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PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
245 Peachtree Center Avenue, NE, Suite 900
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Minutes
January 8, 2003

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steven Bruning, Chairman
Andrella Baylis
Sonny Deriso
Sharon Gay
Eric Hovdesven
Shi Shailendra
John Sibley

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tim Connolly
Jim Stephenson
Michael Tyler
Carolyn Williams
John Williams

*A quorum was present.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Bruning called the meeting to order at 11:05am.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Sibley and seconded by Ms. Baylis to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2002 committee meeting. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Mr. Shailendra and seconded by Ms. Baylis to approve the agenda of the January 8, 2003 meeting. The meeting agenda was approved unanimously.

PROJECTS AND PLANNING DISCUSSION

Monthly Project Report

Mr. Ritchey indicated the Monthly Project Report was previously distributed and he would be available to answer any questions. Discussion took place about the existing purchase of buses, the timeline for delivery of services for the Clayton County bus service, and the Regional express bus service. Mr. Ritchey indicated that buses have been purchased for the Clayton County service, and the expectation is to purchase 60 buses for the first phase of the Regional Express Bus service. The award of the bus bid is pending the outcome of the bond litigation.

The outcome of the discussion was to make the Regional Express Bus program a priority project and to develop a contingency plan for the funding source.

Planning Monthly Report

Mr. Ritchey indicated that the Planning Update was previously distributed and Ms. Aponte would be available to answer any questions. No questions were raised.

Transportation System Performance Benchmark

Marvin Woodward presented an update on the Transportation System Performance Benchmarks. USDOT has established targets, one of them is to maintain the physical condition of the existing highway system, the national target highway funding needs to be increased by 16% in order to maintain the current condition. Another USDOT target is to spend 56% more funds just to maintain the existing congestion level. Mr. Woodward also discussed establishment of a regional report card with measures on air quality, land-use and safety. The next step are to develop a list of performance measures with GRTA's state and federal partners, bring that list to the GRTA board, and schedule a work session to review the measures targets. Mr. Woodward hopes to have the regional report card developed by the summer of 2003.

Mr. Sibley stated that as targets are developed, land use will need to be reviewed in order to make appropriate transportation investments.

Ms. Gay questioned whether a safety measure is within GRTA's mission and what other factors should be considered, for quality of life.

Mr. Hovdesven stated that he wants to ensure that GRTA's efforts to address the supply and demand of the quality of life component will permit residents to be within walking distance of services and employment. Mr. Hovdesven would also like to consider bicycle safety as a transportation component.

Mr. Deriso requested staff to report on a regular basis of the progress between the various agencies.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Mr. Bruning adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm.