

HENNEPIN COUNTY

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FINAL BOARD AGENDA

HENNEPIN COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024
1:30 PM

Chair: Marion Greene, District 3
Vice Chair: Angela Conley, District 4
Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1
Irene Fernando, District 2
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. June 25, 2024 Minutes

Attachments: [RRA-BOARD.MINUTES-25-Jun-2024](#)

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

4.A. [24-HCRRRA-0013](#)

Establish joint public hearing with Met Council and Hennepin County, 08/26/24, beginning at 6 pm at NorthPoint Conf Center for municipal approval of preliminary design plans for the BLE LRT Project

4.B. [24-HCRRRA-0014](#)

Neg Amd 1 to Agmt PR00004528 with the City of Mpls relating to the replacement of First Ave, Pillsbury Ave, 10th Ave, and Nicollet Ave bridges (CPs 1009618, 1009620, 1009619 and 1009621), incr NTE to \$15.57 million; amend budget (CP 1009618) and HCRRRA 2024 budget

Attachments: [Map of four bridges over Midtown Greenway in Minneapolis](#)

4.C. [24-HCRRRA-0015](#)

Neg Agmt PR00006308 with the City of Mpls relating to the replacement of 18th Avenue and Grand Avenue bridges (CP 1010999 and CP 1011000); NTE \$4,262,414

Attachments: [Map of 18th and Grand Ave bridges in Minneapolis \(CPs 1010999 1011000\)](#)

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Board Action Request

TMP-1264

Item Description:
June 25, 2024 Minutes

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BOARD MINUTES

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Commissioner Greene, Chair, called the meeting of the Regional Railroad Authority for Tuesday, June 25, 2024 to order at 2:26 p.m.

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

1. Approval of the Agenda

APPROVE

Commissioner Jeff Lunde moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to approve the agenda.

Aye Commissioner Greene Commissioner Lunde Commissioner Fernando
Commissioner Conley Commissioner Goettel Commissioner Anderson
Commissioner Edelson

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

2.A. June 4, 2024 Minutes

APPROVE

Commissioner Marion Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to approve the Minutes.

Aye Commissioner Greene Commissioner Lunde Commissioner Fernando
Commissioner Conley Commissioner Goettel Commissioner
Anderson Commissioner Edelson

3. Claims Register

3.A. [24-HCRRRA-0010](#)

Claims Register for the period ending 05/16/24

APPROVE/RATIFY

Commissioner Jeff Lunde moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve/ratify the RRA Claims Register.

Aye Commissioner Greene Commissioner Lunde Commissioner Fernando
Commissioner Conley Commissioner Goettel Commissioner
Anderson Commissioner Edelson

4. New Business

4.A. [24-HCRRRA-0011](#)

Lease Agmt A2412358 with Ascent Group, LLC for rental of HCRRRA property in Excelsior, 07/01/24-06/30/29, (recv \$5,815 per year)

ADOPT

Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to adopt the Resolution.

Aye Commissioner Greene Commissioner Lunde Commissioner Fernando
Commissioner Conley Commissioner Goettel Commissioner
Anderson Commissioner Edelson

4.B. [24-HCRRRA-0012](#)

Neg Amd 1 to Contract CP 1009980 with Subsurface, Inc., for culvert linings, incr NTE to \$800,000 and ext period to 12/01/26; and neg maintenance agreements with associated watershed districts

ADOPT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to adopt the Resolution.

Aye Commissioner Greene Commissioner Lunde Commissioner Fernando
Commissioner Conley Commissioner Goettel Commissioner
Anderson Commissioner Edelson

There being no further business, the Regional Railroad Authority for June 25, 2024 was declared adjourned at 2:31 p.m. until July 23, 2024.

Sheri Selton
Deputy Clerk to the County Board

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www.hennepin.us**

Board Action Request

24-HCRRRA-0013

Item Description:

Establish joint public hearing with Met Council and Hennepin County, 08/26/24, beginning at 6 pm at NorthPoint Conf Center for municipal approval of preliminary design plans for the BLE LRT Project

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority establishes a public hearing for the municipal approval of the preliminary design plans for the Blue Line Extension Light Rail Transit project on August 26, 2024, at Hennepin County's NorthPoint Conference Center, 1256 Penn Avenue North, Suite 5200, Minneapolis, MN 55411, beginning at 6:00 p.m.; to be held jointly with Hennepin County and the Metropolitan Council; and that the Executive Director be authorized to work with staff from Metropolitan Council to support the hearing through desired publicity and other logistical matters.

Background:

The Metropolitan Council has developed preliminary design plans for the METRO Blue Line Extension Light Rail Transit Project (1000941 - Bottineau LRT Capital) and has requested municipal approval of the plans by affected jurisdictions, including Hennepin County.

