



# Huntsville, Alabama

305 Fountain Circle  
Huntsville, AL 35801

## Cover Memo

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**Meeting Type:** City Council Regular Meeting **Meeting Date:** 4/23/2026

**File ID:** TMP-6883

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**Department:** Legal

**Subject:**

**Type of Action:** Approval/Action

Resolution consenting to certain actions of the Huntsville and Madison County Railroad Authority with regards to purchasing locomotives and other equipment to facilitate rail operations.

Resolution No.

**Finance Information:**

**Account Number:** TBD

**City Cost Amount:** 750,000

**Total Cost:** 750,000

**Special Circumstances:**

**Grant Funded:** NA

**Grant Title - CFDA or granting Agency:** NA

**Resolution #:** NA

**Location: (list below)**

**Address:**

**District:** District 1  District 2  District 3  District 4  District 5

**Additional Comments:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO CERTAIN ACTIONS OF THE  
HUNTSVILLE AND MADISON COUNTY RAILROAD AUTHORITY**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation within the State of Alabama (herein referred to as the "Council") as follows:

**SECTION 1. FINDINGS.** The Council has ascertained, and hereby finds and determines, as follows:

A. The Huntsville and Madison County Railroad Authority, an Alabama non-profit, public corporation (herein referred to as the "Authority") was duly formed and came into existence as a body corporate on May 24, 1984 as evidenced by the Certificate of Incorporation of The Huntsville and Madison County Railroad Authority, an Alabama non-profit, public corporation, dated May 22, 1984, filed for record May 24, 1984, as Instrument Number 043917, and recorded in Corporation Book 75 at pages 900-06 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Madison County, Alabama (herein referred to as the "Certificate of Incorporation");

B. The Certificate of Incorporation of the Authority provides in pertinent part that:

(6) The corporation shall have all powers conferred on corporations organized under said Act No. 84-179 and any amendment thereof hereafter made, and all other powers conferred upon corporations generally by the laws of Alabama not in conflict with the said Act No. 84-179, as it now exists or as it may be hereafter amended, provided however, that without the prior consent of the City Council or other governing body of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and of the governing body of Madison County, evidenced by a duly adopted resolution of each body, the corporation shall not have the power:

(a) to issue or sell any bonds, notes or other obligations for payment of borrowed money having a maturity or due date more than twelve months from their date;

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(c) to make any single expenditure in excess of \$100,000 that is chargeable by generally accepted accounting principles to fixed capital account . . ."

C. The Council is the governing body of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

D. The Council has determined to provide the consent requested to expenditures not to exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand \$750,000 for purchase of locomotive(s) and other capital equipment to facilitate rail operations for fiscal year 2026. Funding will be provided by existing Huntsville Madison County Railroad Association cash reserves, current operating income, and the existing and previously approved (November 2024) line of credit provided by Bryant Bank. Use of existing funds and the Bryant Bank line of credit does not obligate the City of Huntsville with regard to any of the purchases to be made or in any other regard.

E. It is in the best interests of the City, of the County, of the Authority, of the citizens of Huntsville, Alabama, and of the citizens of Madison County, Alabama, that the Authority make the purchase of locomotive(s) and equipment to facilitate rail operations.

SECTION 2. CONSENT.

In accordance with the requirements of the Certificate of Incorporation, the Council does hereby consent to the Authority's expenditure of funds not to exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand \$750,000 for purchase of locomotive(s) and other capital equipment to facilitate rail operations for fiscal year 2026, with the Funding to be provided by existing Huntsville Madison County Railroad Association cash reserves, current operating income, and the existing and previously approved (November 2024) line of credit provided by Bryant Bank.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

**ADOPTED** this the 23rd day of April, 2026.

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President of the City Council of  
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

**APPROVED** this the 23rd day of April, 2026.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville,  
Alabama

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Shaundrika Edwards,  
As City Clerk  
of City of Huntsville,  
a municipal corporation  
within the State of Alabama

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STATE OF ALABAMA )  
COUNTY OF MADISON )

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State hereby certify that Shaundrika Edwards, whose name as City Clerk of City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation within the State of Alabama, is signed to the foregoing Certificate, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the foregoing Certificate, she, in her capacity as such City Clerk, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, A.D., 2026.

My Commission Expires:  
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Notary Public  
State of Alabama  
County of Madison [SEAL]