Agenda
Red Rock Corridor Commission
April 29, 2010
3:30 p.m.

Cottage Grove City Hall, Council Chambers
7516 80th Street South
Cottage Grove, MN

	Action Requested
1. Consent Items a. Minutes of the February 25, 2010 Meeting* b. Checks and Claims*	Approval
2. CAC Appointments* - WCRRA	Approval
3. Union Depot Project Update – Mortenson Construction	Information
4. High Speed Rail Advocacy Update – Onboard Midwest	Information
5. Station Planning Study Update - Hay Dobbs	Information
6. Legislative Update* – WCRRA a. State b. Federal	Information
7. Chapter 152 Solicitation Update* - WCRRA	Information
8. Commission Advocacy and Conference Attendance* - WCRRA	Discussion
9. Other a. National Train Day May 8th* - WCRRA b. Northstar Ridership Update*	Information

** Enclosures*

Note: The Station Area Planning Visioning Session for the Cottage Grove station will be held after the Red Rock Corridor Commission meeting at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

For questions regarding this material, please contact Andy Gitzlaff, Washington County Regional Railroad Authority at (651) 430-4338.

Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2010
Washington County South Service Center
Cottage Grove
3:30 p.m.

Members Present:
Myra Peterson, Washington County
Liz Workman, Dakota County
Mark Stenglein, Hennepin County
Corbin Hopkins, City of Newport
John Hunziker, City of St. Paul Park
Jim Keller, Denmark Township
Jen Peterson, City of Cottage Grove
Janice Rettman, Ramsey County

Others Present:
Mike Rogers, Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority
Andy Gitzlaff, Washington County Regional Railroad Authority
Brian Anderson, Newport
Jonathan Avise, South Washington County Bulletin
Linda Jungwirth, Assistant to Commissioner Rettman
Jon W Solberg, MnDOT
Tom Dobbs, Hay Dobbs

Ex-Officio Members Present:
Bob Kastner, Red Wing
Marc Mogan, Prairie Island Indian Community
Ken Bjornstad, Goodhue County

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Agenda Item #1 Consent Items

a. **Minutes of the December 10, 2009 Meeting**
b. **Minutes of the January 28, 2010 Meeting**
c. **An Invoice from Hay Dobbs (*Added to Agenda)**

An invoice from Hay Dobbs was added to Consent Items. Commission Member Stenglein moved the approval of the Consent Items. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Hopkins and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #2 2010 Workplan and Budget – WCRRA

Andy Gitzlaff indicated that the 2010 workplan and budget is up for approval today. He reminded the Commission Members that this was presented at our December 10, 2009 meeting. He referred the Commission Members to their packets and indicated that there are two main projects the Commission will be working on; the station area and site master planning study, and the east metro railroad capacity study. The east metro railroad capacity involves the Hoffman Junction area which is where the rail lines converge on the Union Depot. The study will be lead by Ramsey County with the Red Rock Corridor Commission being a project partner involved in the decision making process. This study will begin in a month or two and should last about 12 to18 months.

Mr. Gitzlaff informed the Commission that the 2010 operating budget is at $70,000. This includes $30,000 for corridor administration and general activities like insurance, memberships, publishing, printing, advertising and consulting projects. It also includes $30,000 for advocacy, which could be used for travel and expenses to a national conference, and the final $10,000 used as contingency. Currently we have a fund balance of $97,455, which is sufficient to cover the 2010 budget. Therefore, a funding contribution will not be required.

Mr. Gitzlaff briefly reviewed the capital budget including Federal 5339 funds and local matched funds. These funds will be used to cover The East Metro Railroad Capacity Analysis, the economic analysis of the Union Depot and a few additional studies to be completed in the future.

Commission Member Hunziker motioned to approve the 2010 workplan and budget. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Stenglein and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 Reaffirm CAC Appointments – WCRRA

Mr. Gitzlaff provided a brief overview of the citizen advisory committee. The citizen advisory committee has been formed consisting of business owners and residents along the corridor. Each community is to appoint two members, one from a business and one from the community. The recommended appointments to the CAC are the following:

City	*Business Representative*	*Community Representative*
St Paul	TBD	Betsy Leash
Newport	Greg Hanson	Mary Ann Newman
		Alternate: Kim Brown
Cottage Grove	Perry de Stafano	Richard Remackel
Hastings	Ronald Toppin	Lynn Moratzka

