

Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
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**GRTA/GDC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2011**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Walter M. Deriso, Jr. (Chair)
Narender Reddy
Al Nash
J.T. Williams
Ken Stewart
Edward Tate
Lara Hodgson
Bob Voyles
Mike Byrd
Alton Knight

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dick Anderson
Charlotte Nash
Dwight Evans
John A. Sibley, III
Jerry Bowman

*A quorum was present

All notice having been duly given, the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority Board/Governor's Development Council Board was held at the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority office, 245 Peachtree Center Avenue, Suite 800, Atlanta, Georgia.

Sonny Deriso called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF THE April 13, 2011 MEETING

Minutes for the regular meeting of April 13, 2011 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR THE May 11, 2011 MEETING

The agenda for the May 11, 2011 meeting was approved as circulated. The Chairman stated that item #8 would not be an action item but remain on the agenda to be discussed.

Public Comment

There was no request for public comment.

Executive Director's Report

Faithful Service Awards

Faithful Services Awards were presented to Samantha Grizzard Moore (5 years) and Valentin Vulov (10 years).

ARC Committees (ELUC/TAQC)

Mr. Reddy reported for the ELUC Committee. There will be six (6) teams comprised of 3 – 4 members of the ELUC. The teams are Land Use, Housing, Energy, Government and Resources. The Regional Economic Development Strategy report was given stating that the ARC is hosting an Economic Development Strategy Summit in July. This summit will help the ARC develop an economic strategy by 2012.

There was an update on the water issues given the ELUC. Water usage is trending downward. A census data report was given and it stated that the ARC overestimated the City of Atlanta's population by 68,000 people (Census – 420,000, ARC estimate – 488,000).

Kirk Fjelstul reported on the TAQC committee, and stated the Peachtree Streetcar project is on schedule, funded and will be in service in late 2012 or early 2013.

Matt Markham reported for the RTC Committee. The main topic of discussion was an updated cost estimate regarding Concept 3. The overall cost will be about \$21 bill, up from \$18.5 bill in 2008 excluding the managed lane costs for express bus.

Legislative Update

There was no legislative update as the legislature is not in session.

Operations and Finance Committee Report

Mr. Knight gave the summary for the Operations and Finance Committee. The monthly financial report was given by Mark Peoples. There are no reportable issues for the balance sheet. The fund balance is committed to current projects.

Jim Ritchey gave the monthly operations report. Total operating revenue is above goal. Operating expenses are tracking at estimates. Transportation is tracking below estimates, although above last year. Overall net cost of service is under budget.

Formal Action

The Committee's recommendation is to authorize the Deputy Director or Executive Director to execute and file an application for Federal assistance on behalf of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority with the Federal Transit Administration for a 5309 Earmark for a Park and Ride lot in Rockdale County. As a Committee recommendation, no second is required. The motion was approved unanimously.

Projects and Planning Committee Report

J.T. Williams gave the summary for the Projects and Planning Committee. Mr. Williams stated that the Air Quality report was given today. Also the 2010 Transportation MAP Report was reviewed with a good discussion. Kirk Fjelstul reported on the GRTA Transit Deliverability Review for TIA 2010.

Sonny Deriso adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

APPROVED:


Walter Deriso, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Kirk R. Fjelstul, Chief Counsel

ATTEST:


Benecia I. Dennard, Recording Secretary