



GRTA/GDC BOARD MEETING

Minutes

February 9, 2000

Georgia State University, Student Center

All notice having been duly given, the regular meeting of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority Board/Governor's Development Council Board was held at Georgia State University, Student Center, Gilmer Street, Atlanta, Georgia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shirley Franklin, Vice-Chair
Walter Deriso
Sharon Gay
Eric Hovdesven
Martin King
Tom Phillips
John Sibley
James Stephenson
Helen Tapp
Richard Tucker
Ken Thigpen
Michael Tyler
John Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Joel Cowan, Chair
Shi Shailendra

- The Vice Chair welcomed Board members and visitors and convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Board Member Walter Deriso gave an opening meditation regarding the attributes of growing and developing as individuals and institutions and asked for a moment of silent reflection.

Minutes:

- The minutes of the January 12, 2000 meeting were adopted unanimously.

Approval of Agenda:

- The Vice Chair moved to approve the February 9, 2000 agenda with the following amendment: an emergency policy for addressing proposed legislation impacting the goals and objectives of GRTA. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report:

- Dr. Ross reported on the Transportation Community and System Preservation (TCSP), potential federal funding for regional bus and vanpool systems and facilities and air quality matters (see attached). She informed the Board that she is scheduled to testify before Congress on February 10, 2000 regarding GRTA.
 - Rob Alexander discussed federal issues including an overview of GRTA's federal appropriations requests. The Senate recently added \$25 million for TCSP programs in TEA 21.

Financial Report:

- Mr. Tim Grogg briefed the board on budget matters and explained GRTA expenditures through January 31, 2000.

Committee Reports:

- Ms. Gay, Chair of the Policy Council Liaison Committee, reported on the success of the first meetings of the Policy Councils. The Policy Council Liaison Committee and the Vice Chairs of the Councils will meet on February 15, 2000 to develop issues for the Technical Advisory Groups to address. On February 26, 2000 all of the Policy Councils will meet to develop a plan for kicking off the Technical Advisory Groups. Ms. Gay noted the Committee is developing a more comprehensive public outreach document. The GRTA Board was asked to approve the proposed candidates for appointment to the Elected Officials Policy Council.

Formal Action: It was moved and seconded to approve the proposed candidates for appointment to the Elected Officials Policy Council. The motion passed unanimously.

- Ms. Franklin, Chair of the Transportation Committee, reported the Committee had met at 10:00 A.M. and gave a brief synopsis of the meeting. The Committee asked staff to place a resolution concerning GRTA negotiating a role in reviewing and approving plans impacting HOV lanes on the March 8, 2000 Board Agenda.
- Scott Gregory, Deputy Legal Counsel, reported on possible emergency powers for the Board to give the Executive Committee. The Board directed the Administration/Finance Personnel Committee to recommend a resolution delegating specific emergency powers for the Executive Committee.
- Scott Gregory presented an interim policy for addressing proposed legislation impacting the Goals and Objectives of GRTA requiring immediate action.

Formal Action: The policy was moved and seconded and passed unanimously (copy attached).

- Chuck Walston, Director of Communications, reported on the recommended changes to the GRTA Vision and Mission Statements. He requested the Board to appoint a special committee to develop final drafts of the documents. The Vice Chairman appointed Eric Hovdesven, Sharon Gay, Tom Phillips, John Sibley, Jim Stephenson, and Ex-Officio Members Joel Cowan and Shirley Franklin to serve on this special committee and prepare final drafts of the documents for the Board to approve.

Formal Action: It was moved and seconded to appoint said members to the committee. The motion passed unanimously.

- Jim Croy, Director of Transportation, distributed copies of a draft agenda for a Modeling Workshop session. The workshop will incorporate regional land use, transportation and air quality modeling.

- Mr. Croy reported on the Georgia Rail Passenger Program Memorandum of Agreement between the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority, the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority. The Memorandum of Agreement requires the Agencies to work together and share responsibility for the development and implementation of a Georgia Rail Passenger Plan.

Formal Action: It was moved and seconded to approve said agreement (copy attached).
The motion passed unanimously.

New Business and Board Comments:

- A video produced by the Atlanta Regional Commission on the benefits of regional transportation was played for the board members.
- Mr. Phillips requested staff to report on the minimum and maximum speed restrictions in HOV lanes.
- Mr. Phillips reminded staff the Bylaws required matters coming before the Board for a vote to be distributed at least five days in advance of the Board meeting.

Adjournment:

- It was moved, seconded, and approved without opposition to adjourn the meeting.