At the January Red Rock Corridor Commission meeting, the Commission appointed Sandi Dingle of the St Paul Park City Council to fill one of the four at-large positions on the CAC. There are still three at-large positions open and Corridor Commission members should submit suggested names and contact information for these remaining positions.
Mr. Gitzlaff informed the Commission that action is required to reaffirm these appointments of the Citizen Advisory Committee. Commission Member Hunziker moved

the approval of these appointments. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Peterson. Commission Chair Peterson suggested the addition of members from the health community; possibly a clinic administrator or a doctor or nurse still active in the medical field. Additionally, someone from the tribal community would be an asset to this committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 Station Planning Study – TOD Overview- Hay Dobbs

Tom Dobbs presented a brief review of the current project to date. This was a similar presentation that was given to the project management team and the Citizen Advisory Committee.

Mr. Dobbs presented a power point presentation on transit orientated development. The goal is to create places that are connected to transit and make activities at the station to encourage transit. The need to provide service to the pedestrian is a fundamental goal, and the overall goal is to create a better community.

Goals for Transit Orientated Design (TOD):

- Encourage land use activities that increase ridership by increasing density of development within walking distance of a transit station.
- Develop plans which have flexibility and can be phased in over time.
- Integrated with the station area design

The general principles of the TOD area will take into account a ¼ mile radius and a ½ mile radius from the center of the station. The ¼ mile will represent a five-minute walk and ½ mile radius will represent a ten-minute walk from the core. These are natural distances that people will walk to support transit. We need to create the most dense, focused, walkable area within that radius. This involves early development of open space, roadways and sidewalks. Additionally, commuter rail is different than light rail. Commuter rail is accessed in the peak period in the morning arriving at in the downtown core and in the evening returning home. Commuter rail has a big peak of time that we need to be able to accommodate. The TOD plan must accommodate for these peak times.

Planning and development needs to occur around the station core or center, and then move out around the edge. Commuter rail has a broader influence and a ripple effect that doesn't happen in other forms of rail. We need to allow for development to occur near the station. Open space and streets are the two key pieces as we begin to develop the physical structure of the commuter rail center for civic life. This can be developed at the onset and the buildings can be filled in over time.

Commission Chair Peterson commented that the Newport site is a blank slate ready for this development.

Mr. Dobbs indicated that the next CAC meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month, March 16, 2010, here at the Cottage Grove City Hall. After that meeting they will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, and the public is welcome to attend. The project

management team meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month, at the Washington County South Service Center.

An audience member commented that he was a former commuter rail user in the Chicago area and he feels that parking availability is the number one issue. He indicated that in the four years he used the service he was only delayed two times. He further commented that in those days, after you got off the train, everyone would just get in their cars and go home. Commission Chair Peterson stated that times have changed. People like the convenience of shopping and obtaining services on their way home after work. We need to plan ahead to develop our communities and help our citizens facilitate their lifestyles.

Agenda Item #5 Minnesota High Speed Rail Commission Update – RCRRA

Mike Rogers presented the commission members with the MN High Speed Rail Website that was launched in January. This is another tool to let people be aware of the commission. The River Route Corridor is the same as the Red Rock Corridor but continues on to La Crosse, Wisconsin. The website lists the commission members, links to the individual counties and cities websites, news and information, and frequently asked questions. We are currently working on a federal request of $26 million for the Twin Cities to Chicago Corridor for the detailed design work.

He informed the Commission that on March 18, 2010 there will be a joint meeting of MN High Speed Rail and the Empire Coalition Group to get together and talk about how Minnesota and Wisconsin are working together to get high speed rail completed. If the Chicago hub system receives stimulus money, then it will be easier for the next piece of the puzzle to get funding and obtain bonds at the local level for the Madison/Twin Cities link. Prior to the stimulus funds it was a matter of “if” we can get it done; now with this funding, it is only a question of “when”. We are committed to getting these projects done and recognize the three for one benefit of passenger, high-speed, and commuter rail.

Mr. Rogers informed the Commission that on May 18 their Commission is planning on taking the Amtrak train from Red Wing to Lacrosse for the meeting in La Crosse at the Amtrak depot at 11:30. The train is scheduled to arrive at 11:00 AM. He reminded the members that a route has not been selected for high speed rail from Chicago- Madison to the Twin Cities segment yet. Many routes are being considered and a decision should be made by year end so that a detailed, engineer analysis can begin. This process will take two years and by 2013, when the Madison to Chicago segment is complete, we will be able ready to build our segment and be open by 2016-2018. He referred everyone to view their website at www.mnhighspeedrail.com.

