

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
MARCH 10, 2009**

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, Weik, and Kriesel. Commissioners Hegberg and Pulkrabek absent. RRA Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Sue Hedlund, Deputy Director of Public Health and Environment; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Harley Will, Director of Accounting and Finance; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; and David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

RRA MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 3, 2009

Commissioner Weik moved to approve the Regional Railroad Meeting minutes from February 3, 2009. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Hegberg and Pulkrabek absent.

I-94 CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. RRA-2009-001** as follows:

Resolution for Approval of the Interstate 94 Corridor
Joint Powers Agreement

WHEREAS, the Interstate 94 (I-94) Corridor is the principal east/west route for traffic through Ramsey, Washington, and St. Croix Counties connecting St. Paul to the eastern metropolitan area; and

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WHEREAS, the I-94 Corridor is experiencing robust employment and population growth; and

WHEREAS, the I-94 Corridor currently carries over 130,000 vehicles per day at Highway 52 and 110,000 vehicles per day at Interstate 694; and

WHEREAS, the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan has been approved by the Metropolitan Council and shows that traffic and congestion are forecast to increase substantially by 2030 resulting in the entire length of I-94 from downtown to St. Paul to the St. Croix River as being congested; and

WHEREAS, the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan does not include any planned roadway expansion of the I-94 corridor; and

WHEREAS, the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan identifies the I-94 Corridor as a Transitway Corridor in need of additional analysis; and

WHEREAS, the transitway analysis is needed to identify how mobility can be maintained and improved in the corridor; and

WHEREAS, transitway analysis has been completed on similar Washington County transitway corridors including Red Rock and Rush Line by the Washington County Regional Rail Authority and its partners; and

WHEREAS, this partnership on these similar transitway corridors has been formalized through a joint power agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Regional Rail Authority approves the I-94 Corridor Joint Powers Agreement.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Hegberg and Pulkrabek absent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Regional Railroad Authority, Commissioner Weik moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Hegberg and Pulkrabek absent. The RRA adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

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Myra Peterson, Chair
Regional Railroad Authority

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator

