

Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
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GRTA/GDC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charlotte Nash
Bob Voyles

*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 1:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2011 MEETING

Minutes for the regular meeting of February 9, 2011 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 9, 2011 MEETING

The agenda for the March 9, 2011 meeting was approved with amendments. Item 10 under Projects and Planning is not an action item and will be discussed at a later Board meeting. The Air Quality Report and the MAP Report presentations were deleted from the Projects and Planning committee meeting in order to save time.

Public Comment

There was no request for public comment.

Mr. Deriso informed the Board that Ken Stewart has agreed to serve on the Land Use Development and the Projects and Planning Committees.

Executive Director's Report

ARC Committees (ELUC/TAQC)

Mr. Reddy reported for the ELUC Committee. Mr. Reddy reported that there were no action items to be approved. Dan Reuter provided an update on PLAN 2040 was presented. The plan will stay draft until it is adopted by the Commission in July. Outreach has been conducted to local government officials, stakeholders, and the general public. A regional snapshot was provided which focuses on the small area county level regional forecast.

Dick Anderson reported on the TAQC meetings held on February 10, 2011. Mr. Anderson stated that Plan 2040 was discussed, and noted that performance metrics are being including in the plan. ARC has developed a draft set of activities that local governments can complete to meet both the minimum and excellence standard thresholds. Mr. Anderson also reported that a TIP Update was presented; also GSOT gave a presentation on Emergency Response Planning.

Jannine Miller reported for the RTC Committee. The primary topic of discussion was an update by David Emory, on the prioritization of Concept 3. Mr. Emory led the committee through the detailed project-level results, and explained that a final combined tiering system was developed that incorporates both the qualitative and technical results. The next steps for the evaluation and prioritization were reviewed.

Project Delivery Assessment for Transportation Investment Act

Roger Henze gave a presentation to the Board of Directors to provide an introductory report on the GRTA Deliverability Review of Major Transit Capacity Projects proposed under the TIA of 2010. Mr. Henze explained that the TIA of 2010 allows for local sponsors to submit to the GDOT Director of Planning, proposed new transit capacity project for consideration in developing a financially constrained project list for the Atlanta Region that may be adopted by the Regional Roundtable for submission to voters for a regional referendum in 2012. Under the Act, GRTA would be responsible for implementing any approved major transit projects. This review would identify any obstacles that would prevent the project from being completed within a ten-year period, essentially a "schedule risk assessment" for each project.

Mr. Henze introduced Mark Hitchcock of Hatch, Mott, McDonald, who will be the project manager. Kirk Fjelstul informed the Board of Directors that the reason Hatch, Mott, McDonald was chosen is that they are delivering rail projects all over the country.

Legislative Update

Matt Markham provided an update to the Board of Directors on the legislation and budget items from the General Assembly, which was of significance to GRTA.

Land Development Committee Report

Sonny Deriso reported for Bob Voyles, who needed to be excused to attend another engagement. Mr. Deriso reported that there was a very engaging discussion today about coordinating transportation investments with development patterns. Some interesting points were discussed, one of which was taking a small share of housing growth locating within job centers can save the State up to \$39 billion, and the impact that can have on congestion. Mr. Deriso stated there was a concern which was, to make sure that criteria is considered when looking at projects that will be developed during the sales tax project.

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 up 12.4% over last year which is an increase over fiscal year 2010, due to fare and ridership increases.

Formal Action

The Committee's recommendation is to authorize the Chief Financial Officer to be added to the list of GRTA employees that can have the additional Recipient PIN Functions of "Submit Application" and "Execute Awards" in the Transportation Electronic Award Management System. The motion was approved unanimously.

Formal Action

The Committee's recommendation is to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a park and ride lease agreement with the Evangelical Christian Credit Union for the Church in the Now park and ride lot. As a Committee recommendation, no second is required. The motion was approved unanimously

Formal Action

The Committee's recommendation is to authorize the Executive Director to transfer the Federal Interest in the Breeze Fare Collection Equipment to MARTA. As a Committee recommendation, no second is required. The motion was approved unanimously.

Projects and Planning Committee Report

J.T. Williams reported that the agenda was approved with amendments. Todd Long, Director of Planning at GDOT was added to the agenda, and the decision was made to delay agenda Item 13 and agenda 14 to save time for the remaining committee meetings.

Todd Long provided an update on the referendum, and update on the Roundtable meetings.

Jane Hayse gave a presentation on Plan 2040, which is the beginning point for incorporating the Statewide Strategic Plan into ARC's planning process and prioritization.

GDC Rural and Human Services Transportation Joint Committee and Advisory Subcommittee

Mr. Nash reported that one agenda item was discussed during the GDC Rural and Human Services Transportation Joint Committee and Advisory Subcommittee. Barbara Hurst the Transportation Director of Coastal Regional Commission gave a presentation on the overview of the Coastal Georgia Regional Commission's RHST delivery model. Key topics discussed were, why coordination began, and how the system is constructed, benefits of coordination and the keys to success.

Sonny Deriso adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

APPROVED:


Walter Deriso, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Kirk R. Fjelstul, Chief Counsel

ATTEST:


Benecia I. Dennard, Recording Secretary