Agenda Item #6 Legislative Update

a. State

Andy Gitzlaff informed the Commission at last meeting we approved the legislative platform for this session. Additionally, we have $500,000 in the House and Senate bonding bill for Park-and-Ride development along the Red Rock Corridor. Commission Chair Peterson reminds us that the Met Council also has this included in their request. Mr. Gitzlaff added that in regard to the bonding bill, the Governor is looking at vetoing it.

Commission Chair Peterson encouraged each of the Commission Members to reach out to our business communities, as well as city council members, to support this bill. She added that this is truly a jobs bill and an investment in our future development.

b. Federal

Andy Gitzlaff reminded the Commission Members that the surface transportation bill is still ongoing with another extension expected this month. An appropriation application was submitted to the Minnesota delegates Klobuchar, McCollum, and Franken's offices for $4 million for demonstration commuter bus service and Park-and-Ride facility along the corridor. This will be our next item for resolutions of support. Other appropriation requests include Ramsey County submitting for the Hoffman Yard and The Union Depot projects and The Minnesota High Speed Rail Commission submitting for high-speed rail.

Mr. Gitzlaff referred Commissioners to review their Federal update memo for the question and answer piece in regard to the recent changes in the CEI, cost effectiveness index. This formula determines ridership based on the cost per rider, and is a good indicator of how a project will move forward. It will be important to pay attention to this as we go forward.

Agenda Item #7 Resolutions of Support – WCRRA

a. High Speed Rail Federal Appropriation Request

Mr. Gitzlaff presented an overview of the resolutions for the support of the request of the MN High-Speed Rail Commission for $26 million of Federal funds for environmental engineering work for the Twin Cities to Chicago high-speed rail corridor. Motion was made by Commission Member Rettman. Motion was seconded by Commission Member Workman.

Roll call vote:
Commission Chair Peterson yes
Commission Member Workman yes
Commission Member Rettman yes
Commission Member Stenglein yes
Commission Member Keller yes
Commission Member Jen Peterson yes
Commission Member Hunzinger yes
Commission Member Hopkins yes

Motion approved.

b. Hoffman Yard Federal Appropriation Request

Motion was made by Commission Member Rettman.
Motion was seconded by Commission Member Workman.
Roll call vote:

Commission Chair Peterson yes
Commission Member Workman yes
Commission Member Rettman yes
Commission Member Stenglein yes
Commission Member Keller yes
Commission Member Hunzinger yes
Commission Member Hopkins yes
Commission Member Jen Peterson yes

Motion approved.

c. Red Rock Bus Service Federal Appropriation Request

Motion was made by Commission Member Stenglein.
Motion was seconded by Commission Member Rettman.
Roll call vote:
Commission Chair Peterson yes
Commission Member Workman yes
Commission Member Rettman yes
Commission Member Stenglein yes
Commission Member Keller yes
Commission Member Jen Peterson yes
Commission Member Hunzinger yes
Commission Member Hopkins yes

Motion approved.

Agenda Item #8 Chapter 152 Solicitation – WCRRA

Mr. Gitzlaff presented information about the Chapter 152 solicitation program for an overall $50 million in trunk highway funds to be used for transit improvements by MN/DOT. The majority of those funds have been allocated but about $20 million is left and MN/DOT has put together a solicitation process to apply for transit improvements along the state highways. There is $20 million left with a $6 million cap for individual projects. These funds are for capital only projects like park and ride improvements, or additional lanes for buses. It does not cover the engineering and design costs associated with those improvements. The solicitation deadline is March 31, 2010. There are two potential candidates for this grant:

1. Newport Transit Facility: Washington County will submit a request for those capital dollars.
2. The Hastings Park-and-Ride: The program specifies that the project be directly on a state highway and this location is ¼ mile from the highway. Dakota County will work directly with the City of Hastings to submit the application if the project is eligible.

At our meeting in March there will be resolutions of support back on the agenda for both of these requests to be submitted with the applications.

Agenda Item #9 Other

Commission Chair Peterson invited all Commission Members to attend a Transit Way Impacts on the Twin Cities conference on March 26 from 8:30–1:00 at The Humphrey Ballroom at the Radisson University Hotel. She encourages all to attend and will send the sign-up sheet around. Additionally, please invite your city councils to attend. It is a free conference.

There being no further business Commission Member Hunzinker motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Member Keller and passed unanimously.

