

**DAKOTA COUNTY
REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY**

Meeting Minutes

**March 27, 2018
Boardroom, Administration Center, Hastings, MN**

Call To Order And Roll Call

Commissioner Mike Slavik
Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord
Commissioner Joe Atkins
Commissioner Liz Workman
Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg

Absent:

Commissioner Thomas A. Egan
Commissioner Chris Gerlach

Also in attendance: Matt Smith, County Manager; Jay Stassen, First Assistant County Attorney; and Jeni Reynolds, Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Liz Workman at 9:55 a.m.

Approval Of Agenda

On a motion by Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord, seconded by Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg, the agenda was unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

On a motion by Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg, seconded by Commissioner Mike Slavik, the consent agenda was unanimously approved as follows:

3.1 Approval Of Minutes Of Meeting Held January 23, 2018

Regular Agenda

18-005

Assumption Of Obligation For Counties Transit Improvement Board Commitment To Phase One Of METRO Orange Line And Authorization To Enter Into Agreement With Metropolitan Council To Provide Regional Railroad Authority Funds

Motion: Mary Liz Holberg

Second: Mike Slavik

Transportation Director and County Engineer Mark Krebsbach along with Charles Carlson with Metro Transit briefed this item and responded to questions.

WHEREAS, the Regional Railroad Authority (Authority) promotes alternative ways to meet existing and future transportation needs of citizens through investment in regional transitways; and

WHEREAS, the first phase of the METRO Orange Line, a 17-mile Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor from

downtown Minneapolis to Burnsville, is planned for operation in 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2017, the Authority committed the balance for its full-funding share of the project, \$2,081,750 (Resolution No. 17-008); and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2017, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners voted to terminate the joint powers agreement (JPA) establishing Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) and assumed the obligation to fund 14 percent of the remaining balance of CTIB's commitment to the project development and capital costs of Phase One of the METRO Orange Line project (Resolution No. 17-363); and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2017, CTIB approved to terminate the JPA establishing the CTIB; and

WHEREAS, in July, 2017, CTIB completed an 2017 capital grant disbursement schedule for all shares of the 2017 grant, including the five million CTIB amount to be paid in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the July CTIB 2017 grant disbursement schedule includes the Authority and Hennepin County share of the remaining three million to be split between the Authority (14%) and Hennepin County (86%) for the METRO Orange Line 2017 grant; and

WHEREAS, an agreement between the Authority and Metropolitan Council to provide \$420,000 was approved by the Authority on September 12, 2017, to pay the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the I-35W Transit / Access Partnership project and the current engineering design costs for the Phase One project; and

WHEREAS, in early 2018, the 2017 CTIB sales receipts will determine the final 2017 capital grant agreement CTIB share for METRO Orange Line; and

WHEREAS, any adjustment in the CTIB and Counties shares will be reconciled in 2018; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds exist in the adopted Authority 2018 – 2022 Capital Improvement Program budget; and

WHEREAS, the JPA between the County of Dakota and the Authority authorizes the County to receive and manage the funds of the Authority and to provide any and all budgetary and accounting services necessary and convenient for the Authority; and

WHEREAS, County staff will coordinate with the CTIB established Wells Fargo Depository Agreement in 2018 to reconcile the final CTIB contribution of up to 75 percent of the 2017 capital grant amount; and

WHEREAS, if the final CTIB 2017 capital grant contribution is over five million (62.5%), the additional CTIB funds will be reduced from Dakota County's remaining CTIB share for 2018; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2017, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners assigned the assumption of the obligation of 14 percent of the remaining balance of the CTIB 2017 Capital Grant Agreement for the I-35W South Bus Rapid Transit Project (METRO Orange Line) to the Authority; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2017, the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority accepted the assumption of the obligation of 14 percent of the remaining balance of the CTIB 2017 Capital Grant Agreement for the I-35W South Bus Rapid Transit Project (METRO Orange Line).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority (Authority) hereby accepts assumption of the obligation of 14 percent of the remaining balance of the Counties Transit Improvement Board's full funding commitment to the project development and capital costs of Phase One of the I-35W South

Bus Rapid Transit (METRO Orange Line) project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Authority hereby approves the Metropolitan Council 2018 Capital Grant request for \$1,400,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Authority hereby authorizes the Chair or Vice-Chair to execute a grant agreement with the Metropolitan Council to provide \$1,400,000 of Authority funds in 2018 for the METRO Orange Line Phase One, subject to approval by the Dakota County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Authority hereby authorizes the Chair or Vice-Chair to execute an assignment and assumption agreement with Dakota County that assigns the 14 percent of the remaining balance of the Counties Transit Improvement Board capital costs and project development commitment to the capital costs of Phase One of the I-35W South Bus Rapid Transit (METRO Orange Line) project to the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority.

Ayes: 5
Absent: 2

Nays: 0

Other Business

Mark Krebsbach announced that Transit Program manager Kristine Elwood has accepted a position with Minnesota Department of Transportation. Well wishes to Kristine in her new position.

Mark and Transportation staff will hold a Transit Workshop on April 17, 2018.

Commissioner Mike Slavik gave a brief update on the High Speed Rail Commission.

Transit Office Update

No transit office update.

Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Mike Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary/Treasurer