

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JUNE 24, 2008

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 10:45 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, and Kriesel. Commissioner Stafford absent. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Mike Rogers, Senior Planner; and Maggie Aitkens, Public Information Coordinator II.

REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY MINUTES

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve the Regional Railroad Authority Minutes from June 3, 2008. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Stafford absent.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO GRANT AGREEMENT WITH MN/DOT

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. RRA-2008-003** as follows:

Authorizing Execution of Amendment No. 2 to Grant Agreement No. 85937
with the Minnesota Department of Transportation

WHEREAS, the Washington County Regional Railroad Authority entered into Grant Agreement No. 85937 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) on June 15, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Grant Agreement No. 85937 covered the federal portion of the Alternatives Analysis-Scoping Study and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement; and

WHEREAS, Grant Agreement No. 85937 was amended to extend the term to June 30, 2008 so that the Alternatives Analysis and Draft Environmental Impact Statement could be completed; and

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WHEREAS, the Alternatives Analysis was completed in 2007 and elements of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement are still underway; and

WHEREAS, these elements include Station Area Master Planning, Station Site Planning, and their associated public involvement; and

WHEREAS, the term of Grant Agreement No. 85937 needs to be extended to allow for the completion of Station Area Master Planning, Station Site Planning, and their associated public involvement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Regional Railroad Authority approves the Chair to negotiate Amendment No. 2 to Grant Agreement No. 85937 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation extending the term agreement from June 30, 2008 to June 30, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Washington County Regional Railroad Authority is hereby authorized to execute the aforementioned Agreement.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Stafford absent.

Commissioner Hegberg asked for a review of discussion held at the Rush Line meeting last week concerning bus transitways from Anoka County into Forest Lake, Hugo and into St. Paul and the related dollar amounts.

Mike Rogers, Senior Planner, noted that it would be best to come back in a workshop format to discuss it in more detail. The initial discussion at the Rush Line meeting was asking the member counties to look at funding bus services from St. Paul to the Forest Lake/Columbus area and using the Forest Lake Transit Center. The initial discussion on cost was in the \$112,000 range for twelve months. There was also discussion on looking at Counties Transit Improvement Board money down the road to use that to fund the operating cost of the service.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Regional Railroad Authority, Commissioner Hegberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Stafford absent. The RRA meeting adjourned at 10: 55 a.m.

Myra Peterson, Chair
Regional Railroad Authority

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator

