

HENNEPIN COUNTY

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FINAL BOARD AGENDA

**HENNEPIN COUNTY REGIONAL
RAILROAD AUTHORITY**
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025
1:30 PM

Chair: Marion Greene, District 3
Vice Chair: Jeff Lunde, District 1
Members: Irene Fernando, District 2
Angela Conley, District 4
Debbie Goettel, District 5
Heather Edelson, District 6
Kevin Anderson, District 7

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1. **Approval of the Agenda**
 2. **Minutes from Previous Meeting**
 - 2.A. January 7, 2025 Minutes

Attachments: [RRA-BOARDMINUTES-07-Jan-2025](#)

3. **Claims Register**
4. **New Business**

4.A. [25-HCRRRA-0002](#)

Neg Agmt PR00007055 with the Met Council and cities of Minneapolis, Golden Valley, Plymouth and Medina for a BRT study along Hwy 55; 02/01/25-07/31/26; NTE \$193,000

4.B. [25-HCRRRA-0003](#)

Agmt PR00007052 with the Metropolitan Council, for traffic signal preemption panels and panel systems at key intersections along the METRO Green Line Extension project; end date of 12/31/25; NTE \$125,000

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Board Action Request

TMP-25-0042

Item Description:

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BOARD MINUTES

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Commissioner Marion Greene, Chair, called the meeting of the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority Meeting for Tuesday, January 7, 2025 to order at 1:42 p.m.

Present Kevin Anderson, Angela Conley, Heather Edelson, Irene Fernando, Debbie Goettel, Marion Greene, and Jeff Lunde

1. Approval of the Agenda

APPROVE

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Kevin Anderson, to approve the Agenda.

Aye Anderson Conley Edelson Fernando Goettel Greene Lunde

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

2.A. December 12, 2024 Minutes

APPROVE

Marion Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Lunde, to approve the Minutes.

Aye Anderson Conley Edelson Fernando Goettel Greene Lunde

3. Claims Register

4. New Business

4.A. [25-HCRRRA-0001](#)

2025 Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority Board of Commissioners organizational structure and committee appointments

ADOPT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved to nominate Commissioner Marion Greene as HCRRA Chair, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel. Being that there were no other nominations, Commissioner Marion Greene was nominated as Chair.

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved to nominate Commissioner Jeff Lunde as HCRRA Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene. Being that there were no other nominations, Commissioner Jeff Lunde was nominated as Vice Chair.

Commissioner Marion Greene moved to nominate Commissioner Heather Edeslon as HCRRA Secretary and Treasurer, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel. Being that there were no other nominations, Commissioner Heather Edeslon was nominated as Secretary and Treasurer.

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved to nominate Commissioner Marion Greene as HCRRA Intergovernmental Relations lead, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley. Being that there were no other nominations, Commissioner Marion Greene was nominated as Intergovernmental Relations lead.

Marion Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Lunde, to adopt the Resolution.

Aye Anderson Conley Edelson Fernando Goettel Greene Lunde

There being no further business, the Regional Railroad Authority for Tuesday, January 7, 2025 was declared adjourned at 1:46 p.m. until Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

Maria Rose
Clerk to the County Board

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Board Action Request

25-HCRR-0002

Item Description:

Neg Agmt PR00007055 with the Met Council and cities of Minneapolis, Golden Valley, Plymouth and Medina for a BRT study along Hwy 55; 02/01/25-07/31/26; NTE \$193,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director be authorized to negotiate Agreement PR00007055 with the Metropolitan Council and the cities of Minneapolis, Golden Valley, Plymouth and Medina to complete a Bus Rapid Transit study on State Highway 55, during the period February 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026, with a not to exceed amount of \$193,000; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Authority; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

The Highway 55 Corridor is an east to west connector into downtown Minneapolis that serves urban to exurban communities.

Highway 55 is identified as a potential location for a Bus Rapid Transit line in the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan. In 2021, the Minnesota State Legislature authorized \$250,000 to complete a feasibility study of a new transit service in this corridor, running from Medina to Minneapolis, provided that local governments likewise supply \$250,000 for this purpose. This resolution would authorize this study and provide for the required local match for this purpose, of which \$193,000 would be contributed by Hennepin County. The transit study is to be administered by Metro Transit and will be coordinated with other studies being conducted by the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the nonprofit organization Our Streets for potential roadway changes and pedestrian infrastructure needs in this corridor.

The transit study would recommend a preferred transit service from downtown Minneapolis to Medina, and include station locations, transit service plans, identification of infrastructure improvements, cost estimates for capital and operations, and ridership estimates.

Current Request:

Authorize negotiation of Agreement PR00007055 with the Metropolitan Council and the cities of Minneapolis, Golden Valley, Plymouth, and Medina for the period February 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026, with a not to exceed amount of \$193,000.

Impact/Outcomes:

This action supports the county's disparity reduction efforts by investing in transportation infrastructure that reduces climate impacts and gives people transportation choices and access to housing, jobs, schools, medical facilities and other destinations of choice.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

25-HCRRRA-0003

Item Description:

Agmt PR00007052 with the Metropolitan Council, for traffic signal preemption panels and panel systems at key intersections along the METRO Green Line Extension project; end date of 12/31/25; NTE \$125,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director be authorized to negotiate Subordinate Funding Agreement PR00007052 with the Metropolitan Council, to provide traffic signal preemption panels and panel systems at identified intersections along the METRO Green Line Extension project, with an end date of December 31, 2025, and with a not to exceed amount of \$125,000; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Authority; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

As part of the METRO Green Line Extension Project, the Metropolitan Council allowed local governments to identify any local projects for design, environmental clearance, and construction by the METRO Green Line Extension project office. Funding for local projects is provided by the local unit(s) of government and administered by Metropolitan Council under Master Funding Agreement A142417 (Resolution 14-HCRRRA-0071) and individual Subordinate Funding Agreements (SFAs) for identified local project activities.

Hennepin County identified traffic signals in need of ten preemption panels (nine to be installed in place, and one spare to retain on-hand) and two pre-emption panel systems to maximize traffic safety, management and efficiency along the Green Line Extension Corridor.

This board action will provide HCRRRA funds allowing the Metropolitan Council to procure and install the identified traffic signal components as part of the Green Line Extension project.

Current Request:

Authorize negotiation of Agreement PR00007052 with the Metropolitan Council through December 31, 2025, for traffic signal preemption modifications at identified intersections along the Green Line Extension project, with a not to exceed amount of \$125,000.

Impact/Outcomes:

This action supports the county's disparity reduction efforts by investing in transportation infrastructure that reduces climate impacts and gives people transportation choices and access to housing, jobs, schools, medical facilities and other destinations of choice.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval