed rail advocacy and coordination levels.
3. Federal funding for high speed rail.
4. A location in St. Paul hospitable to a high speed rail terminus.

Plan for the next steps:

1. State funding in the amount of \$10 million has been requested in this session.
2. Additional information will be sought on how to improve advocacy.
3. Work will be done by Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority on a multi-modal rail and bus transit center in St. Paul.

## **Red Rock Commuter Rail Corridor**

Hastings through St. Paul to Minneapolis, including a portion that shares tracks with high speed rail

Environmental and engineering studies to be completed

Next technical steps:

- Draft environmental impact statement/alternatives analysis
- Preliminary engineering/final environmental impact statement
- Final design
- Construction
- Operation

Funding is needed for environmental and engineering studies in the amount of \$6 million

Needs:

1. Funding for the next step in the development process
2. Agreement on staffing and organization of the project
3. Reauthorization of the Red Rock Corridor project in the next transportation authorizing bill, TEA 3.
4. State and federal funds for implementation of the project.

Plan for next steps:

1. State funding in the amount of \$5 million has been requested in this session.
2. Federal authorization has been requested
3. Conversations have been initiated with Mn/DOT about its assuming responsibility for the project.
4. Federal appropriations in the amount of \$6 million have been requested for 2003.



## **Rush Line Corridor**

St. Paul to Hinckley

Transit study completed that identified interim and longer term strategies for the corridor

### Needs:

1. Up to \$8 million needed to implement interim transit improvements including park/ride, park/pool and transit amenities (shelters, heating, lighting) for the corridor. Operating funds needed for expanded transit service.
2. Decisions and funding to pursue longer term strategies which include busway or commuter rail by Rush Line Task Force in coordination with others.
3. Authorization of Rush Line Corridor in next transportation authorizing bill, TEA 3.
4. Decisions by Rush Line Task Force on specific locations and timing of transit improvements in coordination with Mn/DOT, Metro Council, cities and others.

### Plan for next steps:

1. State funding in the amount of \$8 million has been requested in this session.
2. State busway funding is being sought from Metropolitan Council.
3. Federal authorization has been requested.

# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. Longhenny  
Authorized Signature

2/12/02  
Date

### Board Action Requested

Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority  
web site.

**DISCUSSION ONLY**

### Request Justification

See attached information.

Budgeting and Accounting

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Board Date

Kristine A. Longhenny  
Signature

February 12, 2002  
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## Transit In Ramsey County

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA) is an agency that supports transit in Ramsey County and in the region. We do this by:

- Working with citizens, businesses, and organizations in Ramsey County on transit issues;
- Working with the Metropolitan Council, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Metro Transit, and other transportation partners on transit projects, including rail projects;
- Building relationships with federal, state, and local officials and staff on transit issues;
- Advocating for a dedicated source of funding for transit for the region;
- Seeking funding for transit projects in Ramsey County;
- Managing right-of-way; and
- Purchasing abandoned railroad right-of-way for future rail use.

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# TRANSIT / TRANSPORTATION

DRAFT

On combined letterhead --- County Board, City of St. Paul, Regional Railroad Authority

February 19, 2001

The Honorable Betty McCollum    separate letters addressed to Paul Wellstone and Mark Dayton  
Address

Dear Congresswoman McCollum:

Thank you for the assistance you have given us in the past on transportation issues. We very much appreciate your strong leadership on these subjects.

We would like to communicate to you our requests for transportation projects for 2003 federal appropriations. They are:

Union Depot --- \$3.5 million for acquisition, renovation and refurbishment of the historic Depot which will be the centerpiece of the multimodal downtown St. Paul rail and bus transit station.

Red Rock Corridor --- \$6 million for engineering and environmental studies of the commuter rail corridor from Hastings, through downtown St. Paul, to Minneapolis. This corridor would be collocated with high speed rail from Chicago to St. Paul on the section from Hastings to St. Paul.

Rush Line Corridor --- \$1 million to implement park/ride, park/pool and bus improvements in the corridor between downtown St. Paul and Hinckley.

McKnight Road/TH 36 Interchange --- \$5 million for the purchase of right of way and \$5 million for construction costs associated with this project.

Shepard Road --- \$6 million to relocate the rail line and roadway in downtown St. Paul.

Phalen Boulevard --- \$26 million is needed for this roadway project on the east side of St. Paul.

We are also requesting authorization/reauthorization of the following transportation projects in the next version of the transportation bill:

Central Corridor transitway, St. Paul to Minneapolis

Red Rock Corridor commuter rail from Hastings through St. Paul to Minneapolis

Rush Line Corridor from St. Paul to Hinckley.

We are most appreciative of your assistance in securing appropriations and authorizations for these important projects.

Sincerely,

Jim McDonough, Chair  
Board of Ramsey County Commissioners

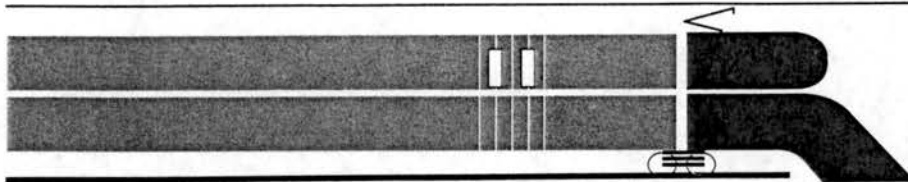
Randy Kelly, Mayor  
City of St. Paul

Rafael Ortega, Chair  
Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Cc: City Council, County Board

Bcc: Kirkwold, Speiker, Fuller, Huepenbecker, Mayasich, DeSpiegelaere





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### **AGENDA**

#### **Regional Railroad Authority Meeting**

**March 19, 2002**

**Immediately following Public Works, Parks & Solid Waste Committee**

**Third Floor Council Chambers Courthouse**

1. \* Approve minutes of February 19, 2001, RCRRA meeting and February 26, 2002, RCRRA Work Session
  2. \* Authorize Negotiations with Minnesota Department of Transportation for Memorandum of Understanding for Red Rock Commuter Rail Project.
  3. \* Legislative Update
- \* Action is requested

Minutes

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY MEETING

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met on Tuesday, February 19, 2002, in Council Chambers Third Floor Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Rafael Ortega  
Commissioner Tony Bennett (arrived at 11:50 a.m.)  
Commissioner Susan Haigh  
Commissioner Jim McDonough  
Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt  
Commissioner Janice Rettman  
Commissioner Jan Wiessner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kathy DeSpiegelaere, David MacMillan, Alicia Vap, Kris Longhenry, Paul Kirkwold, Vern Wehlage, Karen Tero, Terry Speiker, Julie Kleinschmidt, Bonnie Jackelen

Chair Ortega called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

1. Approve minutes of January 15, 2002 Annual RCRRRA Organizational Meeting, January 15, 2002 RCRRRA Meeting and January 22, 2002 RCRRRA Worksession

Motion by Commissioner Wiessner, seconded by Commissioner McDonough to approve minutes of January 15, 2002 Annual RCRRRA Organizational Meeting, January 15, 2002 RCRRRA Meeting and January 22, 2002 RCRRRA Worksession.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0  
Motion accepted.

2. Ratify Partial Payment No. 16 in the amount of \$130,495.82 to BRW, Inc. for professional consulting services for the Central Corridor Transit Study

Motion by Commissioner Reinhardt, seconded by Commissioner Haigh to ratify Partial Payment No. 16 in the amount of \$130,495.82 to BRW, Inc. for professional consulting services for the Central Corridor Transit Study.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0  
Motion accepted.

3. Legislative update

(Commissioner Bennett arrived at this time)

Kathy DeSpiegelaere distributed a draft letter from the County Board, the City of St. Paul and the RCRRRA to Congresswoman Betty McCollum and Senators Paul Wellstone and Mark Dayton. Kathy explained that this letter on federal transportation and transit requests is unique this year because the City of St. Paul is joining authorship. Kathy stated that federal appropriations requests for 2003 highlighted in the letter include the Union Depot, Red Rock Corridor, Rush Line Corridor, McKnight Road/T.H. 36 Interchange, Shepard Road and Phalen Boulevard. Kathy added that the letter also addresses authorization/reauthorization of the Central Corridor Transitway, Red Rock Commuter Rail and the Rush Line Corridor. Kathy noted that St. Paul may want to add to this list, but the letter needs to be to the legislators by Friday, February 22.

Commissioner Haigh asked if the Central Corridor is not federally authorized in the six-year transportation bill, how could the RCRRA pursue federal funding for the Union Depot which also is not authorized. Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded that transit projects are New Starts projects that are required to go through the authorization process. The Union Depot is not a New Starts project.

Commissioner Rettman raised a concern that the language in the resolution referring to the downtown St. Paul transportation/transit center states that other sites, including the Union Depot, will be studied, but it sounds like the Union Depot will be the only site studied. Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded that she would work with David MacMillan on the language in the letter.

Commissioner Ortega believed that the figure used for the Shepard Road project was inaccurate. He thought the \$6 million would be used for resurfacing only and not the relocation of the rail line. Commissioner McDonough added that he believed the entire project of resurfacing and relocating the rail line was closer to \$19 million. Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated that she would recheck the figures.

Commissioner Haigh asked for a briefing on the one-mile stretch of Shepard Road that is being referred to in the letter. She requested information on cost, relocation of the rail line and relocation of the railroad bridge that leads to the West Side.

Commissioner Ortega stated that the purpose of the joint letter between the City of St. Paul, County Board and RCRRA is to show that we can work together. The City is requesting \$6 million to complete the resurfacing of the one-mile stretch and the County supports this. The County would eventually like to relocate the rail line and the rail bridge, but those specifics haven't been worked out. The City is presently not looking at moving the rail line. The Union Depot and Shepard Road items need to be clarified, but we need to show support for those items the City wants. This coordination will be very important when the RCRRA goes to Washington.

Commissioner Reinhardt commended staff and those Commissioners involved with working together with the City of St. Paul on this letter. She added that she would like to see the other communities involved in this letter whose areas are noted in the items.

Motion by Commissioner Reinhardt, seconded by Commissioner McDonough to accept the letter to legislators with clarifications noted in discussion on the Union Depot and Shepard Road.

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0  
Motion accepted.

Commissioner Reinhardt asked for the status of the downtown Transit/Transportation Task Force. Commissioner Ortega answered that both he and Commissioner Bennett are meeting with the Chair of the Task Force, David Block, next week and the RCRRA will be updated on when and where the first meeting will take place.

4. Status and Needs of Major Transit Projects in Ramsey County

This item was deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints.

5. Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority web site

This item was deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

## Minutes

### RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY WORKSESSION

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met on Tuesday, February 26, 2002, in Room 220 Courthouse, Large Conference Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Rafael Ortega  
Commissioner Tony Bennett  
Commissioner Susan Haigh  
Commissioner Jim McDonough  
Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt  
Commissioner Janice Rettman  
Commissioner Jan Wiessner

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy DeSpiegelaere, Darwin Lookingbill, David Simpson, Terry Speiker, Steve Morris, Alicia Vap, Kris Longhenry, Tim Mayasich, Vern Wehlage, Ken Haider, Dave Verhasselt

Chair Ortega called the worksession to order at 1:40 p.m.

#### 1. High speed rail

Kathy DeSpiegelaere introduced David Simpson, a consultant on passenger and freight rail issues. David, who has worked on the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative, presented information to the RCRRA. Some information he presented included:

- Intercity passenger rail meets a need and serves a regional focus:
  - The Midwest economy is strong and growing
  - Highway and airport congestion is increasing
  - Existing transportation systems are near capacity
  - It provides a new option for 100-500 mile trips
  - It utilizes existing rail lines
  - There are downtown to downtown connections
  - It compliments quality highways and air service
- The Midwest Regional Rail Initiative is:
  - A nine-state cooperative effort
  - A 3,000 mile rail network with a Chicago hub
  - 110 mile per hour service
  - 9.6 million passengers annually
  - Will have revenues to cover operating expenses
- Benefits for passengers are an attractive transportation option because:
  - It avoids stress of long drives
  - It bypasses congestion in urban areas
  - There aren't parking hassles
  - Travel times are 30% better than current service
  - It's reliable
  - There are additional train frequencies
- Additional benefits of the Midwest Regional Rail System include:
  - Modern train technologies
  - Roomy, comfortable seats

- Food and refreshments
- Computer work stations to maximize productivity during travel time
- Prices competitive with other travel modes
- Funding for the Midwest Regional Rail System includes:
  - \$3.4 billion needed for infrastructure improvements which include rail crossing enhancements, track improvements, new sidings for passing trains and signal system upgrades
  - \$652 million needed for 66 train sets
- Economic benefits of the Midwest Regional Rail System include:
  - Job creation of 2,000 new rail service jobs and 4,000 temporary construction jobs
  - Leveraging an estimated \$2.6 billion in public/private investment
  - Opportunities to enhance downtown development
- The Midwest Regional Rail System promotes good public policy by:
  - Having costs, ridership and benefits extensively and independently researched
  - Maximizing use of existing rail corridor and minimizing land acquisition
  - Infrastructure improvements benefit public safety and freight rail
- The Midwest Regional Rail Initiative seeks 80% federal funding with the remaining 20% share to come from states, but the funding should not come at the expense of other modes
- Implementation of the Midwest Regional Rail System is on a 10-year implementation schedule and some services will be on-line by the end of 2003

Kathy DeSpiegelaere asked about speeds on the route from LeCrescent to St. Paul. David Simpson answered that the alignment along the river limits speeds, although 110 mph is assumed for the system.

Commissioner Ortega questioned if there would be new technology to increase speeds. David Simpson responded that technology is always making advancements, but due to safety and other reasons, it may not always be practical to increase speeds in certain areas.

Commissioner McDonough asked why the LaCrescent to St. Paul route is being looked at rather than Rochester, especially with such a big political push by Rochester. David Simpson answered that routes are being looked at with high service corridors of today along with costs and longevity. David commented that Minnesota needs to look at long-term interests in the state.

Commissioner Bennett questioned where would the new route start from Rochester. David Simpson responded that he didn't know where a North-South route would come up, but he guessed that it may go up along highway corridors.

Commissioner Haigh asked what the coal train has to do with this. David Simpson answered that the coal trains were anticipated to bypass around the City of Rochester due to environmental issues but there may not be funding for the bypass.

Commissioner Wiessner questioned if there were guidelines on the space between stops in order to maximize speed potential. David Simpson responded that stops should be every 100 miles or so, but politically, that doesn't work for Amtrak.



Commissioner Haigh asked which agencies are leads on this project in other states and their level of involvement. David Simpson answered that in most cases, the state department of transportation is the lead agency, but he commented that it doesn't have to be this way.