The Commission adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

DATE: April 10, 2010

TO: Red Rock Corridor Commission

FROM: Staff

RE: Checks and Claims

Attached is the

Hay Dobbs Invoice - SAP Study (February, 10)	$ 43,072.74
Hay Dobbs Invoice - SAP Study (March, 10)	$ 24,379.19
TOTAL	**$ 67,451.93**

Action Requested: Approval

INVOICE NO. 09017.000-04

Original To: Project Manager: Andy Gitzlaff
Washington County Regional Railroad Authority
Washington County Public Works Department
11660 Myeron Rd North,
Stillwater, MN 55082

Estimated Completion: 10.7 %
(from Column 6 Progress Report)

Copy: Minnesota Department of Transportation
Consultant Services Section, Mail Stop 680
395 John Ireland Boulevard,
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Period Ending: 2/28/10
Invoice Date: 03/22/10

Re: Mn/DOT Contract No. 85937 Contract Expiration Date: April 20, 2011
SP Number: NA TH Number: NA
Project Description: Southeast Station Area Master Planning and Environmental Analysis

	Total Contract Amount	Total Billing to Date	Amount Previously Billed	Billed This Invoice
1. Direct Labor Costs: (See Exhibit _ for Breakdown)	$466,751.00	$78,544.92	$58,957.89	$19,587.03
2. Direct Expense Costs: (See Exhibit _ for Breakdown)	$60,533.00	$8015.72	$3,480.01	$4,535.71
3. Subcontractor Costs:	$565,170.00	$34,024.48	$15,074.48	$18,950.00
4. Miscellaneous Professional Services	$57,500.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Net Earnings Totals:	$1,149,954	$120,585.12	$77,512.38	$43,072.74
			Total Amount Due This Invoice:	$43,072.74

Contractor: Complete this table when submitting an Invoice for payment			
Activity Code	Total Billing to Date	Amount Previously Billed	Billed This Invoice
1	$77,512.38	$41,096.97	$36,415.41
Total*	$77,512.38	$41,096.97	$36,415.41

*Must Match Net Earnings Totals Above

For Consultant Services Use Only

I certify that the above statement is correct and payment has not been received.

Signature: _____

Print Name: Gary C. Hay

Title: President/Principal-in-Charge

Billing Address:
Hay Dobbs P.A.
220 South Sixth Street, Ste 165
Minneapolis, MN 55445

Telephone: (612) 338-4590

Approved for Payment: _____

Date: _____

(CSS Reviewed 4/20/2007)

HAY DOBBS

INVOICE COVER SHEET

Invoice No. 09017.000-4
Invoice Date 03/22/2010

CONSULTANT		CONSUTLANT INVOICE #		INVOICE AMOUNT
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	Task 02	9017.002-5		$12,070.33
	Task 03	9017.003-4		$588.20
	Task 04	9017.004-4		$2,058.70
	Task 05			$0.00
	Task 06	9017.006-4		$1,176.40
	Task 07			$0.00
	Task 08	9017.008-1		$411.74
	Task 09			$0.00
	Task 10			$0.00
	Task 11	9017.011-4		$117.64
	Task 12			$0.00
	Direct Expenses	9017.013-4		$4,535.71
		HAY DOBBS P.A.	**Subtotal**	**$24,122.74**
PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF				
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	Task 11			$0.00
	Task 12			$0.00
	Direct Expenses			$0.00
		PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF	**Subtotal**	**$0.00**

BONESTROO

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Direct Expenses			$0.00
	BONESTROO	**Subtotal**	**$0.00**

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Direct Expenses			$0.00
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Direct Expenses			$0.00
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		INVOICE TOTAL	**$43,072.74**

INVOICE NO. 09017.000-05

Original To: Project Manager: Andy Gitzlaff
Washington County Regional Railroad Authority
Washington County Public Works Department
11660 Myeron Rd North,
Stillwater, MN 55082

Estimated Completion: 12.8 % *(from Column 6 Progress Report)*

Copy: Minnesota Department of Transportation
Consultant Services Section, Mail Stop 680
395 John Ireland Boulevard,
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

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2. Direct Expense Costs: (See Exhibit _ for Breakdown)	$60,533.00	$9,644.93	$8,015.72	$1,629.21
3. Subcontractor Costs:	$565,170.00	$48,439.60	$34,024.48	$14,415.12
4. Miscellaneous Professional Services	$57,500.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Net Earnings Totals:	$1,149,954	$144,964.31	$120,585.12	$24,379.19
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I certify that the above statement is correct and payment has not been received.
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HAY DOBBS

