



GOODHUE COUNTY
Regional Rail Road Authority
Goodhue County Fairgrounds
August 12, 2010
2:15 pm

Attending: C/Bryant, C/Seifert, C/Rechtzigel, C/Allen, C/Samuelson, County Administrator Scott Arneson, County Attorney Steve Betcher, Finance Director Carolyn Holmsten.

Other Staff: Greg Isakson, Ken Bjornstad

C/Allen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Moved by C/Seifert, seconded by C/Bryant, and carried to approve the June 2, 2009, Regional Railroad Board Meeting minutes as written.

Moved by C/Bryant, seconded by C/Samuelson, and carried to approve the August 12, 2010, Regional Railroad Board Agenda.

TIGER II Grant Union Depot Support Resolution. The request was for the Goodhue County Regional Railroad Authority to approve the proposed resolution supporting the efforts by the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA) to seek approximately \$90 million in TIGER II funding for the build out of the Union Depot Multi-modal Transit Hub in St. Paul.

Andrew Peters and John Howe addressed the board and encouraged the approval of the proposed resolution.

Moved by C/Samuelson, seconded by C/Bryant, and carried to approve the following resolution supporting the submittal of a TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grant for the Union Depot Multi-Modal Transit hub in downtown St. Paul by the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority:

WHEREAS, the Goodhue County Regional Railroad Authority (hereafter known as "GCRRA") is a political subdivision and local government unit of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the GCRRA is partner in the Minnesota High Speed Rail Commission (hereafter known as "the Commission") established by Joint Powers Agreement by and between Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, Washington County Regional Railroad Authority, Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority, Goodhue County Regional Railroad Authority, Wabasha County Regional Railroad Authority, Winona County Regional Railroad Authority, City of St. Paul, City of St. Paul Park, City of Cottage Grove, City of Hastings, City of Red Wing, City of

Lake City, City of Wabasha, City of Goodview, City of Winona, City of St. Charles, City of Utica; and

WHEREAS, the GCRRA is working with the Commission to establish high speed intercity passenger rail service between the Union Depot Multi-modal Transit Hub in St. Paul and Chicago along the current Amtrak Empire Builder route in Minnesota which parallels the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has purchased the Union Depot's head house and concourse in the process of assembling 33 acres of property for the implementation of a multi-modal transit hub at the Union Depot; and

WHEREAS, the Union Depot Multi-modal Transit Hub is the St. Paul station for high speed rail serving the Twin Cities and Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority will be submitting a TIGER II Grant request for approximately \$90 million for the Union Depot Multi-modal Transit Hub in St. Paul;

WHEREAS, this request is consistent with recognition of the Union Depot as a Project of National and Regional Significance in SAFETEA-LU; and

WHEREAS, the award of this funding will allow the build out of the station so that it can accommodate Amtrak, high speed rail, light rail transit, commuter rail, inter and intra city buses, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that GCRRA hereby supports the efforts by the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority to seek approximately \$90 million in TIGER II funding for the build out of the Union Depot Multi-modal Transit Hub in St. Paul.

Moved by C/Bryant, seconded by C/Seifert, and carried to adjourn meeting.