David Simpson commented that the Twin Cities is the end of the line when it comes to this project and it's up to Minnesota to pull its weight so the line keeps going.

Commissioner Wiessner asked what needs to be done for this to work and come together in St. Paul. David Simpson responded that a number of people need to pitch in and estimated that it would cost \$400,000 in an advocacy and outreach effort for one year.

Commissioner Ortega commented that with Amtrak running in North Dakota and Montana, Amtrak could be a feeder to high-speed rail and St. Paul could be a destination for those who ride Amtrak west of St. Paul. David Simpson added that commuter routes and bus systems run in cities to high-speed rail stops.

Commissioner McDonough asked how frequently the task force meets on the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative and if Minnesota is represented. David Simpson answered that this group meets every two to three months and Sam Khan, from Mn/DOT and a few others are in attendance.

Commissioner Reinhardt asked David Simpson for his opinion on the impact the RCRRA had with its \$50 million commitment to a downtown transportation/transit station. David Simpson responded that because it wasn't earmarked, it is looked at as more of a transit commitment rather than for high-speed rail.

## 2. Legislation

Kathy DeSpiegelaere distributed copies of two letters sent to Donna Allan, Director of Transit at Mn/DOT. The first letter is a request to transfer \$2 million in federal Riverview funds to the Central Corridor. Kathy noted that these are not New Starts funds so the funds are flexible. The second letter is requesting \$4.5 million in federal funds for preliminary engineering and environmental work for the Central Corridor. Kathy added that RCRRA held off requesting funds until we knew we weren't getting the \$10 million in bonding.

Commissioner Bennett suggested looking at using some funds for high-speed rail. Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded that federal funds can't be used for advocacy. Kathy added that the Riverview funds need to be used for the Central Corridor in order to pay contracts for existing work. The Commissioners agreed to get a response to the letters before making a decision on how to pursue funds for high-speed rail.

Commissioner Wiessner commented that someone from Ramsey County should be present at the high-speed rail meetings. Terry Speiker added that it would be more beneficial to have elected officials at the meetings rather than staff. Kathy DeSpiegelaere agreed to put together a calendar of high-speed rail meetings.

Kathy DeSpiegelaere announced that the first meeting of the downtown transit/transportation task force will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. with the location to be noted soon.

The worksession was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. DeSpiegelaere  
Authorized Signature

3/12/02  
Date

### Board Action Requested

Authorize Negotiations with Minnesota  
Department of Transportation for  
Memorandum of Understanding for Red Rock  
Commuter Rail Project.

**ACTION IS REQUESTED**

### Request Justification

See attached information:

1. Proposed resolution
2. Memorandum from K. DeSpiegelaere, dated 3/14/02

Budgeting and Accounting

County Attorney

Risk Management

Documentation certified complete for:

March 19, 2002

Board Date

Kristine A. Longhenry  
Signature

March 12, 2002  
Date

# RESOLUTION

Board of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Date: March 19, 2002

No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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WHEREAS, The Red Rock Corridor is a commuter rail corridor extending from Hastings through St. Paul to the downtown Minneapolis multi-modal station; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is a member of the Red Rock Corridor Commission, the joint powers board for the Red Rock Corridor; and

WHEREAS, The Red Rock Corridor Commission recently finished a Commuter Rail Feasibility Study on the Red Rock Corridor and would like to advance to the next phase of study; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation will assume responsibility of the Red Rock Corridor per Minnesota Statute § 174.80 through 174.90 (2000); and

WHEREAS, a subgroup of County Commissioners representing the affected County Regional Railroad Authorities of Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington has met with MnDOT and determined that the interests of the Regional Railroad Authorities would be best preserved through a formal Memorandum of Understanding that outlines roles, responsibilities, and funding expectations for the Red Rock Corridor Commuter Rail project, and

WHEREAS, This subgroup has drafted a Memorandum of Understanding that preserves the best interests of the Regional Railroad Authorities, and the subgroup is requesting each Regional Railroad Authority to approve the concept of the Memorandum of Understanding prior to negotiations with the Minnesota Department of Transportation; Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority supports the concept of the Memorandum of Understanding, which outlines the roles, responsibilities, and the funding expectations of the parties involved; Now Therefore Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority authorizes its Commissioner representatives to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding between the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Ramsey, Washington, Dakota, and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authorities for the Red Rock Corridor Commuter Rail Project; Now Therefore Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the final Memorandum of Understanding be submitted to the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for approval.

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# RESOLUTION

Board of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Date: March 19, 2002

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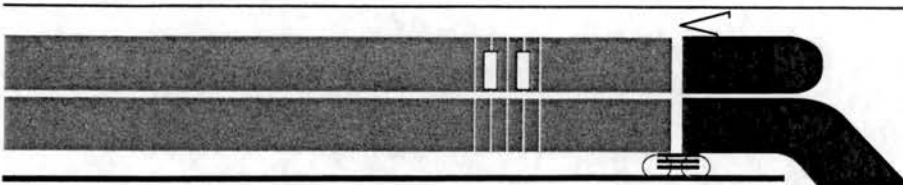
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## RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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| Tony Bennett       | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Susan M. Haigh     | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Jim McDonough      | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Rafael E. Ortega   | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Victoria Reinhardt | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Janice Rettman     | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Jan Wiessner       | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Rafael Ortega, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jim McDonough, Secretary



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### **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners  
**From:** Kathryn DeSpiegelaere, Director  
**Subject:** Red Rock Corridor Memorandum of Understanding and  
Joint Powers Agreement  
**Date:** March 14, 2002

The Red Rock Corridor extends from Hastings through St. Paul to the downtown Minneapolis multi-modal station. A Joint Powers Agreement is in place for this corridor through the Red Rock Corridor Commission. Members of the Commission include cities, townships, and counties located along the corridor. The Central Corridor Coordinating Committee was established to study all transit modes, including commuter rail, between downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis and includes representatives from the cities, counties, University of Minnesota, Metropolitan Council, and Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). In August 2001, MnDOT announced plans to assume responsibility for future planning for the Red Rock and the Central Corridor Commuter rail corridors. MnDOT also stated that the intention was to merge the two commuter rail corridors into one corridor extending from Hastings through St. Paul to the downtown Minneapolis multi-modal station, and then to begin the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the corridor. MnDOT requested the 20 percent local match needed to match federal funds to complete this next phase of work. At the time, MnDOT had requested funding in their budget to pay for this local match, but this request was not included in the Governor's budget.

A subgroup comprised of County Commissioners from Ramsey, Washington, Dakota, and Hennepin Counties met to discuss the merger of these corridors and MnDOT's request for financial contribution for the local match. The Commissioners met with MnDOT Commissioner Tinklenberg, and all parties agreed to develop a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) to outline roles, responsibilities, and funding expectations.

#### **Memorandum of Understanding**

The MOU signatories are the Ramsey, Washington, Dakota, and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authorities, MnDOT, and the Red Rock Corridor Commission.

The MOU outlines the roles, responsibilities, and funding between the four regional railroad authorities (RRAs) and MnDOT. While the draft MOU covers the project through construction (i.e., the EIS, Preliminary Engineering, Final Design, and Construction), it does provide for individual RRA withdrawal during the process.

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As the MOU is written, the RRAs agree to contribute a maximum of 10 percent of the overall project costs. In return, MnDOT will give the RRAs review and approval authority over the documents/plans produced as part of the project. As stated earlier, MnDOT has requested the RRAs to pay the 20 percent local match needed to match federal funds to complete the next phase of study, the EIS. For this local contribution for the next phase of study, the following funding formula has been suggested for the RRAs:

|                                               |       |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|
| Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority     | 37.5% |
| Washington County Regional Railroad Authority | 35.0% |
| Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority   | 17.5% |
| Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority     | 10.0% |

#### Environmental Impact Statement

The next step in the study process is to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this corridor. MnDOT has estimated the EIS will cost approximately \$3.5 million and will take 18 months to complete. MnDOT is planning to use federal "Twin Cities Transitway" funds to cover the cost of the EIS (a total of \$8 million has been allocated to Twin Cities Transitways, including Red Rock, Northstar, and Riverview Corridors). Use of these federal funds requires a 20 percent local match, which MnDOT is requesting be provided by the RRAs. If the RRAs agree to provide the 20 percent match, these funds will be credited towards the overall 10 percent local RRA match for the project, according to the proposed MOU. Assuming the RRAs agree to provide the 20 percent match, Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority's contribution is expected to be no more than \$262,500 for 2002-2003. These funds have not been included in the 2002 RCRRA budget, but could be appropriated from fund balance.

#### Joint Powers Agreement

With the merging of the Red Rock and Central Corridor commuter rail projects, the Red Rock Corridor Commission's Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) must be amended. Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is currently a financially contributing member of the JPA, as are the RRAs of Washington and Dakota County. The following highlight the main changes to the JPA:

- Redefining the corridor to extend through St. Paul to Minneapolis.
- Membership: The cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, the University of Minnesota, MnDOT, and the Metropolitan Council will be invited to join the JPA. The four RRAs would each have two voting members while other Commission members would have one voting member.
- Duties of Commission: This section would be revised to reflect the coordination of commuter rail planning with MnDOT.
- Funding: Hennepin County RRA would be added as a financial contributor. Cities, townships, and other members would not be financial contributors to the Commission's annual budget.

The role of the Commission will be to work with MnDOT to plan, design, and construct commuter rail; lobby for the project; assist with community outreach; and conduct station area planning.

It is expected that the funding formula used for the commuter rail project will be the same as the funding formula for the Commission's activities. The current 2002 Red Rock Corridor Commission budget is \$100,000.

#### Next Steps

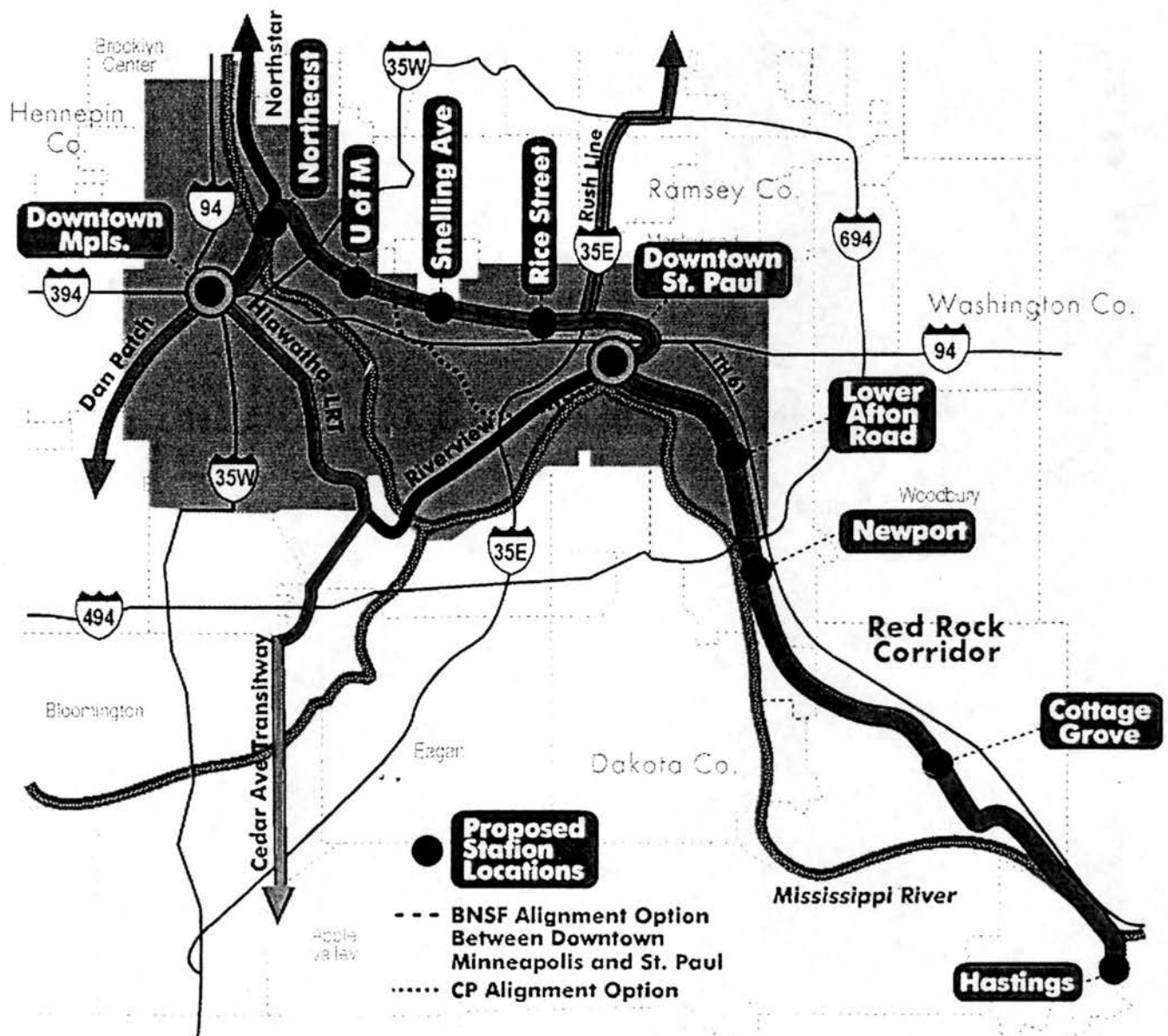
The next steps are for each RRA to authorize representatives to negotiate the MOU between MnDOT and the other counties. The County Commissioners Subgroup will then meet with MnDOT Commissioner Tinklenberg to discuss the MOU.

#### **Recommendation**

Consider authorizing the RCRRA Commissioner representatives to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding between the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Ramsey, Washington, Dakota, and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authorities for the Red Rock Corridor Commuter Rail Project. The final Memorandum of Understanding will be submitted to the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for approval.

#### **Attachments**

# RED ROCK COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT MAP



RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

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| <b>REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY</b> |
| <u><i>K. Aspegren</i></u>          |
| Authorized Signature               |
| <u>3/12/02</u>                     |
| Date                               |

Board Action Requested

Legislative update

**ACTION MAY BE TAKEN**

Request Justification

An update will be given at the meeting.