Minnesota Statutes Section 473.3994 requires that at least 30 days after the submission of preliminary design plans for municipal approval, the Metropolitan Council and the regional railroad authority of the county in which the project is located hold a public hearing on the plans. The same statute also requires each local jurisdiction with municipal approval rights - which in this case includes Hennepin County - to hold a public hearing.

The Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA), and Hennepin County have determined that it is more efficient and desirable to hold the hearings involving the Hennepin County entities jointly.

This resolution sets the date, time, and place for that joint public hearing.

Impact/Outcomes: This action supports the county's disparity reduction efforts by investing in infrastructure that gives people transportation choices and access to housing, jobs, schools, medical facilities, and recreational areas.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

24-HCRRRA-0014

Item Description:

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Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director be authorized to negotiate Amendment 1 to Agreement PR00004528 with the City of Minneapolis for cost participation in the replacement of the First Avenue (county project (CP) 1009618), Pillsbury Avenue (CP 1009620), 10th Avenue (CP 1009619), and Nicollet Avenue (CP 1009621) bridges over the Midtown Corridor, increasing the contract amount by \$1,301,940 to a new total not to exceed amount of \$15.57 million; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Executive Director and Chair be authorized to sign the amendment on behalf of the authority; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$1,301,940 in Rail Authority property tax be transferred from the RRA Revenue and Land Sales Suspense Project (CP 1007387) to the First Avenue Bridge Project (CP 1009618); that the total revenues and expenditures budget for CP 1009618 be increased from \$3,361,191 to \$4,663,131; that the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRRA) annual 2024 budget be increased from \$33,755,197 to \$35,057,137; and that the Controller be authorized to transfer and disburse funds as directed.

Background:

In February 2023, HCRRRA authorized approval of Agreement PR00004528 with the City of Minneapolis for HCRRRA's cost participation in the four bridges (First Avenue, Pillsbury Avenue, 10th Avenue, and Nicollet Avenue) over the Midtown Corridor (Resolution 23-HCRRRA-0007). Earlier this year, the City of Minneapolis bid out the construction project for the First Avenue Bridge (CP 1009618). Staff recommends awarding the contract and proceeding with the project.

Current Request: This request seeks authorization to:

- Negotiate and execute Amendment 1 to Agreement PR00004528 with the City of Minneapolis for the replacement of four bridges spanning the Midtown Corridor, increasing the contract amount by \$1,301,940 to a new NTE of \$15.57 million;
- Transfer \$1,301,940 in property tax from CP 1007387 to CP 1009618, increasing the 2024 budget for CP 1009618 from \$3,361,191 to \$4,663,131; and
- Increase the overall HCRRRA 2024 budget from \$33,755,197 to \$35,057,137

Impact/Outcomes: This action supports the county's disparity reduction goals by maintaining critical transportation connections for all modes in south Minneapolis.

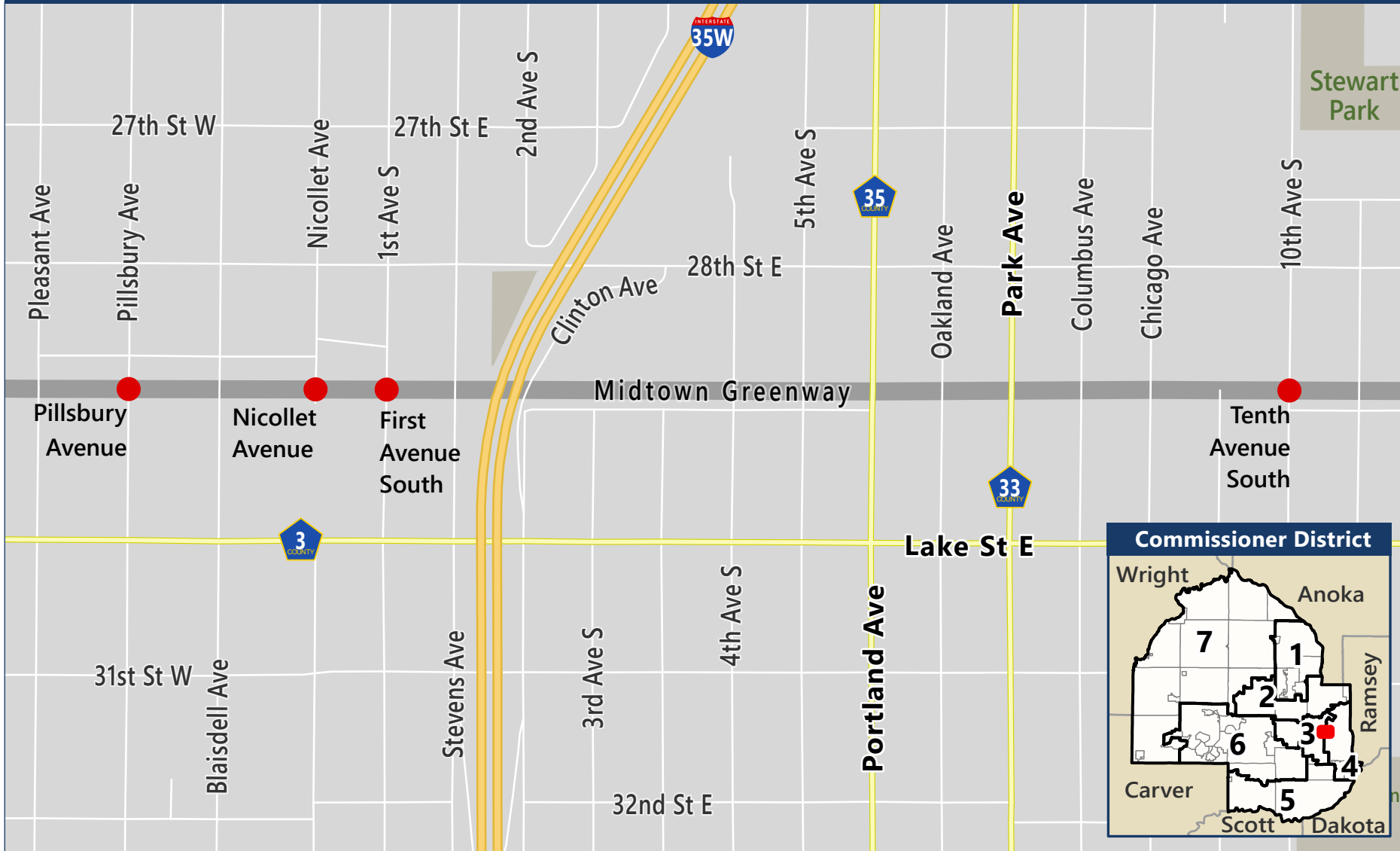
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Budget table: CP 1009618 - RRA: Midtown Bridges - 1st Avenue