INVOICE COVER SHEET

Invoice No. 09017.000-5
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		INVOICE TOTAL	**$24,379.19**

DATE: April 22, 2010

TO: Red Rock Corridor Commission

FROM: Staff

RE: Citizens Advisory Committee –Appoint at-large Members

The public involvement plan for the Station area and Site Master Planning study includes the formation of a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to involve key stakeholders, citizens and business owners in the important decisions that are made in each community. Each of the Cites recommended for a station site in the southeast segment of the corridor (St Paul, Newport, Cottage Grove, and Hastings) is appointing two representatives to the CAC; one from a business organization and one representing the "broader" community. The City's have appointed the following members to the CAC. These member appointments were reaffirmed by the Corridor Commission at its February meeting.

City	Representative	Name	Affiliation
St Paul	Business	TBD	
St Paul	Community	Betsy Leach	Community Organizer, District 1 Community Council
Newport	Business	Gregory Hanson	
Newport	Community	Mary Ann Newman	
Newport	Community (Alternate)	Kim Brown	
Cottage Grove	Business	Perry de Stefano	Attorney, Chamber of Commerce, and St. Paul resident
Cottage Grove	Community	Richard Remackel	Cottage Grove Resident
Hastings	Business	Ronald Toppin	Commercial lender, active in Chamber of Commerce, Hastings EDA member
Hastings	Community	Lynn Moratzka	Former Hastings Council Member and retired Dakota County Planner

The Commission is also appointing an additional 4 at-large members to the CAC that can represent the entire corridor. At the January Corridor Commission meeting, the Commission appointed Sandi Dingle of St Paul Park Council to fill 1 of the 4 at-large positions on the CAC. 3 at-large positions are still open. Jeff Holtz a current St Paul resident and Cottage Grove native and Clarence (Skip) Soleim Jr. a Denmark Township resident, Hasting downtown property owner and former Council Member have expressed interest in joining the CAC.

Action
Appoint the additional two members (Jeff Holz and Skip Soleim) to the open at-large positions on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

DATE: March 29, 2010

TO: Red Rock Corridor Commission

FROM: Staff

RE: Legislative Update

State

The Governor has vetoed $313 million dollars worth of projects out of the nearly $1 billion dollar bonding bill passed by the legislature. The entire $43.5 million Transit Capital Improvement Program appropriation to the Met Council was vetoed by the Governor which included the $500,000 requested by the Red Rock Corridor Commission for park-and-ride construction along the corridor. At this time it does not appear likely that a second smaller supplementary bonding bill will be brought forward this session.

A separate request for a demonstration bus service from Hastings to Minneapolis and St Paul has been added into SF 2881 by Senator Katie Sieben at a request for $500,000 for one year. The bill was heard on Tuesday March 16th by the Transportation Budget and Policy Division and was recommended to pass and referred to the Committee on Finance.

We will continue to keep the Commission informed on the latest developments at the Capitol related to Commission's legislative platform

Federal

Jobs Legislation
The House passed its tax incentives bill (HR 4849) this week, the second element of the jobs agenda to be passed by the chamber this month. The centerpiece of the bill is an estimated $13.2 billion for bond programs used largely by state and local governments for infrastructure development. Among the bond provisions is an extension of the Build America Bonds program through June 2013, which provides financial support to state and local governments through federal tax exemptions for interest on municipal bonds. The bill passed on a 246 to 178 vote.

The cost of the legislation would be partly covered by requiring U.S. subsidiaries of foreign-owned companies to pay taxes they have avoided by sending the funds to another country. Expected to raise $7.7 billion over 10 years, the provision drew GOP protest. The legislation also includes $3.6 billion in tax credits to small businesses, including a full exemption from capital gains taxes for small business stock sales and the expansion of a deduction for small-business start-up costs from $5,000 to $20,000 through 2011.

On Monday, March 22, House Appropriations Committee Chairman David Obey (D-WI) introduced a bill, HR 4899 that would provide $5.7 million for disaster relief, $600 million in funding for Summer Jobs, and $60 million for a small-business loan program. The Appropriations Committee estimates that the bill headed to the floor would support 300,000 Summer Jobs for teens and young adults.