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Budgeting and Accounting

*Verni Walling* 3/13/02

County Attorney

*Bill M. Smith*

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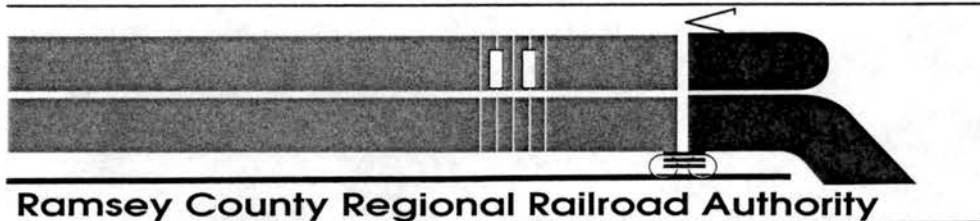
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## **AGENDA**

### **Regional Railroad Authority Meeting**

**April 23, 2002**

### **Immediately following County Board Meeting**

### **Third Floor Council Chambers Courthouse**

1. \* Approve minutes of March 19, 2001, RCRRA meeting
  2. \* Legislative update
  3. \* Approve extension of \$1,875,000 contract with Metropolitan Council for Riverview Corridor transit improvements through December 31, 2003 at no additional cost
  4. \* Approve extension of contract with Metro Transit for project management services for the Central Corridor in the amount of \$218,000 through March 31, 2003
  5. \* Ratify Partial Payment No. 17 in the amount of \$107,684.91 to BRW, Inc. for professional consulting services for the Central Corridor
  6. Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority web site
- \* Action is requested



Minutes

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY MEETING

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Commissioner Jim McDonough  
Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt  
Commissioner Janice Rettman  
Commissioner Jan Wiessner

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy DeSpiegelaere, David MacMillan, Alicia Vap, Kris Longhenry, Steve Morris

Chair Ortega called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m.

1. Approve minutes of February 19, 2002 RCRRRA Meeting and February 26, 2002 RCRRRA Worksession

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt to approve minutes of February 19, 2002 RCRRRA Meeting and February 26, 2002 RCRRRA Worksession.

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0  
Motion accepted.

2. Authorize Negotiations with Minnesota Department of Transportation for Memorandum of Understanding for Red Rock Commuter Rail Project

Motion by Commissioner Haigh, seconded by Commissioner McDonough to authorize negotiations with Minnesota Department of Transportation for Memorandum of Understanding for Red Rock Commuter Rail Project.

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0  
Motion accepted.

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WHEREAS, This subgroup has drafted a Memorandum of Understanding that preserves the best interests of the Regional Railroad Authorities, and the subgroup is requesting each Regional Railroad Authority to approve the concept of the Memorandum of Understanding prior to negotiations with the Minnesota Department of Transportation; Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority supports the concept of the Memorandum of Understanding, which outlines the roles, responsibilities, and the funding expectations of the parties involved; Now Therefore Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority authorizes its Commissioner representatives to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding between the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Ramsey, Washington, Dakota, and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authorities for the Red Rock Corridor Commuter Rail Project; Now Therefore Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the final Memorandum of Understanding be submitted to the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for approval.

Commissioner Bennett announced that the task force created for the \$50 million bonding proposal is named the LOCATE task force. He noted that they had their first meeting yesterday and had good attendance. He commented that the St. Paul City Council has yet to make an appointment to the task force. He also noted that there was good discussion on high speed rail.

Commissioner Haigh stated that Congresswoman Betty McCollum was in attendance at the LOCATE meeting and she provided information on the latest bills and where they stand in Congress and also, information on Amtrak funding. Commissioner Haigh commented that she appreciated Congresswoman McCollum's level of support and commitment to the LOCATE project.

Commissioner Bennett stated that the LOCATE task force will meet the third Monday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Association of Minnesota Counties Building (125 Charles, St. Paul).

3. Legislative update

Kathy DeSpiegelaere commented that a full report of legislative items was received at the Board meeting earlier this morning and there is nothing to add.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. Halpern  
Authorized Signature

4/15/02  
Date

### Board Action Requested

Legislative update

**ACTION MAY BE TAKEN**

### Request Justification

An update will be given at the meeting.

Budgeting and Accounting

County Attorney

Risk Management

Documentation certified complete for:

April 23, 2002

Board Date

Kristine A. Longhenny  
Signature

April 15, 2002

Date

# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. DeSpiegelaere  
Authorized Signature

4/15/02  
Date

### Board Action Requested

Approve extension of \$1,875,000 contract with Metropolitan Council for Riverview Corridor transit improvements through December 31, 2003 at no additional cost.

**ACTION IS REQUESTED**

### Request Justification

- See attached information:
1. Proposed resolution
  2. Memorandum from K. DeSpiegelaere dated 4/9/02
  3. Amendment

Budgeting and Accounting

County Attorney

Risk Management

Documentation certified complete for:

April 23, 2002

Board Date

Kristine A. Longhewy  
Signature

April 15, 2002

Date

# RESOLUTION

Board of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

No.: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has contracted with Metro Transit to construct transit improvements for the Riverview Corridor along East and West Seventh Streets and in Downtown St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, The contract with Metro Transit expired December 31, 2001; and

WHEREAS, The transit improvements for this contract will not be completed until June 30, 2003; Now, Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority extends the \$1,875,000 contract with Metro Transit through December 31, 2003 at no additional cost; and Be It Further

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

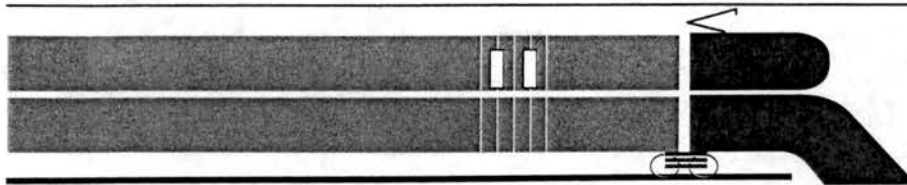
## RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

|                    | YEA   | NAY   | OTHER |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Tony Bennett       | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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Rafael Ortega, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jim McDonough, Secretary





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**Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority**

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## **Memorandum**

**TO:** Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority  
Paul Kirkwold, County Manager

**FROM:** Kathryn DeSpiegelaere

**SUBJECT:** Metro Transit Contract Extension

**DATE:** April 15, 2002

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The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority had entered into a \$1,875,000 contract with Metro Transit for Riverview Corridor Transit Improvements that includes shelters and lighting. The original terms for this contract were from November 16, 1999 to December 31, 2000. The contract term was extended to December 31, 2001 by RCRRA Resolution R00-32 on December 19, 2000. The transit improvements for this contract will not be completed by the end of the contract period, but instead will be completed June 30, 2003. We anticipate that most of the shelters will be in place by Fall 2002, according to Metro Transit.

Therefore, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is being requested to extend the contract with Metro Transit through December 31, 2003 at no additional cost to allow for contract closeouts and final billings to be accomplished.

**Recommendation:**

A resolution is attached that addresses the information above.

**SECOND AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR  
FUNDING RIVERVIEW CORRIDOR TRANSIT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

The Metropolitan Council ("the Council") and the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority ("the Authority") agree that the agreement they entered into December 16 1999 (Contract No. 99-024), relating to design and construction of transit improvements in the Riverview Corridor, is amended in the following particulars:

1. Article I, **PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT**, is amended to read as follows:

**I. PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT**

The Riverview Corridor is located in Ramsey and Hennepin Counties. The portion in Ramsey County is in the city of Saint Paul, and includes East Seventh Street from Arcade Street to Wall Street, Downtown Saint Paul including Sixth Street, and West Seventh Street to the Highway 5 Mississippi River bridge. The Authority has available funds for eligible transit improvements in the Riverview Corridor, including construction of new bus shelters and replacing older bus shelters, constructing one large custom shelter in downtown Saint Paul, installing improved lighting at bus stops and installing freestanding decorative benches at bus stops that will have the new or replacement shelters. This agreement provides for the Authority's contribution of funds to the Council for procurement of materials, installation, and construction costs of transit improvements in the Riverview Corridor.

2. Article IV, **PROJECT TERM**, is amended to read as follows:

**IV. PROJECT TERM**

The Council expects to complete the Riverview Corridor transit improvements by June 30, 2003; however, this agreement shall not terminate until December 31, 2003 to allow for contract closeouts and final billings to be accomplished.

3. The parties agree that this amendment is effective as of December 30, 2001.

Except as amended hereby, the provisions of the above referenced agreement shall remain in full force and effect without change.

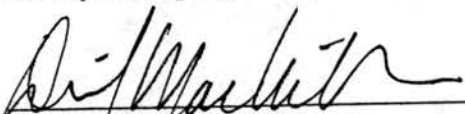
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have caused this amendment to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

**RAMSEY COUNTY  
REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rafael Ortega, Chair

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathryn DeSpiegelaere, Director

By:   
Assistant County Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Risk Management

By:   
Budget and Accounting

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Regional Administrator

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office of General Counsel

# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. DeSpiegelaere  
Authorized Signature

April 15, 2002  
Date

### Board Action Requested

Approve extension of contract with Metro Transit for project management services for the Central Corridor in the amount of \$218,000 through March 31, 2003.

**ACTION IS REQUESTED**

### Request Justification

- See attached:
1. Proposed resolution
  2. Memorandum from K. DeSpiegelaere dated 4/15/02
  2. Amendment

Budgeting and Accounting

County Attorney

Risk Management

Documentation certified complete for:

April 23, 2002

Board Date

Kristine A. Longhenny  
Signature

April 15, 2002  
Date

# RESOLUTION

Board of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

No.: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has contracted with Metro Transit for project management services for the Central Corridor; and

WHEREAS, The contract with Metro Transit expired December 1, 2001; and

WHEREAS, The Central Corridor Transit Study will be completed in late 2002; and

WHEREAS, The contract with Metro Transit will be funded with federal (80%), state (10%) and Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority previous levied funding (10%); Now, Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority extends the contract with Metro Transit through March 31, 2003 in the amount of \$218,000; and Be It Further

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

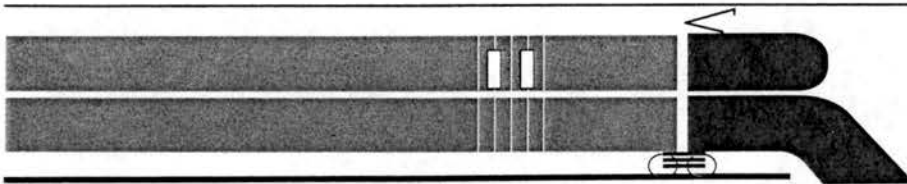
## RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

|                    | YEA   | NAY   | OTHER |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
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Rafael Ortega, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jim McDonough, Secretary





## **Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority**

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### **Memorandum**

To: Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners  
Paul Kirkwold, County Manager

From: Kathryn DeSpiegelaere, Director

Subject: Extension of contract with Metro Transit for Project Management  
Services

Date: April 12, 2002

Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has had a contract with Metro Transit for project management services for the Central Corridor. Steve Morris has managed the Central Corridor project, which is to be completed in late 2002 or early 2003. A resolution and amendment are attached which extend the contract with Metro Transit from December 1, 2001 to March 31, 2003.

The amount of the amendment to the contract is \$218,000. The contract will be funded with federal (80%), state (10%), and Ramsey County RRA previous levied funding (10%).

## **FIRST AMENDMENT TO MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT**

This agreement between the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA), a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota, and the Metropolitan Council (COUNCIL), a public corporation and political subdivision of the State of Minnesota, amends that certain agreement between the RCRRA and COUNCIL, dated September 14, 1999 for management services to be provided to the RCRRA by the COUNCIL (the Agreement).

For valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which the parties hereby acknowledge, the parties mutually agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

1. Section IV. **TERM** is amended to read as follows:

The term of this agreement is extended to March 31, 2003, unless otherwise terminated by the mutual agreement of the parties.

2. Section V. **PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES** is amended to read as follows:

A. Compensation to COUNCIL for performance of services identified in Section II shall be made in accordance with the established billing rates set forth in Exhibit B. For the period from December 1, 2001 through March 31, 2003, billing rates shall be those set forth in Exhibit C. COUNCIL shall be responsible for compensating the assigned employee or employees.

Except as modified herein, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

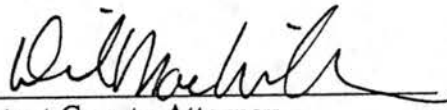
RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rafael Ortega, Chair  
Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Regional Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Assistant County Attorney

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
General Manager-Metro Transit

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director  
Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
General Counsel

Funds Available: 2000 12501 150080  
Account No. 421511

Vern Wohlberg 4/16/02  
Budget & Accounting

**EXHIBIT C**  
**BILLING RATES**

Subject to the contingencies listed below, the following billing rates are established for December 1, 2001 to March 31, 2003.

|    |                                                                                    |               |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| A. | Direct Compensation/Salary                                                         | \$120,000 (1) |
| B. | Overhead factor for fringe benefits and administrative<br>Expense of Metro Transit | 60,000 (2)    |
| C. | Mileage/Parking Reimbursement                                                      | 3,000 (3)     |
| D. | Travel                                                                             | 10,000 (3)    |
| E. | Contingency                                                                        | 25,000 (4)    |

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- (1) If the actual direct salary/compensation paid to the employee is less than the amount stated, the RCRRA will be liable only for the compensation actually paid.
  - (2) If the actual compensation paid to the employee is less than the amount stated, the actual overhead factor will be adjusted to equal Fifty Percent (50%) of the actual compensation paid.
  - (3) Mileage, parking and travel will be reimbursed to the employee on the basis of actual expenses incurred. If actual expenses are less than the amounts stated, any surplus shall be refunded to the RCRRA.
  - (4) Payments from the contingency account must be approved by the Director, RCRRA prior to disbursing funds, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld. Any monies not disbursed from the contingency account will be refunded to the RCRRA.

# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. Spiegel  
Authorized Signature

4/15/02  
Date

### Board Action Requested

Ratify Partial Payment No. 17 in the amount of \$107,684.91 to BRW, Inc. for professional consulting services for the Central Corridor Transit Study.

**ACTION IS REQUESTED**

### Request Justification

Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has contracted the professional consulting of BRW, Inc. for the purpose of conducting the Central Corridor Transit Study. Payment in the amount of \$107,684.91 for the period ending December 28, 2001 will be issued upon approval by the Director of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority in accordance with contract provisions and Rail Authority Resolution No. 00-05. Payment documentation is being submitted for ratification in compliance with the latter.

- See attached:
1. Proposed resolution ratifying payment
  2. Accounts Payable forms and Partial Payment Nos. 17
  3. BRW, Inc. Invoice Nos. 267-15451 (17) and attachments.

