

Kenosha



County

MEMORANDUM

Communication to Kenosha County Board of Supervisors
(For Informational Purposes Only)

COMMUNICATION TO APPEAR ON COUNTY BOARD MEETING AGENDA: 02/06/2024

SUBJECT: A Resolution Supporting the Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee (KRM) Regional Rail Line

COMMITTEE: Choose a Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Supervisor Terry Rose

RESOLUTION TO BE PRESENTED AT Choose a Committee **COMMITTEE ON** [Click here to enter a date.](#)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional):



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| A Resolution Supporting the Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee (KRM) Regional Rail Line | |
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| Date Submitted: Date Submitted: | Date Resubmitted: |
| Submitted by: Supervisor Rose | |
| Fiscal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/> | Legal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Agreement |
| Prepared by: Supervisor Terry Rose | Signature: |

WHEREAS, the City of Racine received \$5 million in funds as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, signed into law by the President on March 9, 2022 to advance the long planned Kenosha – Racine- Milwaukee (KRM) Regional Rail Corridor, and;

WHEREAS, the Racine Common Council, Milwaukee Common Council, South Milwaukee Common Council, and Kenosha Common Council have all approved resolutions confirming support for federal investments in the development and construction of a Kenosha – Racine – Milwaukee Regional Rail Line, and;

WHEREAS, in previous plans for the KRM regional rail service a stop was anticipated in the City of Kenosha, and;

WHEREAS, a KRM regional rail service would provide travel times that would be competitive with auto travel and that would be unaffected by highway congestion or construction, and;

WHEREAS, a KRM regional rail service would improve mobility, increase transit use, enhance access to employment and education and contribute to desirable economic and community development in the Counties of Kenosha, Racine, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin's most densely populated area that is home to approximately 1.3 million residents, and;

WHEREAS, a KRM regional rail service will support and assist in providing thousands of jobs through transit-oriented development and connect Kenosha and Racine workers to over seven million jobs within the Milwaukee/Chicago metropolitan region, and;


WHEREAS, regional connectivity is critical for economic growth and competitiveness in attracting and retaining a skilled workforce, promoting tourism, and creating a vibrant business community, and;

WHEREAS, a KRM regional rail service would provide connections in Kenosha with Metra's UP-North line, giving travelers from the Racine and Milwaukee metro areas an option to travel conveniently and reliability to and from Chicago and other major destinations in Northeastern Illinois;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors officially supports the concept, federal investment, development and construction of the Kenosha Racine Milwaukee Regional Rail Line with a stop in Kenosha, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this support does not in any way bind, commit, or otherwise obligate Kenosha County to any financial support of such a project.

Respectfully submitted at Kenosha County, Wisconsin, this 29 day of Jan, 2024.


Supervisor Terry Rose