

Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
245 Peachtree Center Avenue, NE, Suite 800
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-1223

GRTA/GDC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Walter M. Deriso, Jr. (Chair)
Dick Anderson
Ken Stewart
Narender Reddy
Al Nash
J.T. Williams
Lara Hodgson
John A. Sibley, III
Dwight Evans
Alton Knight
Mike Byrd

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bob Voyles
Jerry Bowman

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 12:04p.m.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2011 MEETING

Minutes for the regular meeting of September 14, 2011 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER 21, 2011 MEETING

The agenda for the October 21, 2011 meeting was approved .

Public Comment

None

Executive Director's Report

ARC Committees (ELUC/TAQC/RTC)

Narender Reddy gave the ELUC committee report. Mr. Reddy reported that the committee met on September 15, 2011 taking a look at the regional census data. The ELUC teams each reported to the committee on their work.

The RTC met on September 15, 2011 discussing the budget for 2012. Copies were included for all board members to read.

Legislative Update

Matt Markham reported that Transit Governance Task Force met on October 18, 2011. It is moving toward its goal of having a bill to present to the legislature in February, 2012.

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 over 8%budget.

Projects and Planning Committee Report

J.T. Williams gave the summary for the Projects and Planning Committee. Mr. Williams gave highlights of the Air Quality report. Kirk Fjelstul presented to the committee a status update on the TIA.

Sonny Deriso adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

APPROVED:

Walter Deriso, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kirk R. Fjelstul, Chief Counsel

ATTEST:

William Pratt, Recording Secretary

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**GDC Rural and Human Services Transportation Committee
August 10, 2011**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Al Nash (Chair)
Walter M. Deriso, Jr.
Mike Byrd
Dick Anderson

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jerry Bowman
John Sibley, III
Alton Knight
Bob Voyles
J.T. Williams
Ken Stewart
Dwight Evans

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lara Hodgson
Edward Tate

*A quorum was present.

All notice having been duly given, the Rural and Human Services Transportation Committee of the GDC was held at the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority office, 245 Peachtree Center Avenue, Suite 800, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303.

Al Nash, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE June 8, 2011 MEETING

Minutes for the meeting of June 8, 2011 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR THE AUGUST 10, 2011 MEETING

The agenda for the August 10, 2011 committee meeting was circulated. The agenda was accepted without objection.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Jacobson, Executive Director, Georgia Council for Developmental Disabilities thanked the committee for their hard work in preparing this report.

RHST COMMITTEE 2011 FINAL REPORT

Dave Cassell recommended that the RHST Committee approve the routing of the final 2 reports to the GDC Board for routing to the Governor's Office of Planning Budget (OPB), consistent with the legislation in HB 277 that these documents be routed to OPB on or before September 1, 2011

Mr. Nash thanked everyone that had worked so hard on preparing these final versions.

Formal Action

Mr. Byrd moved and Mr. Deriso seconded the motion to approve the final versions of the 2011 report to the GDC Board for their consideration. The recommendation was approved unanimously.

Al Nash adjourned the meeting at 10:25am.

APPROVED:

Al Nash, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kirk R Fjelstul, Chief Counsel

ATTEST:

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Ken Stewart
J. T. Williams

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

*A quorum was present

All notice having been duly given, the Operations and Finance Committee of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority was held at the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority office, 245 Peachtree Center Avenue, Suite 800, Atlanta, Georgia.

Alton Knight Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2011 MEETING

Minutes for the meeting of September 14, 2011 committee meeting were reviewed and approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER 21, 2011 MEETING

The agenda for the October 21, 2011 committee meeting was approved with the addition of new business item as circulated.

Monthly Financial Report

Mark Peoples gave following financial report.

Balance Sheet

- Fund Balance for the period ending August 31, 2011 increased by \$132,197
- A/R balance \$29,865 is reasonable and there are no issues that should result in non-payment.
- A/P balance \$17,594 is related to payroll withholdings which clears on a monthly basis.
- GRTA's fund balance in the amount of \$2,701,652 is 100% reserved for existing match commitments.

Income Statement

- Income: Other revenue is generated by payments from the planning MOU with GDOT as well as any GRTA staff hours charged to Federal grants.
- Expense: No unusual variances to report.

Monthly Operations Report

Jim Ritchey gave the monthly operations report for August, 2011

1. Ridership for August 2011 is up 7.3 percent over last year and 1.9 percent more than budget.
2. Year-to-date revenues are up 8.4 percent over budget and up 40.5 percent over last year.
3. Overall year to date operating expenses are below budget by \$392,000 or 10.8 percent below budget. Expenses compared to last year however are up by 30.9%. Fuel expenses comprise one half of this expense increase. New routes in the I-85 corridor are also contributing to this expense increase.
4. The year-to-date net cost of service is under budget by \$498,000 or 20% under the budgeted net-cost after two months. Compared to last year, the net cost of service is up by \$396,000 or 25 percent over the same two months last year.
5. On the Statistical Report:
 - a. Road calls were quite high at 38 for the month of August. This continues to be a concern requiring management attention.
 - b. There were 16 trips with standees during August.
 - c. Revenue per boarding is tracking significantly higher than the goal at \$3.10 per passenger year-to-date.
6. Monthly Graphs:
 - a. The historic ridership chart shows a good ridership jump in August 2011 with a 7.3 percent increase
 - b. Ridership is up 20% in the I-85 north corridor because of the new CRD routes
 - c. Ridership is up 15% in the I-20 east corridor. We think the renovated and expanded Sigman Road Station is contributing to this increase
 - d. Boardings by route and by week are also presented for I-85 north. During the first week that the HOT lanes were open, ridership grew 4.4% over the prior three week average.

Breeze Card – Regional Fare Update

Charles Fleming presented an update on the progress towards regional implementation of the Breeze smartcard based transit fare collection system. There was an update on the current status of the Breeze system, GRTA's agreement for participation, strategies for funding operations, recent system changes and plans for continued coordination of breeze activities.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Knight adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

APPROVED:

Alton Knight, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kirk R. Fjelstul, Chief Counsel

ATTEST:

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All notice having been duly given, the Projects and Planning Committee of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority was held at the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority office, 245 Peachtree Center Avenue, Suite 800, Atlanta, Georgia.

J. T. Williams, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 10:17a.m.

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APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 21, 2011 MEETING

The agenda for the October 21, 2011 committee meeting has been circulated. The agenda was approved as circulated.

Monthly Air Quality Report

Kai Zuehlke gave the Air Quality Report, briefly summarizing the written material.

I 85 Express Lanes Briefing

Patrick Vu from State Road & Tollway Authority gave the committee and update on the implementation of the I 85 Express Lanes. The presentation provided a short orientation on how the lanes are designed to work from the customers' perspective.

TIA Update

Kirk Fjelstul provided a status report on the work and schedule for the Transportation Investment Act. The TIA Final Report – Approved List from the Atlanta Roundtable Commission was given to the committee. Mr. Fjelstul gave the committee an overview of how the dollars are broken into transit and roadway.

Jannine Miller explained to the committee how Xpress will be funded for the next 10 years without loss of service.

J. T. Williams adjourned the meeting at 11:55 p.m.

APPROVED:

J. T. Williams, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kirk R Fjelstul, Chief Counsel

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