Budgeting and Accounting

County Attorney

Risk Management

Documentation certified complete for:

April 23, 2002

Board Date

Kristine A. Longhenry  
Signature

April 15, 2002

Date



# RESOLUTION

Board of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

No.: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has contracted for the professional consulting services of BRW, Inc. for the purpose of conducting the Central Corridor Transit Study; and

WHEREAS, BRW, Inc. has satisfactorily completed portions of the work identified in the referenced agreements, and provided detailed invoice documentation for services and costs accrued through December 28, 2001; and

WHEREAS, submittal of invoices and payment documentation to the Rail Authority for ratification at the next scheduled meeting following staff approval of invoice documentation is required; and

WHEREAS, BRW, Inc. Invoice No. 267-15451, Partial Payment No. 17 in the amount of \$107,684.91, attachments thereto, provide the correct documentation of payments due BRW, Inc. through December 28, 2001; Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, Payment to BRW, Inc. in the amount of \$107,684.91 for services rendered through December 28, 2001, is hereby ratified.

## RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

|                    | YEA   | NAY   | OTHER |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Tony Bennett       | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Susan M. Haigh     | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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| Janice Rettman     | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Jan Wiessner       | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Rafael Ortega, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jim McDonough, Secretary

Business Unit: RRA  
Voucher ID: 00001607

VOUCHER  
Purchase Order Voucher

Page No. 1  
Run Date 21.Mar.2002  
Run Time 10:54:47 AM

Port ID: RMAP19

Voucher Header Information

Pay Method: System Check

| Invoice Dt | Invoice ID     | Invoice Dt  | Vendor ID  | Vendor Name | Origin | Preparer   | Entry Stat | Acctg Dt    | Post Stat | Pymnt Trms |
|------------|----------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| Mar.2002   | 267-15451 (17) | 11.Jan.2002 | 0000002207 | BRW INC     | ONL    | LONGHEKR P |            | 21.Mar.2002 | U         | Due Now    |

| S | Gross Amt    | Use Tax | Address1        | Address2        | Address3 | City        | State | Zip   |
|---|--------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-------------|-------|-------|
|   | \$107,684.91 | \$0.00  | THRESHER SQUARE | 700 THIRD ST SO |          | MINNEAPOLIS | MN    | 55415 |

| Billing | Group ID | Sales Tax | Pckp Ord# Nbr |
|---------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| RE      | 000326   | \$0.00    |               |

Voucher Line Information

| # | Description                 | Merch Amt    | Inv Item I | Unit Price   | Prorate | S | U | F | 1099 |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------|---|---|---|------|
|   | Provide consulting services | \$107,684.91 |            | \$107,684.91 |         | Y | Y | Y | N    |

Distribution Line Information

| # | Account | Fund  | Dept   | Program | Class Fld | Client Name | BP   | Project ID | Open Item ID | Status | Merch Amt    | Stat Cd | Statistic Amt | Asset |
|---|---------|-------|--------|---------|-----------|-------------|------|------------|--------------|--------|--------------|---------|---------------|-------|
|   | 421501  | 12501 | 150180 | 00000   |           |             | 2000 | G205002    |              |        | \$107,684.91 |         |               | N     |

Account Name: Consulting Services  
Account Comments-Check Stub

Department Name: RCRRA-Proj/Grant

Invoice No. 267-15451, dated 1/11/02  
Invoices for 12/1/01-12/28/01

Other Comments

Retainage held on total of invoice

Declare that the above material and/or services have been received, are for Ramsey County, allowed by law, and approved for payment.

Authorization

*K. Halpern*

Date

3/22/02

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# Ramsey County Purchase Order

## Regional Rail Authority

Regional Rail Authority  
665 RCGC-West  
50 West Kellogg Blvd.  
St Paul MN 55102  
United States

Vendor: 0000002207  
BRW INC  
THRESHER SQUARE  
700 THIRD ST SO  
MINNEAPOLIS MN 55415  
United States

|                  |                    |                    |          |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Purchase Order   | Date               | Revision           | Page     |
| RRA - 0000000146 | 03/04/2002         |                    | 1        |
| Payment Terms    | Freight Terms      |                    | Ship Via |
| Due Now          | Origin PPD Allowed |                    | US MAIL  |
| From Date        | To Date            |                    |          |
| Buyer: RRA       |                    | Currency Code: USD |          |

Ship To: Regional Rail Authority  
665 RCGC-West  
50 West Kellogg Blvd.  
St Paul MN 55102  
United States  
Bill To: Regional Rail Authority  
665 RCGC-West  
50 West Kellogg Blvd.  
St Paul MN 55102  
United States

Tax Exempt? Y Tax Exempt ID: 999999999999

| Line-Schd      | Item | Description                 | Quantity | UOM | PO Price   | Extended Amt | Due Date   |
|----------------|------|-----------------------------|----------|-----|------------|--------------|------------|
| 1 - 1          |      | Provide consulting services | 1.00     | EA  | 550,721.17 | 550,721.17   | 03/04/2002 |
| Schedule Total |      |                             |          |     |            | 550,721.17   |            |

Mfg ID

Item Total 550,721.17

Total PO Amount 550,721.17

All shipments, shipping papers, invoices, and correspondence must be identified with our Purchase Order Number. Overshipments will not be accepted unless authorized by Buyer prior to shipment.

Unauthorized

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| BRW CENTRAL CORRIDOR  |              |              |              |              |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                       | Invoice #13  | Invoice #14  | Invoice #15  | Invoice #16  | Invoice #17  |
| LABOR                 | \$55,375.44  | \$41,140.97  | \$30,377.28  | \$36,948.78  | \$27,738.52  |
| O.H. (157.41%)        | \$87,166.48  | \$64,759.98  | \$47,816.91  | \$58,161.15  | \$43,663.28  |
| TOTAL LABOR           | \$142,541.98 | \$105,900.95 | \$78,194.19  | \$95,109.93  | \$71,401.80  |
| FEE (11.5%)           | \$16,392.31  | \$12,178.56  | \$8,992.33   | \$10,937.64  | \$8,211.17   |
| SUB TOTAL LABOR       | \$158,934.29 | \$118,079.51 | \$87,186.52  | \$106,047.57 | \$79,612.97  |
| DIRECT COSTS          | \$41,937.97  | \$48,962.77  | \$26,419.98  | \$31,316.45  | \$33,739.57  |
| TOTAL INVOICE         | \$200,872.26 | \$167,042.28 | \$113,606.50 | \$137,364.02 | \$113,352.54 |
| RETAINAGE (5%)        | \$10,043.61  | \$8,352.11   | \$5,680.33   | \$6,868.20   | \$5,667.63   |
| NET PAY INVOICE       | \$190,828.65 | \$158,690.17 | \$107,926.18 | \$130,495.82 | \$107,684.91 |
|                       |              |              |              |              |              |
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|                       |              |              |              |              |              |
| Subsistence           | \$666.97     | \$722.59     | \$749.67     | \$1,748.83   | \$233.64     |
| Non-Local Transport   | \$1,889.48   | \$2,178.12   | \$2,111.90   | \$2,275.14   | \$973.65     |
| Local Transportation  | \$744.50     | \$420.27     | \$456.80     | \$402.34     | \$153.56     |
| Vehicle Rental        | \$113.40     | \$113.98     | \$115.16     |              |              |
| Shipping Charges      | \$77.28      | \$31.72      | \$82.28      | \$181.27     |              |
| Communications        | \$9.98       |              |              |              |              |
| Printing and Reprod   | \$1,030.35   | \$499.47     | \$188.14     |              | \$8.70       |
| Contract Labor        |              |              | \$112.50     |              | \$3,000.00   |
| Misc Field Supplies   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Professional Services | \$35,972.06  | \$43,752.32  | \$21,369.23  | \$25,728.87  | \$28,390.02  |
| Equipment Rental      |              | \$264.30     | \$254.30     |              |              |
| Miscellan Supplies    |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other                 | \$1,195.05   | \$980.00     | \$980.00     | \$980.00     | \$980.00     |
| URS Greiner Woodward  | \$238.90     |              |              |              |              |
| Total                 | \$41,937.97  | \$48,962.77  | \$26,419.98  | \$31,316.45  | \$33,739.57  |

# URS

700 THIRD STREET SOUTH, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55415\*\* (612) 370-0700  
BRW, Inc.

\*\* INVOICE \*\*

JANUARY 11, 2002

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL  
RAILROAD AUTHORITY  
665 RAMSEY CO. GOV. CENTER-WST  
50 WEST KELLOGG BLVD.  
ST. PAUL, MN 55102  
ATTN: MS. KATHY DESPIEGELAERE

PLEASE INCLUDE)  
ON REMITTANCE ) --> INVOICE NUMBER : 267 -15451 :  
ACCOUNT NUMBER 45550-001-267

TAX PAYERS I.D. NO. 41-1625272

CENTRAL CORRIDOR STUDY  
CONSECUTIVE INVOICE NO. 17

PERIOD COVERING 12/01/01 THROUGH 12/28/01

US\$

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED

113,352.54

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS JUST AND CORRECT  
AND PAYMENT HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED.

  
DONALD ZURATOVAC  
PROJECT MANAGER

1/8/02

OK  


PROGRESS BILLING  
PLEASE REMIT TO:  
URS / BRW, FILE: 54967, LOS ANGELES, CA 90074-4967

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THIS INVOICE IS DUE AND PAYABLE UPON PRESENTATION  
PLEASE RETURN ONE COPY OF THIS INVOICE WITH YOUR REMITTANCE

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# **CENTRAL CORRIDOR TRANSIT STUDY**

## **BRW TEAM PROGRESS REPORT**

**FOR THE PERIOD:**

**December 1, 2001 – December 31, 2001**

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Below each of the following project tasks are listed the work items that were accomplished between December 1, 2001 and December 31, 2001.

### **Task 1.0: Define Goals and Objectives**

- No work on this task

### **Task 2.0: Establish Project Charter**

- No work on this task

### **Task 3.0: Alternatives Definition**

- No work on this task

### **Task 4.0: Refine Alternatives**

- Continued refinement of station locations
- Continued refinement of Baseline Alternative Report
- Continued refinement of LRT and BRT conceptual design and cost estimates
- Continued development of feeder bus plans with Metro Transit staff
- Completed the Commuter Rail Technical Feasibility Study
- Commenced evaluation of new Capitol Area alignment option
- Completed analysis of University Avenue impacts of LRT in St. Paul
- Continued analysis of University Avenue impacts in Minneapolis

### **Task 5.0: Implementation and Funding Plans**

- Initiated research on financial plan alternatives
- Began development of LRT and BRT operating plans
- Continued refinement of ridership model for No Build and TSM Alternatives

### **Task 6.0: EIS Preparation**

- Continued work on the DEIS
  - Continued to gather information for existing conditions
  - Interim report on transit-oriented development completed
  - Collected data for Downtown St. Paul intersection and segment analyses
  - Continued work on developing forecast volumes for both Baseline and Build Alternatives
  - Continued developing the Build Alternative network for the traffic analyses
  - Defined Baseline Alternative for Traffic Impact Analysis and FTA submittal
  - Worked with the Metro Transit for feeder bus operating plans for build conditions
  - Continued work on Screen I Evaluation

- Continued work on Screen II Evaluation
  - Continued work on Scoping Summary Report
- Continued work on the Phase I Historic Resource Survey of the University Avenue Alignment
- Prepared for and participated in the following meetings related to the above work items:
  - December 20, 2001: Meeting with St. Paul *re*: Station Area Planning

#### **Task 7.0: Public Involvement**

- Preparation of materials for forthcoming public meetings

#### **Task 8.0: Project Management**

- Prepared meeting minutes for November 28, 2001 PMT meeting
- Prepared progress report and invoice
- Continued to update schedule
- Developed draft updated budget which reflects impacts of out-of-scope work and protracted project schedule
- Coordinated with RCRRA Project Manager to discuss work products and schedule
  - December 13, 2001: Meeting with Project Manager to discuss updated project budget and schedule

# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. H. Longhenry  
Authorized Signature

4/15/02  
Date

### Board Action Requested

Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority  
web site.

**DISCUSSION ONLY**

### Request Justification

See attached information.

Budgeting and Accounting

County Attorney

Risk Management

Documentation certified complete for:

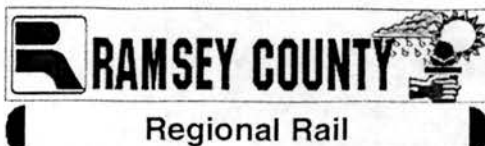
April 23, 2002

Board Date

Kristine A. Longhenry  
Signature

April 15, 2002

Date



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## Transit In Ramsey County

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA) is an agency that supports transit in Ramsey County and in the region. We do this by:

- Working with citizens, businesses, and organizations in Ramsey County on transit issues;
- Working with the Metropolitan Council, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Metro Transit, and other transportation partners on transit projects, including rail projects;
- Building relationships with federal, state, and local officials and staff on transit issues;
- Advocating for a dedicated source of funding for transit for the region;
- Seeking funding for transit projects in Ramsey County;
- Managing right-of-way; and
- Purchasing abandoned railroad right-of-way for future rail use.

Central Corridor

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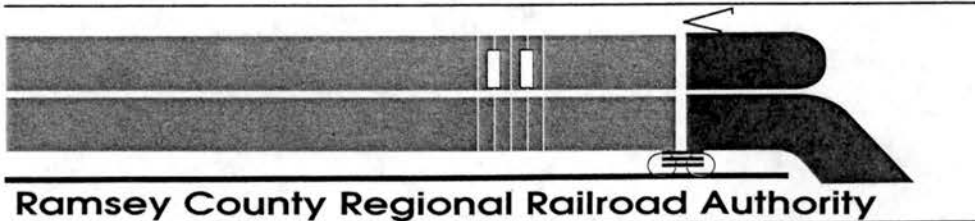
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## **Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority**

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**

**May 14, 2002**

#### **Immediately following Facilities Committee Meeting**

#### **Third Floor Council Chambers Courthouse**

1. \* Approve minutes of April 23, 2002, RCRRRA meeting
  2. Legislative update
  3. Corridor updates
  4. \* Ratify Partial Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$101,692.05 to Metropolitan Council for Riverview Corridor transit improvements
  5. \* Ratify Partial Payment No. 18 in the amount of \$165,846.44 to BRW, Inc. for professional consulting services for the Central Corridor
- \* Action is requested



## Minutes

### RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY MEETING

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met on Tuesday, April 23, 2002, in Council Chambers Third Floor Courthouse.

|                  |                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MEMBERS PRESENT: | Chair Rafael Ortega<br>Commissioner Tony Bennett<br>Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt<br>Commissioner Janice Rettman<br>Commissioner Jan Wiessner |
| MEMBERS ABSENT:  | Commissioner Susan Haigh<br>Commissioner Jim McDonough                                                                                          |
| OTHERS PRESENT:  | Kathy DeSpiegelaere, David MacMillan, Alicia Vap,<br>Steve Morris, Julie Kleinschmidt, Kathleen Aho, Kris<br>Longhenry                          |

Chair Ortega called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

1. Approve minutes of March 19, 2002 RCRRA meeting

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Wiessner to approve minutes of March 19, 2002 RCRRA Meeting.