Transportation:
Chairman James Oberstar (D-MN08) continues to discuss his desire to move his six-year transportation authorization measure before the end of the year. Meanwhile, Senate transportation leaders have made statements recently which appear to support the Chairman's plan on doing so. Two weeks ago the House and Senate passed jobs legislation which was signed by the President and includes an extension of current transportation programs through the end of the year.

Appropriations:
House Members have posted their FY 2011 appropriations projects that have been submitted to the Appropriations Committee on their web pages. The following regional transit projects have been requested by Members of the Minnesota House Delegation:

1. Central Corridor
Request Amount $45,000,000

2. Southwest Corridor
Request Amount: $3,000,000

3. Bottineau Corridor
Request Amount: $500,000

4. Interstate 94 Transit Corridor
Request Amount: $4,000,000

5. Northern Lights Express (CTIB Supported)
Request Amount: $3,000,000

6. Minneapolis Transportation Interchange Project (CTIB Supported)
Request Amount: $3,000,000

7. Northstar Phase 2 Commuter Rail (CTIB Supported)
Request Amount: $ 5,000,000

Washington County on behalf of the Red Rock Corridor Commission submitted an appropriations request for $4 million dollars for demonstration bus service and bus facilities along the Red Rock Corridor to Representative McCollum and Senators Franken and Klobuchar. The Red Rock appropriation was not one of the projects submitted by Representative McCollum.

The Senate Committee has yet to release a final deadline. We will continue to keep you updated on any developments that may occur.

DATE: April 22, 2010

TO: Red Rock Corridor Commission

FROM: Staff

RE: Chapter 152 Solicitation Update

In 2008 the Minnesota Legislature provided for $50 Million in trunk highway bonds for transit improvements. The goal of the program is to provide highway transit advantage capital improvements that will support and encourage transit use in congested Trunk Highway corridors. These funds are for capital only projects like park and ride improvements, or additional lanes for buses. It does not cover the engineering and design costs associated with these improvements.

Currently $20 Million in Trunk Highway bonds are available through a grant solicitation process with a $6 Million cap per project. Two grant applications were submitted for projects along the Red Rock Corridor:

1. Washington County submitted a request for $1,500,000 for the construction of the Park-&-Ride facility in Newport

2. The City of Hastings submitted a request for $640,000 for the construction of the Park-&-Ride facility in Newport

Letters of support from the Red Rock Corridor Commission were submitted for both applications

9 applications were received totaling $24,000,000 in requests (see attached project list). During April and May a scoring committee of MnDOT and external partners will evaluate all applications and make recommendations to MnDOT's staff in June. Subsequently, MnDOT will make project selection and notify all proposers.

Action
Information

Project List

Application Number	Project Decscription	Sponsor Contact	Phone Number	Amount Requested (Rounded)	Year Requested	**Inflation Rate	Adjusted Cost
2010-01	Bus Shoulders, I-35E southbound from 7th St to Shepard Rd	MnDOT, Carl Jensen	(651) 234-7711	$315,000.00	2012	1.0816	$340,704.00
2010-02	City of Maple Plain P&R TH 212 & CR 29	Maple Plain, Jason Ziemer	(763) 479-0515	$665,000.00	2010/2011	1.04	$691,600.00
2010-03	City of Newport P$R TH 61 & I-494	Washington County, Andy Gitzlaff	(651) 430-4338	$1,600,000.00	2012/2013	1.1248	$1,799,680.00
2010-04	City of Lino Lakes and City of Vadnais Heights P&R	* Metro Transit, Mary Gustafson	(621) 349-7603	$4,000,000.00	2011-2013	1.1248	$4,499,200.00
2010-05	TH 36 and Rice Street P&R	* Metro Transit, Mary Gustafson	(621) 349-7603	$2,000,000.00	2011/2012	1.0816	$2,163,200.00
2010-06	TH 62 and Penn Avenue P&R	* Metro Transit, Mary Gustafson	(621) 349-7603	$4,500,000.00	2012/2013	1.1248	$5,061,600.00
2010-07	I-94 and Manning P&R	* Metro Transit, Mary Gustafson	(621) 349-7603	$4,200,000.00	2014/2015	1.2166	$5,109,720.00
2010-08	City of Hasting P&R	Hastings, John Hinzman	(651) 437-7082	$615,535.00	2011	1.04	$640,156.40
2010-09	TH 169 and CR 17 Marschall Road Transit Station Shakopee	Scott County, Mitch Rasmussen	(952) 469-8346	$2,300,000.00 $1,000,000.00	2011 2014	1.04 1.1698	$2,392,000.00 $1,169,800.00
			TOTAL	$21,195,535.00		**ADJUSTED TOTAL**	$23,867,660.40

