



Dakota County

Regional Railroad Authority

Agenda

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

9:30 AM

Boardroom, Administration Center,
Hastings, MN

(or following County Board)

1. **Call To Order And Roll Call**
2. **Approval Of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)**
 - 2.1 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)
3. **Consent Agenda**
 - 3.1 *County Administration* - Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on February 27, 2024
 - 3.2 *Transportation* - Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With Dakota County And Authorization To Amend 2024 Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority Capital Improvement Program And Budget
4. **Regular Agenda**
5. **Other Business/Staff Reports**
6. **Adjournment**
 - 6.1 Adjournment

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Regional Railroad Authority

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-3338

Agenda #: 2.1

Meeting Date: 4/23/2024

Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)



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Item Number: DC-3339

Agenda #: 3.1

Meeting Date: 4/23/2024

Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on February 27, 2024



Dakota County

Regional Railroad Authority

Minutes

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

9:30 AM

**Boardroom, Administration Center,
Hastings, MN**

(or following County Board)

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Present Commissioner Mike Slavik
 Commissioner Joe Atkins
 Commissioner Laurie Halverson
 Commissioner William Droste
 Commissioner Liz Workman
 Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg
 Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland

Also in attendance were Matt Smith, County Manager; Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney; and Jeni Reynolds, Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board.

Audio recording of the Regional Railroad Authority meeting is available upon request.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hamann-Roland at 10:48 a.m.

2. Approval Of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

2.1 Resolution No:
 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Laurie Halverson

Ayes: 7

3. Consent Agenda

On a motion by Commissioner Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Halverson, the Consent agenda was approved as follows:

3.1 Resolution No:
 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on January 2, 2024

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Laurie Halverson

Ayes: 7

4. Regular Agenda**4.1 Discussion Of 2024 Regional Railroad Authority Priorities**

The Authority identified a desire to shift projects that are able to be funded with Authority Fund Balance to the Authority Capital Improvement Program for 2024 and include a broader discussion of priorities and funding sources as the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program is developed. Staff will bring forward future action items at a future date to amend the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program accordingly.

Information only; no action requested.

5. Other Business/Staff Reports

No other business/staff reports.

6. Adjournment**6.1 Resolution No:
Adjournment**

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Laurie Halverson

On a motion by Commissioner Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Halverson, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Ayes: 7

Respectfully submitted,

William Droste
Secretary



Regional Railroad Authority

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-3177

Agenda #: 3.2

Meeting Date: 4/23/2024

DEPARTMENT: Transportation

FILE TYPE: Consent Action

TITLE

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With Dakota County And Authorization To Amend 2024 Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority Capital Improvement Program And Budget

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Authorize execution of a joint powers agreement (JPA) with Dakota County (County) for County Transportation Projects 42-170, 88-24, and Parks Project 2000332. Amend 2024 Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority (Authority) Capital Improvement Program and Budget.

SUMMARY

The Authority has powers under Minn. Stat. § 398A to plan, construct, and improve railroads and transitways. At the February 27, 2024, Authority meeting, members expressed an interest in using available Authority fund balance on projects in the Dakota County CIP and Budget that are eligible under statute. Staff identified three projects in the 2024 Dakota County CIP that are eligible for use of Authority fund balance because they improve rail crossing safety (Attachment: Project Locations).

County Project 42-170 is for the preliminary engineering of a grade-separated crossing of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 42 at Trunk Highway 3 and the Union Pacific (UP) Railroad in Rosemount. County Project 88-24 is a reconstruction of CSAH 88 in Randolph Township and includes improvements to an at-grade rail crossing of the UP Railroad. Parks Project 2000332 is for the preliminary engineering of the North Creek Greenway grade-separated crossing of the UP Railroad in Farmington. The project budgets and current CIP funding sources for these three projects are noted below:

- CP 42-170: \$125,000, Transportation Sales and Use Tax (SUT)
- CP 88-24: \$452,719, Transportation (SUT)
- 2000332: \$150,000, Transportation Advancement Account (TAA), Environmental Legacy Fund (ELF).

A budget amendment is required to add these three projects to the 2024 Authority CIP and Budget. A JPA is also required between Dakota County and the Authority to define staff roles and responsibilities as well as cost share. A separate action was brought to the County for consideration at the April 16, 2024 Physical Development Committee Meeting of the Whole.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends authorization to enter into a JPA with the County to define roles, responsibilities,

and cost share for CP 42-170, CP 88-24, and 2000332. Staff also recommends amending the 2024 Authority CIP and Budget to add the identified rail crossing projects.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

The proposed action aims to align available funding resources with eligible projects and will utilize \$727,719 of Authority Fund Balance on rail crossing safety improvements.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Current budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment Requested | | <input type="checkbox"/> New FTE(s) requested |

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Authority has powers under Minn. Stat. § 398A to plan, construct, and improve railroads and transitways; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Dakota County Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Budget includes County Projects 42-170, 88-24, and 2000332 (Projects); and

WHEREAS, the Projects plan or construct improvements to highway and greenway crossings of railroads; and