Ayes – 5, Nays – 0  
Motion accepted.

2. Legislative update

Kathy DeSpiegelaere reported that there hasn't been much activity on the bonding bill in the last couple of weeks. Kathy stated that currently, there is some funding for the Central Corridor in the Senate bill, funding for the Union Depot area in the House bill, funding for the Rush Line Corridor in the House bill, but no funding for high-speed rail or the Red Rock Corridor.

Terry Speiker noted that the Rush Line Corridor is still considered a busway, so the House has kept funding for it. Terry commented that conferees have been trying to exchange ideas on what might be acceptable in the final bonding bill, but that is tied up with the budget-balancing bill because debt service is in the budget-balancing bill and that conference committee hasn't met since last week. There are no meetings scheduled for this week on the budget-balancing bill, so the final bonding bill is still sitting there. Terry stated that the gas tax issue and the whole discussion on the gas tax and what it may be used for is still one of the outstanding issues of this legislative session.

Commissioner Bennett asked if there is Union Depot funding in the bonding bills of the Senate or the House. Terry Speiker responded that Union Depot funding might not survive.

3. Approve extension of \$1,875,000 contract with Metropolitan Council for Riverview Corridor transit improvements through December 31, 2003 at no additional cost

Kathy DeSpiegelaere noted that this contract is for bus shelters along East and West Seventh Streets including downtown St. Paul. Commissioner Ortega asked if these were the same shelters that were discussed with district councils and if they would have input on design of the

shelters. Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded that a letter went out to the district councils to reaffirm design. Kathy has met with Shawn Bartsch from the Highland area and Gene Piccolo from the Dayton's Bluff area. Kathy commented that a letter was sent to the West Seventh district council and agreed to follow up with them.

Commissioner Wiessner questioned what caused the delay in completing this project. Kathy DeSpiegelaere answered that this project was dependant on what happened with the Riverview Corridor busway project. Since the funding was to be taken away from the Riverview busway project, specific locations for the bus shelters have been located. Kathy added that even if the Riverview busway project keeps it's funding, there will be funding for the bus shelter project.

Motion by Commissioner Wiessner, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt to approve extension of \$1,875,000 contract with Metropolitan Council for Riverview Corridor transit improvements through December 31, 2003 at no additional cost.

Ayes – 5, Nays – 0  
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has contracted with Metro Transit to construct transit improvements for the Riverview Corridor along East and West Seventh Streets and in Downtown St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, The contract with Metro Transit expired December 31, 2001; and

WHEREAS, The transit improvements for this contract will not be completed until June 30, 2003; Now, Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority extends the \$1,875,000 contract with Metro Transit through December 31, 2003 at no additional cost; and Be It Further

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

4. Approve extension of contract with Metro Transit for project management for services for the Central Corridor in the amount of \$218,000 through March 31, 2003

Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated that this contract with Metro Transit is for project management work on the Central Corridor. Kathy noted that Steve Morris has managed the Central Corridor project for the last two years and the reason for the contract extension is that the DEIS is expected to be completed this fall, however, depending on the federal review process and/or public review process, it may take longer.

Commissioner Rettman commented that along with the extension, this is also an addition to the contract of \$218,000. Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded that when the Central Corridor project budget was initially approved, a certain amount of funds for project management was anticipated and the additional \$218,000 is within that budget.

Commissioner Rettman asked if the funds aren't expended in project management, can they be used in other areas of the project. Kathy DeSpiegelaere answered yes.

Commissioner Rettman asked what would happen if the contract wasn't extended. Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded that she would take over management of the project along with Alicia Vap. Kathy added that since Steve has been managing the project for the last two years, however, he has certain knowledge that she doesn't.

Commissioner Rettman questioned if the extension is only being done due to waiting on the FTA, why is the extension needed. Kathy DeSpiegelaere answered that this contract is already expired and there is still a lot of work to be done in addition to waiting on the FTA.

Commissioner Wiessner asked if Kathy could summarize the workload left on this project. Kathy stated that draft chapters of the EIS are coming into the office and they need to be reviewed; there are many ongoing and future meetings being held with consultants, business leaders, FTA, community groups and other agencies/organizations.

Commissioner Reinhardt questioned if the billing rates are high and could be cut back. Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded that when the contract was negotiated, the rate negotiated was less than what the County charges the RCRRA for staff time. Kathy noted that she would be comfortable with removing the \$25,000 contingency at this time. Kathy added that if funds were needed to absorb any unforeseen expenditures, a request to add this back would be brought back to the RCRRA. The RCRRA agreed to amend the contract by removing the \$25,000 contingency from the contract.

Motion by Commissioner Reinhardt, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve extension of contract with Metro Transit for project management services for the Central Corridor in the amount of \$193,000 through March 31, 2003.

Ayes – 4, Nays – 1  
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has contracted with Metro Transit for project management services for the Central Corridor; and

WHEREAS, The contract with Metro Transit expired December 1, 2001; and

WHEREAS, The Central Corridor Transit Study will be completed in late 2002; and

WHEREAS, The contract with Metro Transit will be funded with federal (80%), state (10%) and Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority previous levied funding (10%); Now, Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority extends the contract with Metro Transit through March 31, 2003 in the amount of \$193,000; and Be It Further

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

5. Ratify Partial Payment No. 17 in the amount of \$107,684.91 to BRW, Inc. for professional consulting services for the Central Corridor

Commissioner Rettman asked if the RCRRA is getting the work they want from BRW, Inc. Kathy DeSpiegelaere responded that the RCRRA is getting the work needed by working closely with them. Kathy added that the contract with BRW, Inc. will come in at what was budgeted and noted that there is retainage being held to make sure that they complete the project.

Motion by Commissioner Reinhardt, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to ratify Partial Payment No. 17 in the amount of \$107,684.91 to BRW, Inc. for professional consulting services for the Central Corridor.

Ayes – 5, Nays – 0  
Motion accepted.

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has contracted for the professional consulting services of BRW, Inc. for the purpose of conducting the Central Corridor Transit Study; and

WHEREAS, BRW, Inc. has satisfactorily completed portions of the work identified in the referenced agreements, and provided detailed invoice documentation for services and costs accrued through December 28, 2001; and

WHEREAS, submittal of invoices and payment documentation to the Rail Authority for ratification at the next scheduled meeting following staff approval of invoice documentation is required; and

WHEREAS, BRW, Inc. Invoice No. 267-15451, Partial Payment No. 17 in the amount of \$107,684.91, attachments thereto, provide the correct documentation of payments due BRW, Inc. through December 28, 2001; Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, Payment to BRW, Inc. in the amount of \$107,684.91 for services rendered through December 28, 2001, is hereby ratified.

6. Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority web site

Kathy DeSpiegelaere stated that Alicia Vap has worked with Dave Verhasselt and Information Services staff to develop an RCRRA website linked through the County's website. Kathy noted that this website is updated frequently to add meetings and other information.

Commissioner Wiessner asked if the Northeast Diagonal is mentioned anywhere in the website. Alicia Vap responded that the Northeast Diagonal is listed under the projects link.

The RCRRA commended Alicia Vap on her work on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. DeSpiegelaere  
Authorized Signature

May 7, 2002  
Date

### Board Action Requested

Legislative update

**DISCUSSION ONLY**

### Request Justification

An update will be given at the meeting.

Budgeting and Accounting

County Attorney

Risk Management

Documentation certified complete for:

May 14, 2002

Board Date

Kristine A. Longhewy  
Signature

May 7, 2002  
Date



# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. DeSpiegelaere

Authorized Signature

May 7, 2002

Date

### Board Action Requested

Corridor updates

**DISCUSSION ONLY**

### Request Justification

An update will be given at the meeting.

Budgeting and Accounting

*Vern Wobley* 5/8/02

County Attorney

*Paul MacMullen*

Risk Management

Documentation certified complete for:

May 14, 2002

Board Date

*Kristine A. Longhenry*  
Signature

*May 7, 2002*  
Date

# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

K. DeSpiegelaere

Authorized Signature

May 7, 2002

Date

### Board Action Requested

Ratify Partial Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$101,692.05 to Metropolitan Council for Riverview Corridor transit improvements of bus shelters, lighting and benches.

**ACTION IS REQUESTED**

### Request Justification

Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has contracted the professional services of Metropolitan Council for the purpose of constructing Riverview Corridor transit improvements of bus shelters, lighting and benches. Payment in the amount of \$101,692.05 for the period ending November 24, 2001 will be issued upon approval by the Director of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority in accordance with contract provisions and Rail Authority Resolution No. 99-36. Payment documentation is being submitted for ratification in compliance with the latter.

- See attached:
1. Proposed resolution ratifying payment
  2. Accounts Payable forms and Partial Payment No. 1
  3. Metropolitan Council Invoice No. NCV-1413 (1) and attachments.

Budgeting and Accounting

*Ven W. Lipp* 5/9/02

County Attorney

*Bill Marshall*

Risk Management

Documentation certified complete for:

May 14, 2002

Board Date

*Kristine A. Longhenny*  
Signature

*May 7, 2002*  
Date

# RESOLUTION

Board of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

No.: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has contracted for the professional services of Metropolitan Council for the purpose of constructing Riverview Corridor transit improvements of bus shelters, lighting and benches; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Council has satisfactorily completed portions of the work identified in the referenced agreements, and provided detailed invoice documentation for services and costs accrued through November 24, 2001; and

WHEREAS, submittal of invoices and payment documentation to the Rail Authority for ratification at the next scheduled meeting following staff approval of invoice documentation is required; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Council Invoice No. NCV-1413, Partial Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$101,692.05, attachments thereto, provide the correct documentation of payments due Metropolitan Council through November 24, 2001; Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, Payment to Metropolitan Council in the amount of \$101,692.05 for services rendered through November 24, 2001, is hereby ratified.

## RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

|                    | YEA   | NAY   | OTHER |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Tony Bennett       | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Susan M. Haigh     | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Jim McDonough      | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Rafael E. Ortega   | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Victoria Reinhardt | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Janice Rettman     | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Jan Wiessner       | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Rafael Ortega, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jim McDonough, Secretary

**RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY**  
**Metro Transit Contract History - Riverview Corridor Transit Improvements**  
**September 30, 2000 through November 24, 2001**

| Payment<br>Number                                                       | Invoice<br>Number | Invoice<br>Amount | Adjustment | Revised<br>Amount | Less<br>Retainage | Net<br>Payment | Remaining<br>Amount | Payment<br>Date | Check<br>Number |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>BY2002 12501 150180 00000 491306 G205004 - Total Contract Amount</b> |                   |                   |            |                   |                   |                | <b>1,875,000.00</b> |                 |                 |
| 1                                                                       | NCV-1413          | 101,692.05        | 0.00       | 101,692.05        | 0.00              | 101,692.05     | 1,773,307.95        | 4/3/2002        | 466829          |

|        |  |                   |             |                   |             |                   |  |  |  |
|--------|--|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Totals |  | <u>101,692.05</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>101,692.05</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>101,692.05</u> |  |  |  |
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Business Unit: RRA  
Voucher ID: 00001608

**VOUCHER**  
**Purchase Order Voucher**

Page No. 1  
Run Date: 21.Mar.2002  
Run Time: 2:46:00 PM

Port ID: RMAP19

**Voucher Header Information**

Pay Method: System Check

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| Invoice Dt | Invoice ID | Invoice Dt  | Vendor ID  | Vendor Name   | Origin | Preparer   | Entry Stat | Acctg Dt    | Post Stat | Pymnt Trms |
| Mar.2002   | NCV-1413   | 13.Mar.2002 | 0000023268 | METRO TRANSIT | ONL    | LONGHEKR P |            | 21.Mar.2002 | U         | Due Now    |

|   |                     |         |               |          |          |      |       |       |
|---|---------------------|---------|---------------|----------|----------|------|-------|-------|
| S | Gross Amt           | Use Tax | Address1      | Address2 | Address3 | City | State | Zip   |
|   | <b>\$101,692.05</b> | \$0.00  | 560 6TH AVE N |          |          | MPLS | MN    | 55411 |

|         |          |           |               |
|---------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| Billing | Group ID | Sales Tax | Pckp Ord# Nbr |
| RE      | 000328   | \$0.00    |               |

**Voucher Line Information**

| # | Description          | Merch Amt    | Inv Item I | Unit Price   | Prorate | S | U | F | 1099 |
|---|----------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------|---|---|---|------|
|   | Professional Service | \$101,692.05 | 918070001  | \$101,692.05 |         | Y | Y | Y | N    |

**Distribution Line Information**

| # | Account | Fund  | Dept   | Program | Class Fld | Client Name | BP   | Project ID | Open Item ID | Status | Merch Amt    | Stat Cd | Statistic Amt | Asset |
|---|---------|-------|--------|---------|-----------|-------------|------|------------|--------------|--------|--------------|---------|---------------|-------|
|   | 491306  | 12501 | 150180 | 00000   |           |             | 2002 | G205004    |              |        | \$101,692.05 |         |               | N     |

Account Name: Other Governmental Units  
ent Comments-Check Stub

Department Name: RCRRA-Proj/Grant

Invoice No. NCV-1413, dated 3/13/2001  
Invoices from Envirosience, Inc. 9/30/00-11/24/01  
Contract #99-024

Other Comments

Declare that the above material and/or services have been received, are for Ramsey County, allowed by law, and approved for payment.

