



# ***GRTA/GDC BOARD MEETING***

## ***Minutes***

May 10, 2000

245 Peachtree Center Avenue, Suite 900, Atlanta, Georgia

All notice having been duly given, the regular meeting of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority Board/Governor's Development Council Board was held at 245 Peachtree Center Avenue, Suite 900, Atlanta, Georgia.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joel Cowan, Chair  
Walter Deriso  
Sharon Gay  
Eric Hovdesven  
Tom Phillips  
Shi Shailendra  
John Sibley  
James Stephenson  
Helen Tapp  
Richard Tucker  
Ken Thigpen  
Michael Tyler  
John Williams

\*A quorum was present.

- The Chair welcomed Board members and visitors and convened the meeting at 9:10 a.m.
- Board Member Helen Tapp gave an opening meditation regarding *Decisions*. The Chairman led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag and followed with a moment of silent reflection.

### **Minutes:**

- The minutes of the April 12, 2000 meeting were approved.
- The minutes of the May 1-2, 2000 Board meeting to receive public and official comments on the TIP and RTP were approved.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

- Three supplemental items were added to the agenda (per attached).

**Formal Action:** It was moved and seconded to approve the additions to the agenda. The amended agenda for May 10, 2000 was approved.

### **Election of Vice Chair:**

- It was moved and seconded to elect Walter M. Deriso, Jr. as Vice Chairman of the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman welcomed DeKalb CEO, Liane Levitan.

### **Approval of Resolutions:**

- Mr. Gregory presented a resolution to be included in the notification to be sent to the 13 nonattainment counties as required by the regulation adopted at the October 14, 1999 board meeting for establishing jurisdiction pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-32-10(a)(2)(A).

**Formal Action:** It was moved and seconded to approve the resolution and after discussion the motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Croy presented a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for funding of SMARTRAQ under the Transportation Efficiency Act for the Twenty-first Century of 1998.

**Formal Action:** It was moved and seconded to approve the resolution and after discussion the motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Croy presented a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for funding of alternative fueling stations under the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ).

**Formal Action:** It was moved and seconded to approve the resolution. The motion passed with Messrs. Stephenson and Hovdesven voting against.

- Dr. Ross presented a resolution encouraging transit providers in the nonattainment Metropolitan Atlanta region to enter into reciprocal transfer agreements and associated operating plans.

**Formal Action:** It was moved and seconded to approve the resolution and after discussion the motion passed unanimously.

### **Georgia Rail Passenger Team Report:**

- Ms. Gay reported the PMT had met at Terminal Station in Macon, hosted by the Commission on Macon/Atlanta Rail. Reviewed concept of station area development, addressing placement and development of rail stations.

### **Miscellaneous:**

- In response to a request by the Board at the May 2, 2000 meeting, a letter was presented indicating the position of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce on linking the Regional Development Plan (RDP) to the Transportation Improvement Program (copy attached).
- Presentation by J. Clinton Austin, Public Affairs Consulting, regarding the RTP/TIP (copy attached).

### **Committee Reports:**

- Mr. Deriso, newly appointed Chair of the Transportation Committee, reported the committee had met and recommended a resolution deferring consideration of approval of the TIP subject to satisfactory resolution of the federal government's concerns with the RTP and TIP. Three amendments were introduced as follows:
  1. *ARC is requested to provide a more comprehensive analysis of ARC's planning approach to assuring the RTP and TIP comply with the Environmental Justice mandates of the USDOT.*
  2. *As part of the resolution of the land use and fiscal issues, ARC is requested to recommend to GRTA prior to our next meeting a program for implementation of the Regional Development Plan and for implementation of state and local funding requirements. ARC is requested to include these recommendations enforcement milestones, a schedule for reaching those milestones, and a mechanism for linking transportation funding priorities and review of future TIPs to achievement of those milestones.*

3. In the last paragraph to:
  - a. Delete *to address the* and inserting in lieu therefore *subject to satisfactory resolution of the*;
  - b. Delete *regarding the lack of fiscal and land use commitment in the Plans*;
  - c. Delete *including but not limited to contracting for services in excess of \$50,000.00*.

**Formal Action:** It was moved and seconded to approve the resolution as amended and after discussion the motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

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