

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 19, 2008

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. RRA Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Mike Rogers, Associate Planner; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Captain Steve Pott; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Deputy Community Services Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Mary Farmer-Kubler, Community Services Supervisor; Lowell Johnson, Public Health and Environment Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; and Steve Nelson, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF RRA CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2008

Commissioner Kriesel nominated Commissioner Peterson for Chair of the 2008 Regional Railroad Authority. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the nomination. No further nominations were heard and Commissioner Peterson was elected Chair of the 2008 Regional Railroad Authority unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

Commissioner Peterson nominated Commissioner Hegberg for Vice Chair of the 2008 Regional Railroad Authority. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the nomination. No further nominations were heard and Commissioner Hegberg was elected as Vice Chair of the 2008 Regional Railroad Authority unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

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REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Hegberg moved, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Regional Railroad Authority meeting minutes from December 18, 2007.
2. Approval of Commissioner travel in 2008 to the Metropolitan Transitways Development Board's Washington D.C. fly-in in April and to either the 2008 American Public Transit Association Rail Conference or the 2008 Rail-Volution Conference.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

2008 FEDERAL REQUESTS FOR RED ROCK, RUSH LINE, AND HIGH SPEED RAIL CORRIDORS

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. RRA-2008-001** as follows:

Support for the 2008 Federal Requests for the Rush Line,
Red Rock and High Speed Rail Corridors

WHEREAS, The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority is a member of the Rush Line Corridor Task Force and Red Rock Corridor Commissions which are Joint Powers Boards representing their respective corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Rush Line Corridor Task Force has requested \$5 million for design and construction of park and rides, bus service implementation, and property acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the Red Rock Corridor Commission has requested \$2 million for bus service implementation and the design, property acquisition, and construction of park and ride/pool lots along the Corridor including Goodhue County; and \$8 million for the design, property acquisition, and construction of high speed rail between St. Paul and La Crescent, Minnesota; and

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WHEREAS, the requested funding would provide for needed transit improvements in the Corridors; and

WHEREAS, funding for transportation improvements in these Corridors is vitally important to the mobility, economic vitality, and quality of life for the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area; and

WHEREAS, the Red Rock Corridor, Rush Line Corridor, and High Speed Rail projects directly impact Washington County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Regional Railroad Authority supports the Rush Line Corridor Task Force's 2008 federal funding request of \$5 million for the design, property acquisition, and construction of park and ride/pool lots along the Corridor, and bus service implementation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Regional Railroad Authority supports the Red Rock Corridor Commission's requests of \$2 million for bus service implementation, the design, property acquisition, and construction of park and ride/pool lots along the Corridor including Goodhue County, and \$8 million for the design, property acquisition, and construction of high speed rail between St. Paul and La Crescent, Minnesota

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

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 Pulkrabek absent. The Regional Railroad Authority adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Myra Peterson, Chair
Regional Railroad Authority

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator

