

**Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
245 Peachtree Center Avenue, NE, Suite 900
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**GRTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sonny Deriso, Chair
Caric Martin
Jeanie Thomas
Alton Knight
J. T. Williams
Al Nash
Dwight Evans
Charlotte Nash
Narender Reddy
John Sibley
Bob Voyles
Lara Hodgson
Mike Byrd
Jerry Bowman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

James Stephenson

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 900, Atlanta, Georgia.

Sonny Deriso called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2009 MEETING

Minutes for the meeting of January 14, 2009 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 11, 2009 MEETING

The agenda for the February 11, 2009 meeting has been circulated. The agenda was approved as circulated.

Faithful Service Award

Dick Anderson presented a five year service award to John Keys. Mr. Anderson also presented a photograph to Sonny Deriso of the board chairs taken at the Transit Summit on January 7, 2009 and thanked Mr. Deriso for his faithful service to GRTA and to the state.

Manage What You Got

Todd Long introduced Art "Mad Man" Mehring. Mr. Mehring gave a talk regarding demand management on our road network. He was very complimentary of the TRIP program.

TACQ Committee Report

Charlotte Nash reported that six new members of TAQC were welcomed. Ms. Nash relayed information regarding the surface transportation reauthorization position as well as the economic stimulus package. Terri Slack provided an update on the HOV to HOT. There was also a ramp metering update.

ELUC Committee Report

Narender Reddy reported that most of the meeting was spent discussing the Summit Jodeco DRI in Henry County. It is a 163.2 acres development. Most of the members objected to the approval of the DRI because of the traffic. The developer requested another 30 day deferral to continue working with ARC staff. There was also a briefing on the RTP/RDP. ARC is proposing a unified planning process to reinforce the connection between land use and transportation.

Legislative Update

Dick Anderson stated that a discussion of the update would be dispensed in the meeting and that board members were provided with materials in the book.

Land Development Committee Report

Bob Voyles reported that the DRI Monthly Status Report had two primary topics: the monthly status of DRIs that are continuing to decline and a discussion about the DRI checklist. Kirk Fjelstul discussed the enforcement process. There was a presentation on access management and public sector meetings are beginning. Meetings with the private development community will be scheduled for the end of February. The DRI annual report gave good statistics regarding the program over the last few years. The program has brought about higher quality mixed use development projects.

Operations and Finance Committee

Alton Knight reported that the ridership is a bit under the goal but revised numbers will correct it. Operating revenues are better than the goals; operating expenses are less than projection. The recovery ratio is at 37.8% which is very good. The general fund continues to be strong. Revenues and expenditures are within range. Monique explained that revenue for the TRIP program was not added in until the month of January and the figures would correct themselves.

Formal Action

Mr. Knight asked Jim Ritchey to explain that expansion of the operation and maintenance facility was needed because Xpress had outgrown the present site.

A motion was made that the Executive Director be approved to negotiate and execute a license agreement for use of the property at 5250 Frontage Road in Forest Park, Georgia at a cost of \$20,000 per month with first right of refusal to buy the property. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

Formal Action

Jim Ritchey briefed the board regarding the park and ride in Woodstock.

A motion was made that the Executive Director be authorized to negotiate and execute authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement with His Hands Church in Woodstock, Georgia for 400 parking spaces at the rate of \$10.00 per space per month. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

Projects and Planning Committee Report

J. T. Williams reported that the planning monthly report and air quality report. There were no bad air quality days for the month. The Arterial/CID Quarterly Report was given by Roger Henze. Concerns were expressed regarding the delays in funding the projects. The TIP amendment may be replaced by a full TIP update. The stimulus package is delaying the TIP. As a result numerous TIP projects may be unfunded.

Sonny Deriso adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

APPROVED:

Walter Deriso, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kirk R Fjelstul, Chief Counsel

ATTEST:

Donna Canterbury, Recording Secretary