WHEREAS, the Projects are eligible for inclusion in the 2024 Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority (Authority), CIP, and Budget because they improve railroad safety; and

WHEREAS, at the February 27, 2024, Authority meeting, members requested adding eligible rail safety projects to the 2024 Authority CIP and Budget to better align available funding resources with eligible projects; and

WHEREAS, a budget amendment is required to add these three projects to the 2024 Authority CIP and Budget; and

WHEREAS, a Joint Powers Agreement is required between Dakota County and the Authority to define staff roles and responsibilities as well as cost share for the Projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to enter into a joint powers agreement with Dakota County for County Projects 42-170, 88-24, and P2000332 that improves safety of rail crossings at Dakota County highways and greenways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2024 Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority Capital Improvement Program and Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense	
Regional Rail CIP	<u>\$727,719</u>
Total Expense	\$727,719

Revenue	
Regional Rail Fund Balance	<u>\$727,719</u>
Total Revenue	\$727,719

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Project Locations

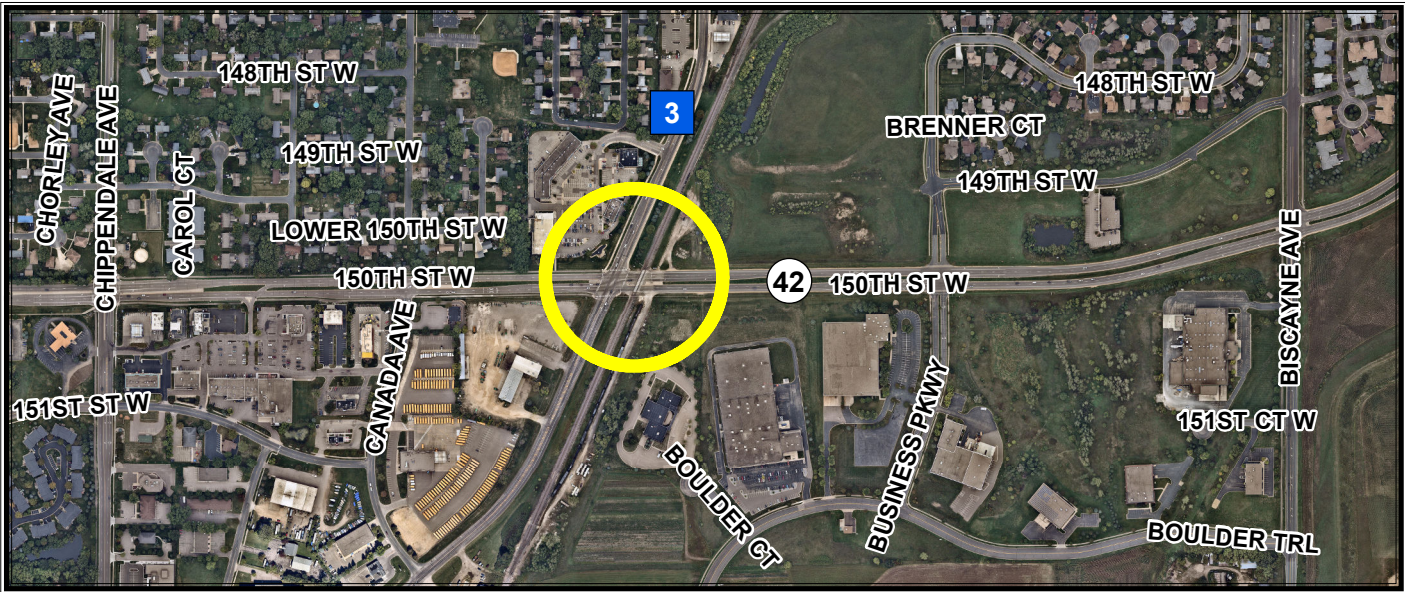
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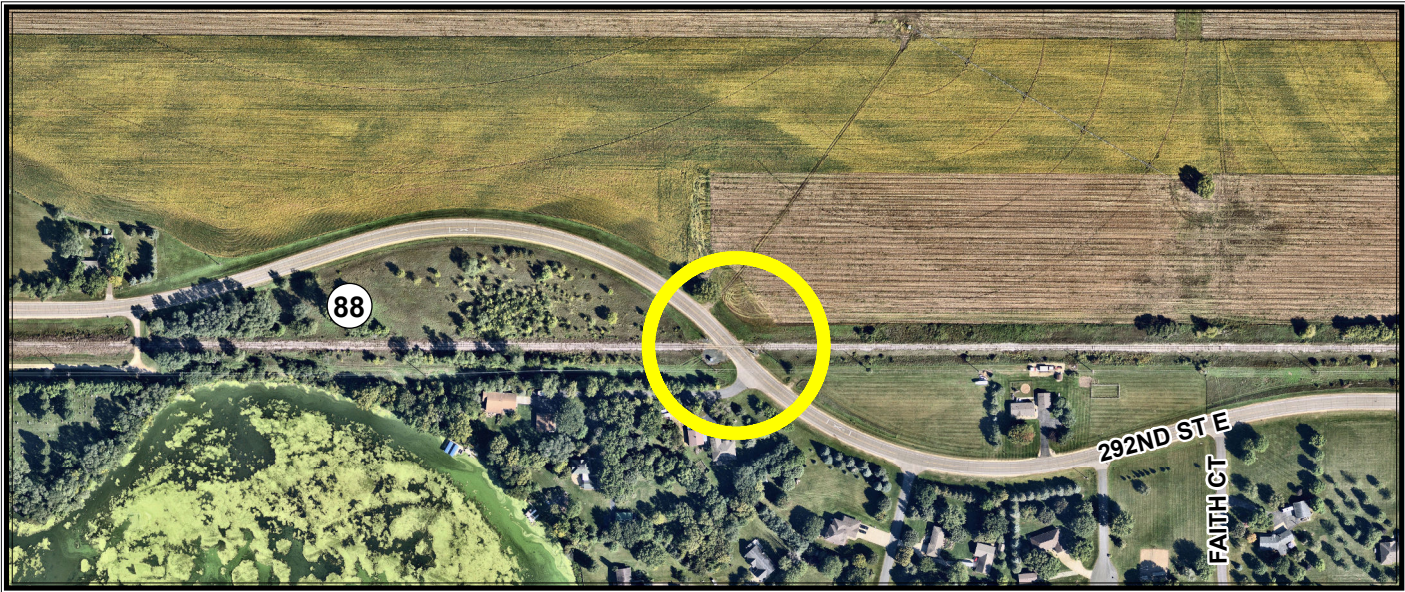
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Department Head: Erin Laberee