Authorization

*K. Halpern*

Date

*3/21/02*

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# Ramsey County Purchase Order

## Regional Rail Authority

Regional Rail Authority  
665 RCGC-West  
50 West Kellogg Blvd.  
St Paul MN 55102  
United States

Vendor: 0000023268  
METRO TRANSIT  
560 6TH AVE N  
MPLS MN 55411  
United States  
Fax: 612-349-7763

|                  |                    |                    |          |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Purchase Order   | Date               | Revision           | Page     |
| RRA - 0000000156 | 03/21/2002         |                    | 1        |
| Payment Terms    | Freight Terms      |                    | Ship Via |
| Due Now          | Origin PPD Allowed |                    | US MAIL  |
| From Date        |                    | To Date            |          |
| Buyer: RRA       |                    | Currency Code: USD |          |

Ship To: Regional Rail Authority  
665 RCGC-West  
50 West Kellogg Blvd.  
St Paul MN 55102  
United States

Bill To: Regional Rail Authority  
665 RCGC-West  
50 West Kellogg Blvd.  
St Paul MN 55102  
United States

Tax Exempt? Y Tax Exempt ID: 999999999999

| Line-Schd      | Item | Description          | Quantity | UOM | PO Price     | Extended Amt | Due Date   |
|----------------|------|----------------------|----------|-----|--------------|--------------|------------|
| 1 - 1          |      | Professional Service | 1.00     | EA  | 1,875,000.00 | 1,875,000.00 | 03/21/2002 |
| Schedule Total |      |                      |          |     |              | 1,875,000.00 |            |

Mfg ID

Item Total 918070001 1,875,000.00

Total PO Amount 1,875,000.00

All shipments, shipping papers, invoices, and correspondence must be identified with our Purchase Order Number. Overshipments will not be accepted unless authorized by Buyer prior to shipment.

Authorized Signature

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# INVOICE

**Please Remit To:**

Metro Transit  
Accounts Receivable  
560-6th Avenue North  
Minneapolis, MN 55411-4398

**Page:**

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**Invoice No:**

NCV-1413

**Invoice Date:**

03/13/2002

**Customer Number:**

RAMREG

**Payment Terms:**

Due 30 dys

**Due Date:**

04/12/2002

**Customer:**

RAMSEY CO. REGIONAL RR AUTHORITY  
KATHRYN DESPIEGELAERE  
50 W. Kellogg Blvd. Suite 665  
St. Paul, MN 55102

**AMOUNT DUE:**

\$ 101,692.05

\$

Amount Remitted

Please detach top portion of invoice and remit with payment. Please include invoice number on check.

For billing questions, please call (612) 349-7734

| Line | Adj | Identifier    | Description                                                                    | Quantity | UOM | Unit Amt   | Net Amount    |
|------|-----|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----|------------|---------------|
| 1    |     | RIVERVIEW COR | Riverview Corridor Bus Stop                                                    | 1.00     | EA  | 101,692.05 | 101,692.05    |
|      |     |               | RIVERVIEW CORRIDOR TRANSIT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS                               |          |     |            |               |
|      |     |               | Contract #99-024                                                               |          |     |            |               |
|      |     |               | Progress payments 1-7 from Enviroscience, Inc. from inception through November |          |     |            |               |
|      |     |               | 24, 2001 totaling \$101,692.05                                                 |          |     |            |               |
|      |     |               | Reimbursement due to Metro Transit per attached detail                         |          |     |            |               |
|      |     |               | Contact Steve Honigman with questions 612-349-7733                             |          |     |            |               |
|      |     |               | <b>SUBTOTAL:</b>                                                               |          |     |            | 101,692.05    |
|      |     |               | <b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE :</b>                                                      |          |     |            | \$ 101,692.05 |

RARRA 99024  
MUD 79236

Rec'd  
12/11/01  
LRS

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL/METRO TRANSIT  
PAYMENT REQUEST NO. 7 FOR ENGINEERING/CONSULTING SERVICES

☐ Rail Mode ☒ Bus Mode

NAME OF FIRM: ENVIROSCIENCE, INC. DATE: 11/30/2001  
ADDRESS: 10200 VALLEY VIEW RD. #151A PERIOD FROM: 2/18/01 TO: 11/24/01  
EDEN PRAIRIE, MN 55344 CONTRACT #: 00P0028 PROJ # 63955  
PROJECT NAME: Riverview Corridor Bus Stop Amenities

CONTRACT SUMMARY:

ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT \$ 97,422.74  
AUTHORIZED CHANGES TO ORIGINAL CONTRACT:  
AMENDMENT #1 \$ 13,879.10  
AMENDMENT #2 \$                       
AMENDMENT #3 \$                       
NET CHANGES (SUB-TOTAL) \$                       
REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT \$ 111,301.84

AMOUNT OF PAYMENT:

AMOUNT EARNED TO DATE \$ 101,692.05  
LESS AMOUNT PAID OR BILLED PREVIOUSLY \$ 92,540.81  
AMOUNT DUE THIS PAYMENT \$ 9,151.24

CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTOR

I hereby certify that the above services have been performed and that this claim is just and correct and no part of it has been paid.

By [Signature] 12/6/01  
Contractor's/Consultant's Authorized Date  
Representative

☐ Check here if this is a final pay claim request.

COUNCIL/METRO TRANSIT'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have prepared or examined this claim for work performed during the period for which this payment claim has been made and that the Contractor is entitled to payment of the claim under the terms of the contract.

[Signature] 12/18/01  
Project Manager/Council's Authorized Date  
Representative  
[Signature] 12/19/01  
AGM - Rail/Bus Operations Date

| ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER          |      |         |        |                       |        |                             |
|-----------------------------------|------|---------|--------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| ACCOUNT CHART FIELD               |      |         |        |                       |        | BLANKET PO                  |
| Account                           | Fund | Org     | Prog   | Subclass              | BY     | Project                     |
| 63110                             | 710  | 43410   | 099    | <del>0999</del> CP 06 |        | 63955                       |
|                                   |      |         |        |                       |        | PROJECT/FUND CODE APPROVAL: |
|                                   |      |         |        |                       |        |                             |
| PAYMENT INFORMATION               |      |         |        |                       |        |                             |
| AP GROUP                          |      | VOUCHER |        | DATE                  |        | CHECK #                     |
| PROJECT FUNDING INFORMATION       |      |         |        |                       |        |                             |
| FEDERAL FUNDING: GRANT NUMBER MN- |      |         |        | LOCAL FUNDING:        |        |                             |
| ECHO DRAW                         | FFY  | FED %   | ECHO # | AMOUNT                | SOURCE | AMOUNT                      |

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL METRO TRANSIT**  
**PAYMENT CLAIM NO. 4 FOR ENGINEERING/CONSULTING SERVICES**

NAME OF FIRM: Enviroscience, Inc.

DATE: December 29, 2000

ADDRESS: 10200 Valley View Road  
 Suite 141A  
 Eden Prairie, MN 55344

PERIOD FROM: 11/26/00 TO: 12/23/00

CONTRACT #: 00P0028 PROJ # 63955

PROJECT NAME: Riverview  
 Corridor Bus Stop Amenities

CONTRACT SUMMARY:

ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT \$ 97,422.74

AUTHORIZED CHANGES TO ORIGINAL CONTRACT:

AMENDMENT #1 \$

AMENDMENT #2 \$

AMENDMENT #3 \$

NET CHANGES (SUB-TOTAL) \$

REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT \$ 97,422.74

AMOUNT OF PAYMENT:

AMOUNT EARNED TO DATE \$ 54,523.09

LESS AMOUNT PAID OR BILLED PREVIOUSLY \$ 43,926.63

AMOUNT DUE THIS PAYMENT \$ 10,596.46

CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTOR

I hereby certify that the above services have been performed and that this claim is just and correct and no part of it has been paid.

By [Signature]  
 Contractor's/Consultant's  
 Authorized Representative

Date 12/29/00

COUNCIL/METRO TRANSIT'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have prepared or examined this claim for work performed during the period for which this payment claim has made and that the Contractor is entitled to payment of the claim under the terms of the contract.

[Signature]  
 Project Manager, Laurence R. Schumi

3/14/01  
 Date

[Signature]  
 Asst. General Manager - Bus Operations

3/5/01  
 Date

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER**

| ACCOUNT CHART FIELD               |      |         |        |          |    |                | BLANKET PO                  |
|-----------------------------------|------|---------|--------|----------|----|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Account                           | Fund | Org     | Prog   | Subclass | BY | Project        | RELEASE PO                  |
| 63110                             | 710  | 43410   | 099    | CP06     |    | 63955          | PROJECT/FUND CODE APPROVAL: |
|                                   |      |         |        |          |    |                |                             |
|                                   |      |         |        |          |    |                |                             |
| PAYMENT INFORMATION               |      |         |        |          |    |                |                             |
| AP GROUP                          |      | VOUCHER |        | DATE     |    | CHECK #        |                             |
| PROJECT FUNDING INFORMATION       |      |         |        |          |    |                |                             |
| FEDERAL FUNDING: GRANT NUMBER MN- |      |         |        |          |    | LOCAL FUNDING: |                             |
| ECHO                              | FFY  | FED %   | ECHO # | AMOUNT   |    | SOURCE         | AMOUNT                      |
| DRAW                              |      |         |        |          |    |                |                             |

*Please note: delay in payment authorization is due to incomplete payment application*

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL METRO TRANSIT  
PAYMENT CLAIM NO. 3 FOR ENGINEERING/CONSULTING SERVICES**

NAME OF FIRM: Enviroscience, Inc.  
ADDRESS: 10200 Valley View Road  
Suite 151A  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

DATE: November 30, 2000  
PERIOD FROM: 10/22/00 TO: 11/25/00  
CONTRACT #: 00P0028 PROJ# 2000-039.1 *C3955*  
PROJECT NAME: *Riverview* → Corridor Bus Stop Amenities

CONTRACT SUMMARY:

ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT \$ 97,422.74  
AUTHORIZED CHANGES TO ORIGINAL CONTRACT:  
AMENDMENT #1 \$  
AMENDMENT #2 \$  
AMENDMENT #3 \$  
NET CHANGES (SUB-TOTAL) \$ - 0 -  
REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT \$ 97,422.74  
AMOUNT OF PAYMENT:  
AMOUNT EARNED TO DATE \$ 43,926.63  
LESS AMOUNT PAID OR BILLED PREVIOUSLY \$ 27,194.22  
AMOUNT DUE THIS PAYMENT \$ 16,732.41

*Red line copy to P. McGraw on 1/5/01 to ensure corrections & highlighted items.*

CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTOR

I hereby certify that the above services have been performed and that this claim is just and correct and no part of it has been paid.

By *[Signature]*  
Contractor's/Consultant's  
Authorized Representative

11/30/2000  
Date

COUNCIL/METRO TRANSIT'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have prepared or examined this claim for work performed during the period for which this payment claim has made and that the Contractor is entitled to payment of the claim under the terms of the contract.

*[Signature]*  
Project Manager, Laurence R. Schumi  
*[Signature]*  
Asst. General Manager- Bus Operations

12/27/00  
Date  
1/02/01  
Date

| ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER               |      |         |        |                         |    |                |                                      |
|----------------------------------------|------|---------|--------|-------------------------|----|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| ACCOUNT CHART FIELD                    |      |         |        |                         |    |                | BLANKET PO                           |
| Account                                | Fund | Org     | Prog   | Subclass                | BY | Project        | RELEASE PO                           |
| 63110                                  | 710  | 43410   | 099    | <del>0999</del><br>CP01 |    | 63955          | PROJECT/FUND CODE APPROVAL:<br>_____ |
|                                        |      |         |        |                         |    |                |                                      |
|                                        |      |         |        |                         |    |                |                                      |
| PAYMENT INFORMATION                    |      |         |        |                         |    |                |                                      |
| AP GROUP                               |      | VOUCHER |        | DATE                    |    | CHECK #        |                                      |
| PROJECT FUNDING INFORMATION            |      |         |        |                         |    |                |                                      |
| FEDERAL FUNDING: GRANT NUMBER MN-_____ |      |         |        |                         |    | LOCAL FUNDING: |                                      |
| ECHO                                   | FFY  | FED %   | ECHO # | AMOUNT                  |    | SOURCE         | AMOUNT                               |
| DRAW                                   |      |         |        |                         |    |                |                                      |



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**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL METRO TRANSIT**  
**PAYMENT CLAIM NO. 2 FOR ENGINEERING/CONSULTING SERVICES**

NAME OF FIRM: Enviroscience, Inc.  
 ADDRESS: 10200 Valley View Rd.  
 Suite 151  
 Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Rec'd  
10/23/00  
63955

DATE: October 30, 2000  
 PERIOD FROM: 10/1/00 TO: 10/21/00  
 CONTRACT #: 00P0028 PROJ # 2000-039.1  
 PROJECT NAME: Riverview Corridor Bus Stop Amenities

CONTRACT SUMMARY:

ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT \$ 97,422.74  
 AUTHORIZED CHANGES TO ORIGINAL CONTRACT:  
 AMENDMENT #1 \$  
 AMENDMENT #2 \$  
 AMENDMENT #3 \$  
 NET CHANGES (SUB-TOTAL) \$ -0-  
 REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT \$ 97,422.74

AMOUNT OF PAYMENT:

AMOUNT EARNED TO DATE \$ 27,194.22  
 LESS AMOUNT PAID OR BILLED PREVIOUSLY \$ ~~15,052.12~~ 14,328.53  
 AMOUNT DUE THIS PAYMENT \$ ~~12,142.10~~ 12,865.69

CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTOR

I hereby certify that the above services have been performed and that this claim is just and correct and no part of it has been paid.

By [Signature]  
 Contractor's/Consultant's  
 Authorized Representative

10/31/00  
 Date

COUNCIL/METRO TRANSIT'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have prepared or examined this claim for work performed during the period for which this payment claim has made and that the Contractor is entitled to payment of the claim under the terms of the contract.

[Signature]  
 Project Manager, Laurence R. Schumi

11/10/00  
 Date

[Signature]  
 Asst. General Manager- Bus Operations

11/13/00  
 Date

on MPV

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER**

| ACCOUNT CHART FIELD                |      |         |        |          |    |                | BLANKET PO                  |
|------------------------------------|------|---------|--------|----------|----|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Account                            | Fund | Org     | Prog   | Subclass | BY | Project        | RELEASE PO                  |
| 63110                              | 710  | 43410   | 099    | 0999     |    | 63955          | PROJECT/FUND CODE APPROVAL: |
|                                    |      |         |        | CP06     |    |                |                             |
| <b>PAYMENT INFORMATION</b>         |      |         |        |          |    |                |                             |
| AP GROUP                           |      | VOUCHER |        | DATE     |    | CHECK #        |                             |
| <b>PROJECT FUNDING INFORMATION</b> |      |         |        |          |    |                |                             |
| FEDERAL FUNDING: GRANT NUMBER MN-  |      |         |        |          |    | LOCAL FUNDING: |                             |
| ECHO                               | FFY  | FED %   | ECHO # | AMOUNT   |    | SOURCE         | AMOUNT                      |
| DRAW                               |      |         |        |          |    |                |                             |

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**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL METRO TRANSIT**  
**PAYMENT CLAIM NO. 1 FOR ENGINEERING/CONSULTING SERVICES**

NAME OF FIRM: Enviroscience, Inc.