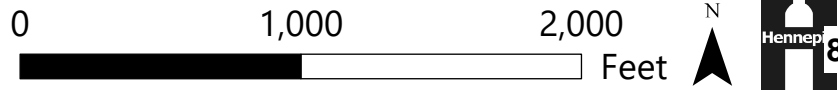
REVENUE	Budget to Date	Current Request	Future CIP Requests	Total
Property Tax	3,361,191	1,301,940	0	4,663,131
Total	3,361,191	1,301,940	0	4,663,131
EXPENSE	Budget to Date	Current Request	Future CIP Requests	Total
Construction	3,361,191	1,301,940	0	4,663,131
Total	3,361,191	1,301,940	0	4,663,131

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Amd 1 to PR0004528 with Minneapolis for Cost Participation in four bridges over Midtown Greenway, CPs 1009618, 1009619, 1009620 and 1009621



BAR map date:
6/17/2024



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Board Action Request

24-HCRRRA-0015

Item Description:

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Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director be authorized to negotiate Agreement PR00006308 with the City of Minneapolis for cost participation in the replacement of the 18th Avenue (county project (CP) 1010999) and Grand Avenue (CP 1011000) bridges over the Midtown Corridor at a not to exceed (NTE) amount of \$4,262,414; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Executive Director and Chair be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the authority; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director be authorized to execute the necessary temporary and permanent easements with the City of Minneapolis to allow for construction, operation, and maintenance of these bridges.

Background:

The Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRRA) owns 20 original bridges that span the Midtown Corridor in south Minneapolis. These bridges, carrying city streets, are between 109 and 112 years old. The City of Minneapolis and HCRRRA have partnered in previous projects to replace some bridges along the corridor. Last year, four bridges were replaced (Resolution 23-HCRRRA-0007). The Agreement identifies the city to lead the design and deliver the project. After completion, the city will own, operate, and maintain the new bridges.

The Federal Government will provide approximately \$12.3 million in federal funding for construction of the two bridges. The City of Minneapolis and HCRRRA will share the nonfederal/nonstate expenses as detailed in the Agreement. The current cost estimate for the two bridges is \$23.95 million (\$12.30 million-federal; \$7.39 million-city, and \$4.26 million-HCRRRA).

Project construction is anticipated to begin in 2026.

Current Request: This request is for authorization to:

- Negotiate and execute Agreement PR00006308 with Minneapolis to replace 18th Avenue (CP 1010999) and Grand Avenue (CP 1011000) bridges at an NTE amount of \$4,262,414; and
- Enter into the necessary temporary and permanent easements to construct, own, operate, and maintain these bridges.

Impact/Outcomes: This action supports the county's disparity reduction goals by maintaining critical transportation connections for all modes in Minneapolis.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Choose an item.

18th Ave S and Grand Ave S Bridges Over the Midtown Greenway Corridor

Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority



BAR map date:
5/20/2024