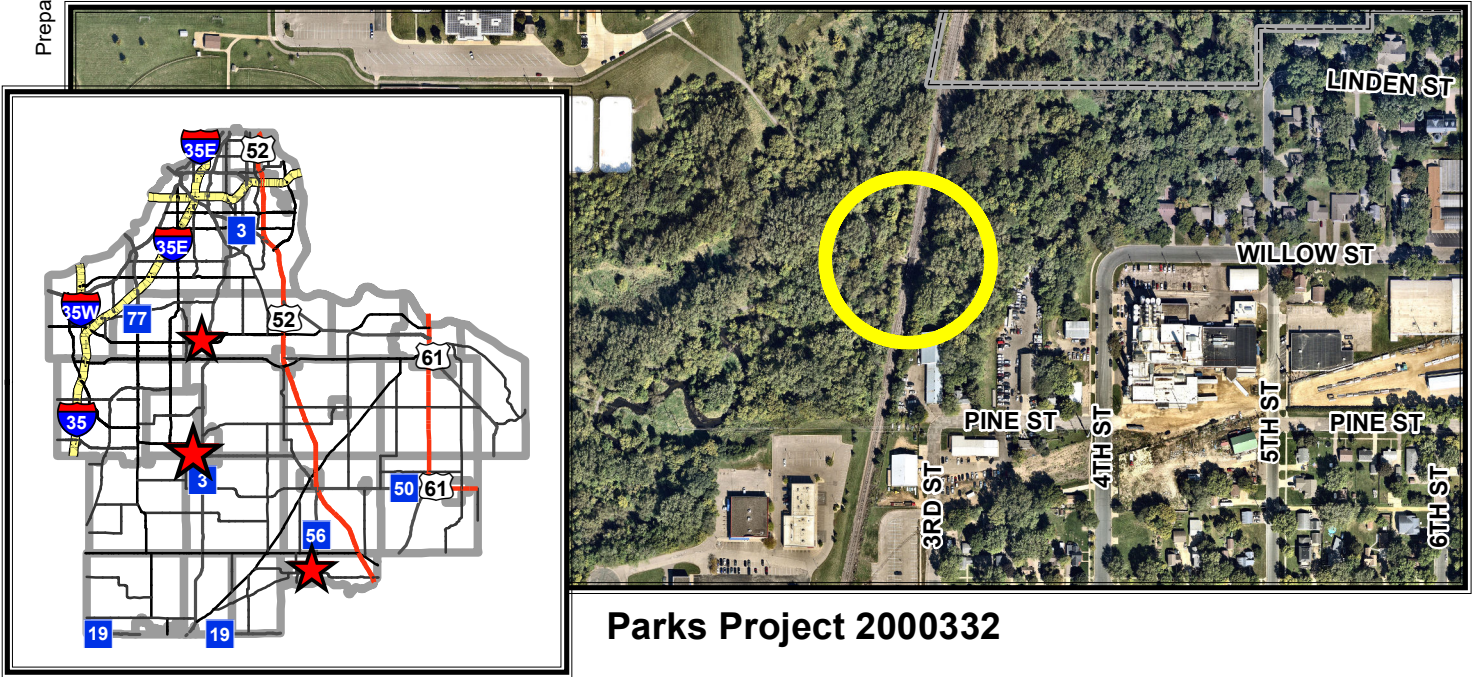
Author: Gina Mitteco



County Project 42-170



County Project 88-02



Parks Project 2000332

Prepared by Dakota County Physical Development Division



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Adjournment