DATE: September 30, 2000

ADDRESS: 10200 Valley View Road, Suite -  
 Eden Prairie, MN 55344 151A

PERIOD FROM: Inception TO: 9/30/2000

CONTRACT #: 00P0028 PROJ # 63955

PROJECT NAME: Riverview Corridor Bus Stop  
 Amenities

CONTRACT SUMMARY:

ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT

\$ 97,422.74

AUTHORIZED CHANGES TO ORIGINAL CONTRACT:

AMENDMENT #1 \$ - 0 -

AMENDMENT #2 \$ - 0 -

AMENDMENT #3 \$ - 0 -

NET CHANGES (SUB-TOTAL)

REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT

\$ - 0 -  
 \$ 97,422.74

AMOUNT OF PAYMENT:

AMOUNT EARNED TO DATE

\$ 14,328.53

LESS AMOUNT PAID OR BILLED PREVIOUSLY

\$ - 0 -

AMOUNT DUE THIS PAYMENT

\$ 14,328.53

*COPY ATTACHED  
 TO PAY APP #2  
 FOR REFERENCE ONLY*

CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTOR

I hereby certify that the above services have been performed and that this claim is just and correct and no part of it has been paid.

By H. Chris Tim 9/30/00  
 Contractor's/Consultant's Date  
 Authorized Representative

COUNCIL/METRO TRANSIT'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have prepared or examined this claim for work performed during the period for which this payment claim has made and that the Contractor is entitled to payment of the claim under the terms of the contract.

Laurence R. Schumi 10/16/00  
 Project Manager Date

Vincent Pellegrini 10/17/00  
 Asst. General Manager- Bus Operations Date

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER**

| ACCOUNT CHART FIELD               |      |         |        |          |    |                | BLANKET PO                  |
|-----------------------------------|------|---------|--------|----------|----|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Account                           | Fund | Org     | Prog   | Subclass | BY | Project        | RELEASE PO                  |
| 63110                             | 710  | 43410   | 099    | 0999     |    | 63955          | PROJECT/FUND CODE APPROVAL: |
|                                   |      |         |        |          |    |                |                             |
|                                   |      |         |        |          |    |                |                             |
| PAYMENT INFORMATION               |      |         |        |          |    |                |                             |
| AP GROUP                          |      | VOUCHER |        | DATE     |    | CHECK #        |                             |
| PROJECT FUNDING INFORMATION       |      |         |        |          |    |                |                             |
| FEDERAL FUNDING: GRANT NUMBER MN- |      |         |        |          |    | LOCAL FUNDING: |                             |
| ECHO                              | FFY  | FED %   | ECHO # | AMOUNT   |    | SOURCE         | AMOUNT                      |
| DRAW                              |      |         |        |          |    |                |                             |

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3/16/01  
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METROPOLITAN COUNCIL METRO TRANSIT  
PAYMENT CLAIM NO. 5 FOR ENGINEERING/CONSULTING SERVICES  
(Version 2)

NAME OF FIRM: Enviroscience, Inc.

DATE: January 24, 2001

ADDRESS: 10200 Valley View Road  
Suite 151A  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

PERIOD FROM: 12/24/00 TO: 1/20/01

CONTRACT #: 00P0028 PROJ# 63955

PROJECT NAME: Riverview Corridor  
Bus Stop Amenities

CONTRACT SUMMARY:

ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT \$ 97,422.74

AUTHORIZED CHANGES TO ORIGINAL CONTRACT:

AMENDMENT #1 \$

AMENDMENT #2 \$

AMENDMENT #3 \$

NET CHANGES (SUB-TOTAL) \$

REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT \$ 97,422.74

AMOUNT OF PAYMENT:

AMOUNT EARNED TO DATE \$ 76,730.38

LESS AMOUNT PAID OR BILLED PREVIOUSLY \$ 54,523.00

AMOUNT DUE THIS PAYMENT \$ 22,207.29

Rec'd back  
5/1/01  
4/3/01  
[Signature]

CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTOR

I hereby certify that the above services have been performed and that this claim is just and correct and no part of it has been paid.

By [Signature]  
Contractor's/Consultant's  
Authorized Representative

3/6/2001  
Date

COUNCIL/METRO TRANSIT'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have prepared or examined this claim for work performed during the period for which this payment claim has made and that the Contractor is entitled to payment of the claim under the terms of the contract.

[Signature]  
Project Manager, Laurence R. Schumi

3/30/01  
Date

[Signature]  
Asst. General Manager Bus Operations

4/2/01  
Date

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER

| ACCOUNT CHART FIELD               |      |         |        |          |    |                | BLANKET PO                  |
|-----------------------------------|------|---------|--------|----------|----|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Account                           | Fund | Org     | Prog   | Subclass | BY | Project        | RELEASE PO                  |
| 63110                             | 710  | 43410   | 099    | 0999     |    | 63955          | PROJECT/FUND CODE APPROVAL: |
|                                   |      |         |        | CP06     |    |                |                             |
| PAYMENT INFORMATION:              |      |         |        |          |    |                |                             |
| AP GROUP                          |      | VOUCHER |        | DATE     |    | CHECK #        |                             |
| PROJECT FUNDING INFORMATION       |      |         |        |          |    |                |                             |
| FEDERAL FUNDING: GRANT NUMBER MN- |      |         |        |          |    | LOCAL FUNDING: |                             |
| ECHO                              | FFY  | FED %   | ECHO # | AMOUNT   |    | SOURCE         | AMOUNT                      |
| DRAW                              |      |         |        |          |    |                |                             |

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METROPOLITAN COUNCIL METRO TRANSIT  
 PAYMENT CLAIM NO. **6** FOR ENGINEERING/CONSULTING SERVICES  
 (Version 1.0)

Rec'd  
3/16/01  
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NAME OF FIRM: Enviroscience, Inc.  
 ADDRESS: 10200 Valley View Road  
 Suite 151A  
 Eden Prairie, MN 55344

DATE: February 28, 2001  
 PERIOD FROM: 1/21/01 TO: 2/17/01  
 CONTRACT #: 00P0028 PROJ# 63955  
 PROJECT NAME: **Riverview Corridor  
 BUS STOP AMENITIES**

CONTRACT SUMMARY:

ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT \$ 97,422.74  
 AUTHORIZED CHANGES TO ORIGINAL CONTRACT:  
 AMENDMENT #1 \$  
 AMENDMENT #2 \$  
 AMENDMENT #3 \$  
 NET CHANGES (SUB-TOTAL) \$  
 REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT \$ 97,422.74  
AMOUNT OF PAYMENT:  
 AMOUNT EARNED TO DATE \$ 92,540.81  
 LESS AMOUNT PAID OR BILLED PREVIOUSLY \$ 76,730.38  
 AMOUNT DUE THIS PAYMENT \$ 15,810.43

Rec'd  
Back  
Signed  
4/3/01  
JW

CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTOR

I hereby certify that the above services have been performed and that this claim is just and correct and no part of it has been paid.

By [Signature] 3/14/01  
 Contractor's/Consultant's Date  
 Authorized Representative

COUNCIL/METRO TRANSIT'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have prepared or examined this claim for work performed during the period for which this payment claim has made and that the Contractor is entitled to payment of the claim under the terms of the contract.

[Signature] 3/30/01  
 Project Manager, Laurence R. Schumi Date  
[Signature] 4/2/01  
 Asst. General Manager- Bus Operations Date

| ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER          |      |         |        |                         |    |                |                             |
|-----------------------------------|------|---------|--------|-------------------------|----|----------------|-----------------------------|
| ACCOUNT CHART FIELD               |      |         |        |                         |    |                | BLANKET PO                  |
| Account                           | Fund | Org     | Prog   | Subclass                | BY | Project        | RELEASE PO                  |
| 63110                             | 710  | 43410   | 099    | <del>0099</del><br>CPOG |    | 63955          | PROJECT/FUND CODE APPROVAL: |
|                                   |      |         |        |                         |    |                |                             |
| PAYMENT INFORMATION               |      |         |        |                         |    |                |                             |
| AP GROUP                          |      | VOUCHER |        | DATE                    |    | CHECK #        |                             |
| PROJECT FUNDING INFORMATION       |      |         |        |                         |    |                |                             |
| FEDERAL FUNDING: GRANT NUMBER MN- |      |         |        |                         |    | LOCAL FUNDING: |                             |
| ECHO                              | FFY  | FED %   | ECHO # | AMOUNT                  |    | SOURCE         | AMOUNT                      |
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# RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

Klauspiegelaew  
Authorized Signature

5/7/02  
Date

### Board Action Requested

Ratify Partial Payment No. 18 in the amount of \$165,846.44 to BRW, Inc. for professional consulting services for the Central Corridor Transit Study.

### ACTION IS REQUESTED

### Request Justification

Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has contracted the professional consulting of BRW, Inc. for the purpose of conducting the Central Corridor Transit Study. Payment in the amount of \$165,846.44 for the period ending January 25, 2002 will be issued upon approval by the Director of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority in accordance with contract provisions and Rail Authority Resolution No. 00-05. Payment documentation is being submitted for ratification in compliance with the latter.

- See attached:
1. Proposed resolution ratifying payment
  2. Accounts Payable forms and Partial Payment Nos. 18
  3. BRW, Inc. Invoice No. 267-15758 (18) and attachments.

Budgeting and Accounting

County Attorney

Risk Management

Documentation certified complete for:

May 14, 2002

Board Date

Kristine A. Longhewy  
Signature

May 7, 2002  
Date



# RESOLUTION

Board of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

No.: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has contracted for the professional consulting services of BRW, Inc. for the purpose of conducting the Central Corridor Transit Study; and

WHEREAS, BRW, Inc. has satisfactorily completed portions of the work identified in the referenced agreements, and provided detailed invoice documentation for services and costs accrued through January 25, 2002; and

WHEREAS, submittal of invoices and payment documentation to the Rail Authority for ratification at the next scheduled meeting following staff approval of invoice documentation is required; and

WHEREAS, BRW, Inc. Invoice No. 267-15758, Partial Payment No. 18 in the amount of \$165,846.44, attachments thereto, provide the correct documentation of payments due BRW, Inc. through January 25, 2002; Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, Payment to BRW, Inc. in the amount of \$165,846.44 for services rendered through January 25, 2002, is hereby ratified.

## RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

|                    | YEA   | NAY   | OTHER |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Tony Bennett       | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Susan M. Haigh     | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Jim McDonough      | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Rafael E. Ortega   | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Victoria Reinhardt | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Janice Rettman     | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Jan Wiessner       | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Rafael Ortega, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jim McDonough, Secretary

RAMSEY COUNTY

Business Unit: RRA  
Voucher ID: 00001676

VOUCHER  
Purchase Order Voucher

Page no.  
Run Date: 29.Apr.2002  
Run Time: 10:43:31 AM

Port ID: RMAP19

Voucher Header Information

Pay Method: System Check

| Invoice Dt  | Invoice ID     | Invoice Dt  | Vendor ID  | Vendor Name | Origin | Preparer   | Entry Stat | Acctg Dt    | Post Stat | Pymnt Trms |
|-------------|----------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| 01.Feb.2002 | 267-15758 (18) | 01.Feb.2002 | 0000002207 | BRW INC     | ONL    | LONGHEKR P |            | 29.Apr.2002 | U         | Due Now    |

| Gross Amt    | Use Tax | Address1        | Address2        | Address3 | City        | State | Zip   |
|--------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-------------|-------|-------|
| \$165,846.44 | \$0.00  | THRESHER SQUARE | 700 THIRD ST SO |          | MINNEAPOLIS | MN    | 55415 |

| Billing | Group ID | Sales Tax | Pckp Ord# Nbr |
|---------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| RE      | 000342   | \$0.00    |               |

Voucher Line Information

| # | Description                 | Merch Amt    | Inv Item I | Unit Price   | Prorate | S | U | F | 1099 |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------|---|---|---|------|
|   | Provide consulting services | \$165,846.44 |            | \$165,846.44 |         | Y | Y | Y | N    |

Distribution Line Information

| # | Account | Fund  | Dept   | Program | Class Fid | Client Name | BP   | Project ID | Open Item ID | Status | Merch Amt    | Stat Cd | Statistic Amt | Asset |
|---|---------|-------|--------|---------|-----------|-------------|------|------------|--------------|--------|--------------|---------|---------------|-------|
|   | 421501  | 12501 | 150180 | 00000   |           |             | 2000 | G205002    |              |        | \$165,846.44 |         |               | N     |

Account Name: Consulting Services  
Account Comments-Check Stub

Department Name: RCRRA-Proj/Grant

Invoice No. 267-15758, dated 2/1/02  
Invoices for 12/29/01-1/25/02

Other Comments

I declare that the above material and/or services have been received, are for Ramsey County, allowed by law, and approved for payment.

Authorization

*[Signature]*

Date

5/4/02

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# Ramsey County Purchase Order

## Regional Rail Authority

Regional Rail Authority  
665 RCGC-West  
50 West Kellogg Blvd.  
St Paul MN 55102  
United States

Vendor: 0000002207  
BRW INC  
THRESHER SQUARE  
700 THIRD ST SO  
MINNEAPOLIS MN 55415  
United States

|                  |                    |                |          |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------|
| Purchase Order   | Date               | Revision       | Page     |
| RAA - 0000000146 | 03/04/2002         |                | 1        |
| Payment Terms    | Freight Terms      |                | Ship Via |
| Due Now          | Origin PPD Allowed |                | US MAIL  |
| From Date        | To Date            |                |          |
| Buyer: RRA       |                    | Currency Code: | USD      |

Ship To: Regional Rail Authority  
665 RCGC-West  
50 West Kellogg Blvd.  
St Paul MN 55102  
United States  
Bill To: Regional Rail Authority  
665 RCGC-West  
50 West Kellogg Blvd.  
St Paul MN 55102  
United States

Tax Exempt? Y Tax Exempt ID: 999999999999

| Line-Schd      | Item | Description                 | Quantity | UOM | PO Price   | Extended Amt | Due Date   |
|----------------|------|-----------------------------|----------|-----|------------|--------------|------------|
| 1 - 1          |      | Provide consulting services | 1.00     | EA  | 550,721.17 | 550,721.17   | 03/04/2002 |
| Schedule Total |      |                             |          |     |            | 550,721.17   |            |

Mfg ID

Item Total 550,721.17

Total PO Amount 550,721.17

All shipments, shipping papers, invoices, and correspondence must be identified with our Purchase Order Number. Overshipments will not be accepted unless authorized by Buyer prior to shipment.

Unauthorized

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| BRW CENTRAL CORRIDOR  |              |              |              |              |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                       | Invoice #14  | Invoice #15  | Invoice #16  | Invoice #17  | Invoice #18  |
| LABOR                 | \$41,140.97  | \$30,377.28  | \$36,948.78  | \$27,738.52  | \$35,376.50  |
| O.H. (157.41%)        | \$64,759.98  | \$47,816.91  | \$58,161.15  | \$43,663.28  | \$55,686.17  |
| TOTAL LABOR           | \$105,900.95 | \$78,194.19  | \$95,109.93  | \$71,401.80  | \$91,062.67  |
| FEE (11.5%)           | \$12,178.56  | \$8,992.33   | \$10,937.64  | \$8,211.17   | \$10,472.21  |
| SUB TOTAL LABOR       | \$118,079.51 | \$87,186.52  | \$106,047.57 | \$79,612.97  | \$101,534.88 |
| DIRECT COSTS          | \$48,962.77  | \$26,419.98  | \$31,316.45  | \$33,739.57  | \$73,040.32  |
| TOTAL INVOICE         | \$167,042.28 | \$113,606.50 | \$137,364.02 | \$113,352.54 | \$174,575.20 |
| RETAINAGE (5%)        | \$8,352.11   | \$5,680.33   | \$6,868.20   | \$5,667.63   | \$8,728.76   |
| NET PAY INVOICE       | \$158,690.17 | \$107,926.18 | \$130,495.82 | \$107,684.91 | \$165,846.44 |
|                       |              |              |              |              |              |
|                       |              |              |              |              |              |
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|                       |              |              |              |              |              |
|                       |              |              |              |              |              |
| Subsistence           | \$722.59     | \$749.67     | \$1,748.83   | \$233.64     | \$493.57     |
| Non-Local Transport   | \$2,178.12   | \$2,111.90   | \$2,275.14   | \$973.65     | \$1,808.69   |
| Local Transportation  | \$420.27     | \$456.80     | \$402.34     | \$153.56     | \$309.43     |
| Vehicle Rental        | \$113.98     | \$115.16     |              |              | \$61.80      |
| Shipping Charges      | \$31.72      | \$82.28      | \$181.27     |              | \$55.61      |
| Communications        |              |              |              |              |              |
| Printing and Reprod   | \$499.47     | \$188.14     |              | \$8.70       |              |
| Contract Labor        |              | \$112.50     |              | \$3,000.00   |              |
| Misc Field Supplies   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Professional Services | \$43,752.32  | \$21,369.23  | \$25,728.87  | \$28,390.02  | \$70,311.22  |
| Equipment Rental      | \$264.30     | \$254.30     |              |              |              |
| Miscellan Supplies    |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other                 | \$980.00     | \$980.00     | \$980.00     | \$980.00     |              |
| URS Greiner Woodward  |              |              |              |              |              |
| Total                 | \$48,962.77  | \$26,419.98  | \$31,316.45  | \$33,739.57  | \$73,040.32  |

**RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY**  
**BRW Inc Contract History**  
**February 15, 2000 through May 7, 2002**

| Payment<br>Number                                                       | Invoice<br>Number | Invoice<br>Amount | Adjustment  | Revised<br>Amount | Less<br>Retainage | Net<br>Payment | Remaining<br>Amount | Payment<br>Date | Check<br>Number |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>BY2000 12501 150180 00000 421501 G205002 - Total Contract Amount</b> |                   |                   |             |                   |                   |                | <b>3,001,400.00</b> |                 |                 |
| 1                                                                       | 267-09297         | 106,089.14        | (7.99)      | 106,081.15        | (5,304.06)        | 100,777.09     | 2,900,622.91        | 8/14/2000       | 240170          |
| 2                                                                       | 267-10008         | 234,626.08        | (88.72)     | 234,537.36        | (11,726.87)       | 222,810.49     | 2,677,812.42        | 12/8/2000       | 275814          |
| 3                                                                       | 267-10321         | 66,912.99         | (135.27)    | 66,777.72         | (3,338.89)        | 63,438.83      | 2,614,373.59        | 12/22/2000      | 281838          |
| 4                                                                       | 267-10609         | 80,546.37         | 0.00        | 80,546.37         | (4,027.32)        | 76,519.05      | 2,537,854.54        | 12/22/2000      | 281838          |
| 5                                                                       | 267-10963         | 75,525.00         | (701.42)    | 74,823.58         | (3,741.18)        | 71,082.40      | 2,466,772.14        | 2/9/2001        | 301468          |
| 6                                                                       | 267-11427         | 230,972.91        | 130.09      | 231,103.00        | (11,555.15)       | 219,547.85     | 2,247,224.29        | 3/28/2001       | 320021          |
| 7                                                                       | 267-11819         | 235,525.60        | (212.79)    | 235,312.81        | (11,765.64)       | 223,547.17     | 2,023,677.12        | 3/30/2001       | 320905          |
| 8                                                                       | 267-12167         | 263,828.44        | 240.15      | 264,068.59        | (13,203.43)       | 250,865.16     | 1,772,811.96        | 5/18/2001       | 340197          |
| 9                                                                       | 267-12557         | 175,926.37        | (26,171.52) | 149,754.85        | (7,487.74)        | 142,267.11     | 1,630,544.85        | 6/29/2001       | 357196          |
| 10                                                                      | 267-12908         | 193,153.36        | 0.00        | 193,153.36        | (9,657.67)        | 183,495.69     | 1,447,049.16        | 7/25/2001       | 367346          |
| 11                                                                      | 267-13375         | 207,677.68        | 0.00        | 207,677.68        | (10,383.88)       | 197,293.80     | 1,249,755.36        | 9/12/2001       | 386925          |
| 12                                                                      | 267-13738         | 116,940.39        | 0.00        | 116,940.39        | (5,847.02)        | 111,093.37     | 1,138,661.99        | 9/26/2001       | 391252          |
| 13                                                                      | 267-14086         | 200,879.11        | (6.85)      | 200,872.26        | (10,043.61)       | 190,828.65     | 947,833.34          | 10/10/2001      | 398165          |
| 14                                                                      | 267-14471         | 167,072.28        | (30.00)     | 167,042.28        | (8,352.11)        | 158,690.17     | 789,143.17          | 11/2/2001       | 408573          |
| 15                                                                      | 267-14796         | 113,582.99        | 23.52       | 113,606.51        | (5,680.33)        | 107,926.18     | 681,216.99          | 12/12/2001      | 422953          |
| 16                                                                      | 267-15131         | 137,357.48        | 6.54        | 137,364.02        | (6,868.20)        | 130,495.82     | 550,721.17          | 1/18/2002       | 438351          |
| 17                                                                      | 267-15451         | 113,352.54        | 0.00        | 113,352.54        | (5,667.63)        | 107,684.91     | 443,036.26          | 4/5/2002        | 468149          |
| 18                                                                      | 267-15758         | 174,575.20        | 0.00        | 174,575.20        | (8,728.76)        | 165,846.44     | 277,189.82          | 4/25/2002       |                 |
| 19                                                                      | 267-16146         | 103,522.47        | 0.00        | 103,522.47        | (5,176.12)        | 98,346.35      | 178,843.47          | 5/7/2002        |                 |
| Totals                                                                  |                   | 2,998,066.40      | (26,954.26) | 2,971,112.14      | (148,555.61)      | 2,822,556.53   |                     |                 |                 |



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BRW, Inc.

700 THIRD STREET SOUTH, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55415\*\* (612) 370-0700

\*\* INVOICE \*\*

FEBRUARY 1, 2002

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL  
RAILROAD AUTHORITY  
665 RAMSEY CO. GOV. CENTER-WST  
50 WEST KELLOGG BLVD.  
ST. PAUL, MN 55102  
ATTN: MS. KATHY DESPIEGELAERE

PLEASE INCLUDE)

ON REMITTANCE ) --> INVOICE NUMBER : 267 -15758 :

ACCOUNT NUMBER 45550-001-267

TAX PAYERS I.D. NO. 41-1625272

CENTRAL CORRIDOR STUDY  
CONSECUTIVE INVOICE NO. 18

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTH.

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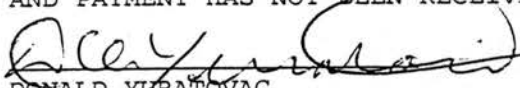
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DONALD YBRATOVAC  
PROJECT MANAGER

2/4/02



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# CENTRAL CORRIDOR TRANSIT STUDY

## BRW TEAM PROGRESS REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD:

January 1, 2002 – January 25, 2002

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Below each of the following project tasks are listed the work items that were accomplished between January 1, 2002 and January 25, 2002.

### Task 1.0: Define Goals and Objectives

- No work on this task

### Task 2.0: Establish Project Charter

- No work on this task

### Task 3.0: Alternatives Definition

- No work on this task

### Task 4.0: Refine Alternatives

- Continued refinement of station locations
- Completed Baseline Alternative Report
- Continued refinement of LRT and BRT conceptual design and cost estimates
- Completed development of feeder bus plans with Metro Transit staff
- Completed evaluation of new Capitol Area alignment option
- Completed analysis of University Avenue impacts of LRT in St. Paul
- Completed analysis of University Avenue impacts in Minneapolis

### Task 5.0: Implementation and Funding Plans

- Initiated research on financial plan alternatives
- Began development of LRT and BRT operating plans
- Continued refinement of ridership forecasts for Baseline and Build Alternatives

### Task 6.0: EIS Preparation

- Continued work on the DEIS
  - Continued to gather information for existing conditions
  - Collected data for Downtown St. Paul intersection and segment analyses
  - Continued work on developing forecast volumes for both Baseline and Build Alternatives
  - Continued developing the Build Alternative network for the traffic analysis
  - Defined Baseline Alternative for Traffic Impact Analysis
  - Worked with the Metro Transit for feeder bus operating plans for Build Alternatives
  - Completed work on Screen I Evaluation
  - Completed work on Scoping Summary Report

- Prepared for and participated in the following meetings related to the above work items:
  - January 4, 2002: DEIS Team Meeting
- Continued work on the Phase I Historic Resource Survey of the University Avenue Alignment

#### **Task 7.0: Public Involvement**

- Preparation of materials for forthcoming public meetings

#### **Task 8.0: Project Management**

- Prepared progress report and invoice
- Continued to update schedule
- Developed revised updated budget which reflects impacts of out-of-scope work and protracted project schedule
- Coordinated with RCRRA Project Manager to discuss work products and schedule
  - January 10, 2002: Meeting with Project Manager and Director to discuss updated project budget and schedule
- Prepared for and participated in the following RCRRA meetings:
  - January 10, 2002 – Coordinating Committee meeting
  - January 23, 2002 – Working Group Team meeting
  - January 23, 2002 – Project Management Team meeting
- Prepared meeting minutes for the following:
  - November 8, 2001 – Coordinating Committee

# Central Corridor

Ridership Projections

May 9, 2002

# Alternatives

- Current Service
- Baseline Service
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
- Light Rail Transit (LRT)



## Current Routes - Metro Transit

**3** St. Paul - Como-Minneapolis  
**16** St. Paul - University-Minneapolis  
**21** Lake - Selby - St. Paul  
**50** St. Paul - University -  
Minneapolis, Limited Stop  
**62** Rice - St. Paul  
**63** Grand - St. Paul  
**65** Rosedale - Dale-St. Paul  
**67** Cleveland - Minneapolis  
**68** Jackson - St. Paul  
**76** Midway - St. Paul  
**83** Rosedale - Lexington  
**84** Rosedale - Snelling

**87** Rosedale - Cleveland  
**94B**, St. Paul - Minneapolis  
**C,D**  
**134** Ford - I-94 - Minneapolis  
**191** Lake - Marshall - St. Paul  
**194** Snelling - I-94 -  
Minneapolis  
**52F** Cretin - Snelling - U of M

## **Corridor Routes - Other**

University of Minnesota

- Campus Connector
- East Bank Circulator
- Bridge Circulator

Various University of Minnesota Express Trips

Various Opt-out Express Trips

## **Major Current Routes**

- 16 Local service, 10 minute rush hour frequency, 15,900 average weekday passengers
- 50 Limited stop service, 15 minute rush hour frequency, 3,300 average weekday passengers
- 94B, C, D I-94 Express service, 8 peak buses, 4,600 average weekday passengers
- Total of 24,800 passengers

## Current Situation

- High transit ridership
- Bus congestion slows service & other traffic
  - Downtown Minneapolis
  - Downtown St. Paul
  - University of Minnesota
- Buses 'bunching' and gaps in service occur
  - Traffic problems
  - Approximately 75 daily wheelchair trips

## **2020 Baseline**

- Improved frequency on Existing Corridor Service
- Improved North/South Coverage
- Requires a 10% increase in service compared to today
- Ridership projected at 31,000



## Baseline Issues

- Not enough service to meet demand, even assuming all articulated buses are used and 80 passengers per bus is acceptable
- Assumes rush hour passengers are spread evenly over a three hour period
- Bus crowding standards would be exceeded
- Acceptance of standing passengers on I-94 express buses is not a good standard of service
- Ridership probably overstated because of above issues

## **2020 BRT**

- BRT, 6 minute rush hour frequency
- 16, 15 minute rush hour frequency
- I-94, 8.5 minute rush hour frequency
- Requires an additional 6% increase in service over the baseline
- 31,000 BRT passengers

## **BRT Issues**

- Serious bus congestion on Washington Avenue because of very high number of buses (45-55 per hour) or almost a bus per minute
- Assumes rush hour passengers are spread evenly over a three hour period which will not occur. A less even distribution of passengers during rush hour would further exacerbate bus congestion at critical points
- Unacceptable to add more buses to the streets; service breaks down and traffic breaks down
- By 2020, system would not have enough capacity to meet demand

## **2020 LRT**

- LRT, 7.5 minute rush hour frequency
- 16, 30 minute frequency
- I-94, 20 minute rush hour frequency
- Requires 2% additional miles of service over the baseline
- 38,000 LRT passengers

## **LRT Issues**

- Highest ridership of all options
- Ridership fairly well matched to capacity
- Capacity can be increased by adding a third car to a train, increasing frequency, or adding buses
- Meets needs beyond 2020 because of expansion capability



# Transit Passengers Per Day in Thousands

| Transit Service | Guideway | Other in Corridor Area | Total | Capability for Capacity Expansion |
|-----------------|----------|------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|
|                 |          |                        |       |                                   |
| Current         | ----     | 24.8                   | 24.8  | Not applicable                    |
| Baseline – 2020 | ----     | 31.0                   | 31.0  | No                                |
| BRT – 2020      | 31.0     | 10.0                   | 41.0  | No                                |
| LRT – 2020      | 38.0     | 5.0                    | 43.0  | Yes                               |