*** Metro Transit would prefer if there are questions concerning the application to contact either Charles Carlson (612-349-7639 or charles.carlson@metc.state.mn.us)or Julie Quinn (612-349-7333 or Julie.quinn@metc.state.mn.us)**

**** Used Inflation Rate for last year of construction**

DATE: April 22, 2010

TO: Red Rock Corridor Commission

FROM: Staff

RE: Commission Advocacy and Conference Attendance

The Red Rock Corridor Commission's 2010 approved Work Plan and Budget includes the expenditure of funds for attendance at national conferences, training activities and advocacy trips to Washington D.C.

The Red Rock Corridor Commission has had a few new members over the last couple years and is the middle of station area planning study. It could be beneficial for Commission members to learn more in-depth about transit and station planning by attending a national conference. Staff has identified the Railvolution Conference in Portland Oregon from 10/19 – 10/21 as a potential option. This conference focuses on the transit land use connection.

The average cost per person to attend a national conference is estimated at $2,300 based on the following breakdown of costs:

Conference Registration $600
Hotel (4 nights) - $1,000
Air Fare - $500
Food - $200

An advocacy trip to Washington D.C. later this year might also be relevant as Congress works on the reauthorization of the surface transportation bill. The average cost per person for a trip to Washington D.C. is estimated at $1,100 based on the following breakdown of costs:

Hotel (2 nights) - $500
Air Fare - $500
Food - $100

The Commission should discuss upcoming activities for 2010 and determine if these opportunities are worth further consideration. The Commission should also discuss who should attend and which cost should be reimbursed by the Corridor Commission. The Corridor Commission budget allows reimbursement for items such as airfare, lodging, registration fees and meals.

Action
Discussion

DATE: April 22, 2010

TO: Red Rock Corridor Commission

FROM: Staff

RE: National Train Day May 8th

Amtrak's third annual National Train Day is on May 8, 2010. National Train Day commemorates the 141st anniversary of the first transcontinental railroad's inception by bringing to life the rich narrative of how trains transformed America. Family friendly events are being held throughout the Amtrak system with the following events in the Twin Cities. More information on National Train Day can be found at www.nationaltrainday.com.

Amtrak Midway Station
730 Transfer Road, St. Paul
http://nationaltraindaytwincities.weebly.com/

Time: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Event Description:
The event will feature a number of exhibitors covering the past, present and future of railroads in the United States.

Minnesota State Fair Grounds
Education Building1265 N. Snelling Ave., St. Paul
http://www.tcmrm.org/

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Event Description:
The event will feature a Model Railroad Show and Sale sponsored by the Twin City Model Railroad Museum with operating model railroad layouts and dozens of model and toy train dealers. At 10AM and noon, Choo Choo Bob's Engineer Paul will be doing storytime, plus kids can operate a Thomas the Tank layout and play on the many Thomas the Tank play tables. Also, you can visit the Twin City Model Railroad Museum in Bandana Square and the Chimney's Building with its new Toy Train Division featuring Amtrak trains on its many operating layouts.

An exhibitor booth featuring the Red Rock Corridor will be on display at the National Train Day Event at the Amtrak Midway Station. Red Rock staff will be working with the Station Area Planning consultant team to design a display for the booth. We are looking for Corridor Commission members to volunteer to staff the booth during designated time slots. If you are interested, or know of others who would be interested in volunteering please contact Andy Gitzlaff at 651-430-4338 or Andy.Gitzlaff@co.washington.mn.us to sign up for a time slot.

Action
Information

Celebrate National Train Day

Saturday, May 8

11 AM to 6 PM

Saint Paul Midway Station

730 Transfer Road

Choo Choo!!

Fun For All Ages

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www.nationaltrainday.com

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April 15, 2010

TO: Anoka County Regional Railroad Authority

FROM: Tim Yantos, Executive Director T.Y.

SUBJECT: Northstar Ridership Update

Regular Northstar service is doing well. January's ridership was 43,840, February's was 44,705. The attached chart shows March numbers reached at 49,304.

It was the Twins opener this week at Target Field, and Northstar Commuter Rail is proving to be a big winner. For the first game Monday, just over 500 people took the special Twins train. News coverage and feedback were excellent. On Wednesday's game, that number increased to 1,667 people, and Thursday's game train skyrocketed to 2,055! (No more room on this train!)

Metro Transit recently rolled out a new family plan that makes the train even more affordable for special events. Two adults and up to three children can ride round trip for $10 from Anoka or Coon Rapids, and $8 from Fridley. Family passes are available seven days a week, after 9:00 a.m. They must be purchased with cash or credit card at the station, and expire at midnight.

Effective April 17, Metro Transit is implementing schedule changes. Weekday schedules are being adjusted to better match actual travel times, saving several minutes in each direction. Weekend schedules are changing to allow earlier arrivals in downtown Minneapolis for Twins games and earlier evening departures. The biggest change is the last train out of Minneapolis on Saturday night will be at 7:00 p.m. instead of 10:00 p.m. That is, unless there's a special Twins game train. Those leave 30 minutes after the last out.

New schedules will be printed in May. Until then, you can find the information online at www.metrotransit.org/northstar or call Metro Transit's information line at 612-373-3333.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 763-323-5692.

TY/kk
Att.

Telephone: (763) 323-5700; Fax: (763) 323-5682; TDD/TTY: (763) 323-5289

Government Center, Administration Office, 2100 3rd Avenue, Anoka, MN 55303-2265

January 2010 Northstar Rides by Station

Red Rock

Station	Rides	Rides				Average Daily Rides			
		Weekday	Sat	Sun/Hol if run	Total	Weekday	Sat	Sun/Hol if run	Total
Big Lake	5,545	4,448	614	483	5,545	222	123	97	185
Elk River	6,477	5,843	378	255	6,477	292	76	51	216
Anoka	4,814	4,184	374	256	4,814	209	75	51	160
Coon Rapids	4,847	4,234	332	281	4,847	212	66	56	162
Fridley	1,249	895	183	172	1,249	45	37	34	42
Mpls to Fridley	962	660	141	161	962	33	28	32	32
Mpls to Coon Rapids	4,659	4,124	281	254	4,659	206	56	51	155
Mpls Tto Anoka	4,367	3,786	331	251	4,367	189	66	50	146
Mpls to Elk River	6,151	5,573	332	245	6,151	279	66	49	205
Mpls to Big Lake	4,770	3,787	535	448	4,770	189	107	90	159
	43,840	37,534	3,500	2,806	43,840	1,877	700	561	1,461

Feb 2010 Northstar Rides by Station

Station	Rides	Rides				Average Daily Rides			
		Weekday	Sat	Sun/Hol if run	Total	Weekday	Sat	Sun/Hol if run	Total
Big Lake	5,774	4,966	475	333	5,774	248	119	83	206
Elk River	6,860	6,352	306	201	6,860	318	77	50	245
Anoka	4,819	4,460	206	153	4,819	223	51	38	172
Coon Rapids	4,747	4,380	258	109	4,747	219	65	27	170
Fridley	1,180	926	168	85	1,180	46	42	21	42
Mpls to Fridley	886	662	138	86	886	33	35	21	32
Mpls to Coon Rapids	4,521	4,196	225	101	4,521	210	56	25	161
Mpls Tto Anoka	4,491	4,152	197	141	4,491	208	49	35	160
Mpls to Elk River	6,509	6,047	275	187	6,509	302	69	47	232
Mpls to Big Lake	4,919	4,227	406	286	4,919	211	101	72	176
	44,705	40,368	2,655	1,682	44,705	2,018	664	421	1,597

MTD through March 31 2010 Northstar Rides by Station

Station	Rides	Rides				Average Daily Rides			
		Weekday	Sat	Sun/Hol if run	Total	Weekday	Sat	Sun/Hol if run	Total
Big Lake	6,201	5,217	553	431	6,201	227	138	108	200
Elk River	7,489	6,829	413	248	7,489	297	103	62	242
Anoka	5,291	4,683	385	224	5,291	204	96	56	171
Coon Rapids	5,184	4,541	396	246	5,184	197	99	62	167
Fridley	1,658	1,147	277	234	1,658	50	69	59	53
Mpls to Fridley	1,257	804	240	214	1,257	35	60	53	41
Mpls to Coon Rapids	4,900	4,302	359	239	4,900	187	90	60	158
Mpls Tto Anoka	4,995	4,422	358	215	4,995	192	89	54	161
Mpls to Elk River	7,084	6,463	394	227	7,084	281	98	57	229
Mpls to Big Lake	5,245	4,372	483	390	5,245	190	121	97	169
	49,304	42,780	3,856	2,668	49,304	1,860	964	667	1,590